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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to see the students returning to school, full of energy and enthusiasm. I'm pleased to say that we've had a great start to the new academic year, with students looking smarter than ever in their uniforms and ready to learn, equipped with their school bags and the necessary stationary for learning. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children are prepared for the school day — it makes a real difference.

If you would like any support with uniform or equipment, then please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year (HOY) or Student Support Officer (SSO) who will be able to help you.

As we begin this term, I would like to share some key updates with you:

Our New Breakfast Club

We are excited to announce that, starting this term, we will be offering **free breakfast to all students** each morning. This will be available from the canteen between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. Research has shown that breakfast is a crucial meal for students, helping to improve concentration, energy levels, and overall performance throughout the day. We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy a nutritious start to their morning.

Break and Lunchtime

Following feedback from students and parents last year, I am delighted to share that our newly refurbished restaurant, a £60,000 investment, now provides additional seating for a more comfortable sit-down meal experience, along with more serving points to access food and drink. We encourage you to remind your child to take advantage of this new facility that is **accessible to all year groups**. This has been shared with all students in their assembly this week.

In addition to this we will continue open our four outdoor catering pods located on the year zones, offering a variety of hot and cold food options. We are confident that these changes will significantly reduce queue times, allowing students more time to relax and socialise with friends during their breaks.



Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening

On Thursday 10 October, we will be hosting our annual Open Evening for prospective Year 5 and 6 students and their families. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school, and we look forward to welcoming new students who may be joining us next year.

The Open Evening will consist of three bookable sessions. Please use the QR code or link below to book onto one of three sessions available. This link is also accessible via the school [website](#). During the evening, I will offer a short welcome talk, after which you will have the chance to tour our school, meet our wonderful students and staff, and visit our subject areas.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and your children on Thursday 10 October.

Bookable sessions:

- Session 1: 4:00 – 5:30pm
- Session 2: 5:00 – 6:30pm or
- Session 3: 6:00 – 7:30pm.



Scan the QR code to book your place at our open evening.

[Link to book tickets](#)

Early finish for students on Thursday 10 October 2024

In order for staff to prepare for this event, students will leave school on Thursday 10 October at 12:40 pm. Students in receipt of free school meals will have access to their full allowance during break 1 on this day.

School Bus on Thursday 10 October

The school bus is unable to collect students from school site until 3:10 pm. Therefore, please arrange for your child to be collected from school on this day at 12:40 pm. Where this is not possible, we will ensure your child is supervised on school site until 3:10 pm where they will then be able to get the bus home.

Parents Access to School Site

As a reminder, there will be no access to the school premises for unannounced visitors, including parents and carers, during the hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm without a pre-arranged booked meeting.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child(ren) have all the necessary equipment with them when they leave for school each day. This will help to minimise unnecessary trips to the school grounds and further support our efforts to maintain a safe environment.



To facilitate necessary communication and meetings, we wish to remind you of key pastoral contacts details below.

Please use these contacts to book any required appointments:

Year Group	Head of Year	Student Support Officer
7	emily.knight@hartschool.org.uk	nicola.bugler@hartschool.org.uk joanne.merrien@hartschool.org.uk
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Attendance Team	attendance@hartschool.org.uk	

Key Dates for Your Diary

You will now be able to access our school calendar of key events via our school's website, please [click here](#).

Up and coming events this term:

- Wednesday 11 September: A photographer will be in school (all year groups)
- Wednesday 18 September: Year 10 Parental Information Evening 6:00 – 7:00pm
- Thursday 26 September: Year 7 Settling in Evening 4:30pm - 7:30pm
- Monday 30 September: Literacy Intervention Parents' Evening (time to be confirmed)
- Thursday 3 October: Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Thursday, 10 October: Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 prospective students
- Thursday 17 October: Sixth Form Open Evening 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Friday, 25 October: INSET Day, closed to students
- Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November: Half-Term Break
- Monday 4 November: Students return to school 8:30am.

We are truly looking forward to the term ahead and working in partnership with you to support your child's learning journey. Once again, thank you for your support and for helping us to maintain high standards across the school. If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Sandham
Principal