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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Term Updates

I am extremely proud of the students' achievements this year, as we approach the end of term, I thank all parents, carers, students and staff for their unwavering support throughout this academic year. We are very proud of all the students and their achievements in what has been a very productive, exciting, and fun-packed year. Students have shown great resilience and a positive approach to their learning throughout.

As we rocket towards the end of term, I wanted to share a couple of important updates / reminders.

Uniform Policy Reminder and Its Importance

With the start of the new academic year in September, it is an opportune time to remind you of our school's uniform policy and why it holds such importance. Our uniform policy ensures a sense of unity and belonging among our students, fostering a positive learning environment where all individuals are treated equally and respectfully. Wearing the school uniform instils discipline and pride, teaching our students the values of professionalism, self-expression, and responsibility.

Please take a moment to review the uniform policy outlined on our <u>website</u>. We appreciate your continued cooperation in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate uniform each day. By doing so, we can maintain the positive image and high standards that our school community prides itself on.

End Of Year Rewards Trip - Alton Towers - Wednesday 19 July

A number of students based on their positive attitudes, punctuality, attendance and behaviour for learning across the academic year have been invited on the end of year rewards trip to Alton Towers. Coaches will be leaving the Academy at 09:00 am and will return when the park closes, which is 5.00 pm. Therefore, students are expected back at the school around 6.00 pm.

Students who are not invited to join the rewards trip are still expected to attend school as normal.



KS3 Sports Day - Thursday 20 July

Students participating in any event need to arrive at the school in their full Hart School PE Kit. Students not competing in Sports Day must wear their full Academy uniform. Please bring a re-fillable water bottle. Good luck to everyone participating and gaining positive points for taking part!

End of Year Celebrations – Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 July

It is vital that all students attend school on this day, key information will be shared with students ahead of the new academic year. In addition to this we will be celebrating student and tutor successes. This includes an opportunity to win an iPad and high street vouchers for good attendance.

Staff Farewells and Welcomes

Every year we say farewell to some members of staff moving on to pastures new. This year we say goodbye to:

Clarissa Johnson-Wain, Stephen Beddows, Jamie Wagstaff, Ashley Queensborough, Emma Stonebridge, Victoria Rhodes and Sarah Evans. My thanks go to these colleagues, and I wish them well in their future ventures.

We are also delighted to be welcoming the following new staff from September 2023; Stephanie Fullard - Teaching Assistant, Jordan Gill - Teaching Assistant, Amy Huntbach – Teaching Assistant, Matthew Parkin – Subject Lead -Music, Louise Staciwa - Teacher of Geography, Ruth Perry - Teacher of Geography / Lead Practitioner, Cesar De La Fuente Bautista – Teacher of MFL and Sarah Donlan – Teacher of Maths. Louise Taylor – SENDCo will be joining us in November. Please note our Deputy SENDCo Rachel Wilkes will be continuing with us.

Site Improvements

We will be undertaking some building works over the Summer Holiday to continue to improve facilities for our students. This will include a full refurbishment of lower D Block toilets providing more cubicles, a fully equipped and air-conditioned gym, a lighting and sound system in the hall to support performing arts, further decoration to classrooms and in addition to this a Success Hub to support learners in accessing their full curriculum.

Last Day of The School Year

The final day of term will be Tuesday 25 July. School will finish at 12.40 pm on this day. Students in receipt of free school meals will have an increase in their allowance to allow them to collect additional food during break 1 on this day.



Start of Term

Students in Year 7 and 12 return to school on Wednesday 6 September 2023 and should be on site punctually at 8.30 am on their year zones ready for Tutor time to commence promptly at 8.40 am.

All students are expected to return fully on Thursday 7 September 2023 at 8.30 am.

Changes to year zones from September:

- Year 7 Back of A block
- Year 8 Bottom tennis court
- Year 9 Back of C Block
- Year 10 Top tennis court
- · Year 11 Canteen

Safeguarding

Whilst the summer is a welcome break for many it can also be a time of worry for some young people. We have our health and wellbeing menu on our website for advice, guidance and contact numbers should you need to use them. You can find this here.

Please remember we also have our <u>safeguarding@hartschool.org.uk</u> email which you can use throughout the summer break. This is for parents, carers and students to use if they need to.

I'd like to close by thanking you for your continued support of The Hart School, and by wishing you all a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

Miss Sandham

Principal