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Dear Parents and Carers

### **End of Summer Term Letter**

As we near the end of the term, I wanted to share some important information and thank you for your support during what has been another successful year. Your children have continued to perform exceptionally well both in their academic studies and in their wider involvement in school activities.

While this letter is quite detailed, I kindly ask that you take the time to read it carefully. It includes important arrangements for the start of the next term, along with key updates and useful information.

#### Uniform Policy Reminder

Ahead of the new year, we would like to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. Wearing the school uniform instils discipline and pride, teaching our students the values of professionalism, self-expression, and responsibility.

Clear guidelines on our uniform policy can be found on our [website](#) and in the [letter](#) sent out by Mr Lewis last week. If you require any support with obtaining uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school. You can reach Mr. Lewis at [Nathan.Lewis@hartschool.org.uk](mailto:Nathan.Lewis@hartschool.org.uk) or by calling the school office at 01889 802440.

We appreciate your continued support by 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.

#### Staff Farewells and Welcomes

I would like to wish a fond farewell to the following staff who will be leaving us at the end of this academic: Jodie Green (Maths), Verity Suen (Maths), Gareth Brickley (Design), Helen Dimmock (Design), Jonny Smith (PE), Sky Underwood Jones (Science), Victoria Carter (Assistant Head of Sixth form and Science Teacher), Louise Staciwa (Geography), Mark Renwick (Business), Simon Curzon (AP Maths) and Andrea Felton (Finance), David Deeley



(Cover Supervisor), Emma Oldham (PSHE), Andrew Jones (Humanities), Thomas Smith (Maths), Bev Gliniecki (Senior Key Worker).

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 2024:

Joanne Burton (Geography/Music), Liz Gambone-Smith (MFL), Sara Moore (English), William Ollerenshaw (AAP Culture & Ethos, Teacher of Maths), Anne Pemberton-Smith (Science), Lynne Podmore (PSHE), Adam Riddle (Maths), Liam Hallam (Maths), Anna Rollo (Maths), Reece Kennedy (Design), Hannah Millington (Design), Samantha Care (Deputy SENDCo), Mark Jeavons (Teaching Assistant), Lydia Dimambo (History), Hannah Bain (Design and Engineering), Emma Murray (PA to the Principal), Rebecca Williams (Family Support Worker).

### School Improvements

There are a few important operational changes and updates starting in September that we would like to share with you:

### School Opening Times in The Morning

Starting in September, the school will now **open to students from 8am**. This change is to ensure that staff are available on the school grounds to supervise students. Please do not send your child to school earlier than 8am, as they will not be able to access the school grounds. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but this decision is related to safeguarding and ensuring the safety of all students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Single Point of Entry

Starting in September, all students will enter via the school front gates, where they will be greeted each morning. Students will no longer be able to access the back gates in the morning. This change will enable staff to check in on students as they enter the school, resolve any uniform or equipment concerns, and strengthen our safeguarding procedures. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and supportive school environment.

### Standards Gate

We will introduce a Standards Gate in the morning on the school gate to check uniform / equipment compliance. Students with incorrect or missing uniform items will be provided with loan items for the day. Repeat offenders will receive a same day 30-minute after-school detention. Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform each day.



### Planned Summer Works

- **Canteen Refurbishment:** Our canteen is being refurbished to provide a better dining experience, all students will have access to the canteen for breakfast club from 8am and during break 1 and 2.
- **SEND Hub:** We have submitted plans for a new SEND hub, which will include a sensory garden to support children with special educational needs.
- **Landscaping Project:** Our landscaping project is well underway and is expected to be completed by October half-term, providing additional outdoor space for students during social time.
- **Sixth Form Common Room:** A new common room space for our sixth form students will be available from September.
- **Dance Studios:** We will commence construction over the summer on our next exciting project: introducing state-of-the-art dance studios in the location of the old swimming pool. This project is due for completion January 2025.

### Return Dates for September

- Monday, 2 and Tuesday, 3 September: Planned training days for staff.
- Wednesday, 4 September: Year 7, Year 11, and Year 12 students return, arrive by 8:30 am.
- Thursday, 5 September: All students return and are required to be on their zones by 8:30 am.

### Safeguarding Arrangements Over the Summer

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 [safeguarding@hartschool.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@hartschool.org.uk) email which you can use throughout the summer break. This is for parents, carers and students to use if they need to. Alternatively, you can contact [Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support \(SCAS\)](#) on 0300 111 8007 from 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am- 4.30pm Friday. Or EDS (out of hours) Tel No. 0345 604 2886 Or email: [eds.team.manager@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:eds.team.manager@staffordshire.gov.uk) Non-emergency – call Staffordshire Police on 101.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Sandham  
**Principal**