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Dear Parents and Carers,

A fantastic start to the year – and lots to look forward to!

I hope you and your families enjoyed a lovely half-term break and are looking forward to the second half of the autumn term. It has been a fantastic start to the year at The Hart School, and there is so much to celebrate! We have awarded an incredible 45,105 positive points, compared with 24,572 at the same point last year. We have also achieved our strongest attendance since the pandemic, alongside countless individual and team successes. These achievements reflect the hard work, commitment and positivity of our families, students and staff.

Our recent Open Evening was another huge success, with a significant increase in first-choice preferences and some wonderful feedback from prospective families. Thank you to everyone who continues to make Hart such a special place to be. We can, we will, we do!

As we head towards Christmas, there is plenty happening across the school. Here are a few important updates and dates for your diary.

Staying connected – come and say hello!

We are delighted to be reintroducing weekly parent drop-in sessions with members of our Senior Leadership Team. No appointment is needed – simply pop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit!

Whether you have a question, would like to discuss support for your child, share something positive or simply offer some feedback, we would love to see you.

When? Every Thursday:

- Morning: 8.00am – 9.00am
- Afternoon: 3.00pm – 4.40pm

Extracurricular Opportunities

Our excellent extracurricular programme continues this term, with a wide range of clubs and activities available to all students in Years 7–13. From sport and performing arts to music and creative activities, there really is something for everyone. I would encourage all students to take a look at our booklet and simply turn up to a session to get involved.

These opportunities help build confidence, friendships and a real sense of belonging.
Extracurricular Booklet link

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Your views matter – Parent and Carer Survey

We really value your feedback. We would be grateful if every family could take five minutes to complete our annual click here - parent and carer survey.

Your responses help us celebrate what we do well and, just as importantly, identify where we can do even better. We also love hearing from parents who take the time to share positive experiences and constructive suggestions. Please complete the survey using the link below. It will remain open until **Monday 23 November.**

School lunches updates

There are a couple of updates to our school meal arrangements this term:

- The school meal deal price has increased slightly from £2.61 to £2.70.
- The Free School Meal daily allowance has also increased to £2.70.

You can also view this term's menu here: **School Menu**

Free breakfast for everyone! A reminder that all students can enjoy a free breakfast in the main canteen every morning between 8.00am and 8.30am. A great way to start the school day!

Keeping everyone safe – road safety

The local authority continues to experience difficulties recruiting staff to support the pedestrian crossings outside school. Please help us keep our students safe by avoiding parking on corners or in locations that restrict visibility. These can create dangerous blind spots for children crossing the road.

Dates for your diary

There is plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks, so please make a note of the following dates.

NOVEMBER

- 11 November – Remembrance Day
- 12 November – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 12 November – Prime Agency Mental Health Workshop
- 16 - 20 November – Year 13 PPE Examinations
- 16 - 20 November – Anti-Bullying Week
- 18 November – Character Development Day
- 23 November - 4 December – Year 11 PPE Examinations
- 27 November – PTFA Christmas Wreath-Making Evening

- 30 November – 4 December – Scholastic Book Fair

DECEMBER

- 3 December – Year 7 and 8 Pantomime Visits to Red Rose Theatre
- 3 December – Christmas Fair, from 4.00pm
- 8 December – Year 10 Study Skills Week begins
- 10 December – Christmas Showcase Evening
- 11 December – Flu Immunisations (Years 7–11)
- 14 December – Year 9 Study Skills Week begins
- 15 December – Key Stage 3 Rewards Evening
- 16 December – Year 11 Rewards Afternoon
- 17 December – Year 11 Mock Results Day
- 17 December – Key Stage 4 Rewards Evening

JANUARY

- 4 January – School reopens / Year 10 Assessment Week
- 18 January – Year 9 Assessment Week

Please keep an eye on our usual communication channels for further information and reminders.

Finally, thank you! As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. We are incredibly proud of the positive culture developing across The Hart School and the many achievements of our students and staff. Everything we do is underpinned by one shared ambition: to ensure every child feels safe, supported and valued, and has every opportunity to achieve their very best.

We have lots to look forward to this half-term, not least the excitement of our Christmas celebrations. We look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

Yours sincerely,



Ms. R Sandham
Principal