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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the academic year at The Hart School.

There has been so much to celebrate over the past eight weeks, and I am incredibly proud of our students and all that they have achieved. Thank you, as always, for the support and encouragement you give your children and for working so closely with us to help them succeed.

A fantastic start to the year

One of our biggest successes this term has been attendance. I am delighted to share that The Hart School currently has the strongest attendance across our Trust! Even better, our attendance is 1% higher than at the same point last year. This is a significant achievement, and it is something we should all feel proud of.

A huge thank you to parents and carers for helping your children get into school every day, even when those pesky sniffly colds have been doing the rounds! Good attendance is a real team effort, and your support has made a genuine difference. Let's keep this going next term!

Celebrating our students

We have also seen some fantastic improvements in students' attitudes, attendance and engagement with learning. Throughout the term, we have contacted families to celebrate children who have made real progress. Whether it is coming into school more regularly, showing a more positive attitude or getting more involved in lessons, these achievements deserve recognition.

Thank you for continuing to encourage your children. Small steps can make a big difference, and we want every student to feel proud of the progress they are making.

We also want to celebrate those students who consistently make the right choices, work hard, attend school regularly and collect positive points through our rewards system.

I am delighted that over 500 students will receive a congratulatory letter over half term to recognise their efforts. Please take a moment to share this with your child when it arrives. It is lovely to be able to celebrate so many students who are doing the right things day in, day out.



Our positive points have also increased significantly. We have awarded 44,240 positive incidents, which is 19,668 (80%) more positive points than at the same point last year. This is fantastic news and a real reflection of the positive choices being made across our school.

We have also taken student voice this term and on return to school, we will be opening our Reward Shop more frequently, with different year groups having designated days to visit. We will share more details with students in assemblies so that everyone has more opportunities to spend their hard-earned points.

Getting involved beyond the classroom

One of the things that makes The Hart School special is the range of opportunities available to our students beyond their lessons. We offer a wide variety of extracurricular clubs from Monday to Friday, all completely free of charge, and every student is welcome.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have encouraged their children to get involved. These clubs are a great way for students to try something new, make friends, develop confidence and discover new interests.

I have re-attached our [extracurricular booklet](#) again so you can see what is available throughout the week. If your child hasn't joined a club yet, don't worry! There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved when we return.

Our sporting teams have also had a fantastic term, representing the school with real pride. We have celebrated some brilliant wins, but just as importantly, our students have shown determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship in challenging games too. Well done to everyone who has taken part!

I am also excited to announce that our school production this year will be **The Wizard of Oz!** Our previous productions have been wonderful, and I am sure this year's show will be just as special. The production will take place during the summer term and is open to all students in Years 7-13. There really is something for everyone, both on stage and behind the scenes. If your child would like to get involved, please encourage them to speak to Miss Cowley in the Performing Arts Faculty.

A little reminder about school uniform

As we look ahead to next term, I would also like to ask for your help with school uniform. Firstly, thank you! The vast majority of our students arrive at school looking smart and ready to learn, and we really appreciate the support you give us in maintaining these standards.

Towards the end of a long term, however, we sometimes see a few things slipping. These are small details, but they make a difference to the smart appearance we want for our school.



Please could you check that your child is ready to return in full uniform on Monday 2 November 2026.

This includes:

- Shirts tucked in and a smart appearance.
- Blazers worn in line with our uniform policy.
- No inappropriate or excessive jewellery.
- No fake eyelashes or false nails.

We understand that young people may enjoy experimenting with their appearance during the holidays, and that is absolutely fine. However, any items that do not meet our school uniform expectations must be removed before students return.

We have shared our [uniform expectations](#) previously, but I will include the guidance and [visual examples](#) again with this letter to help make everything clear.

We want to be fair and consistent with all our students, and I know this is something parents and carers value too. Thank you for helping us get these basics right and for making sure your child is ready for the new term.

Keeping our children safe

I would also like to ask for your support with road safety around the school. We have experienced some difficulties this term in ensuring our school crossing patrol positions are covered. We are continuing to work with the local authorities to address this and secure support with recruitment. In the meantime, members of staff have been helping students cross the road safely at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please could we ask that you avoid dropping your child off close to the crossing points, as parked or stopping vehicles can obstruct visibility and create hazards for children crossing the road.

We are also concerned that some students are crossing roads while looking at their mobile phones. Sadly, we have had a near misses over the past week, which is a worrying reminder of how quickly accidents can happen.

Please have a quick conversation with your child about staying alert near roads, putting their phone away before crossing and always checking carefully for traffic. We will continue to reinforce these messages in school, but your support at home is just as important.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.



Looking forward to next term

As we head into half term, I hope your family has the opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved rest, spend some quality time together and recharge ready for the weeks ahead.

We have had a brilliant start to the year, and I am excited about what we can achieve together next term. From our fantastic attendance and the progress students are making to the many opportunities available beyond the classroom, there is so much to be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2 November 2026**, ready for another successful term.

I wish you and your family a happy, restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. R Sandham
Principal