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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer. We are really looking forward to welcoming students back, refreshed and ready for the new school year.

Over the past six weeks, the school has had a real refresh with some exciting new developments:

- Brand-new dance studios, opening next week.
- Extended outdoor undercover seating, which will be fully enclosed by October half term
- More catering points, so students can get food more quickly at break and lunch
- A new heating system in A Block as part of our phased project
- A fully stocked Rewards Shop, where students can use their Arbor points
- A larger Sensory Room to better support some of our SEND students
- Additional water fountains located in the canteen
- An additional ICT suite to further support our student's curriculum.

### **Key Information for September Return**

## Return dates for students.

Years 7, 11, and 12 will return to school on Wednesday 3 September 2025.

Year 7 and 11 students are expected to be on site by 08:30am, ready for their first session which begins promptly at 08:40am. Year 12 students are expected to arrive for a 9.30am start time.

• Years 8, 9, 10, and 13 will return on Thursday 4 September 2025.

All students are expected to be on site by 08:30am, ready for their first session which begins promptly at 08:40am.

Please ensure your child arrives in full school uniform, prepared and ready to start the year with confidence and pride.



#### Phone-Free Zone with Yondr

As previously communicated, we will be fully implementing our phone-free school policy this term, supported by the Yondr system. During the first few days, we will guide students through how the pouches work, with the system fully in place from **Monday 8 September**.

Thank you for your positive feedback and support so far - it has been really encouraging.

Many schools across the country already use Yondr successfully, and with your continued support, we are confident this will have a positive impact on learning and wellbeing for your child(ren).

- Every student will receive a Yondr pouch (provided by the school) on Thursday.
- If lost or damaged, a replacement fee of £15 will apply.
- A small number of students with medical needs (e.g. diabetes) will be provided with a Velcro-access pouch. Please note: this will not apply to students for anxiety. Instead, students will be supported by their pastoral team to access their phones if urgently required.
- In the event of an emergency, parents should contact school directly via phone or email rather than their child's mobile. Our telephone system has been upgraded to ensure calls are answered more quickly, especially during peak times.

## Catering

A reminder that The Hart School is a cashless school. Please ensure your child's Arbor account is topped up weekly if they are not in receipt of free school meals.

We also continue to offer a free breakfast for all students from 8:00 - 8:30am daily, a great opportunity for students to start the day positively with their peers.

## **Uniform Expectations**

Thank you, as always, for supporting our <u>uniform policy</u>. Our students look incredibly smart when they return, and it sets the tone for learning from day one.

However, we did notice a decline last term in some areas of uniform, particularly with girls' trousers. Please remember that trousers should be tailored fit. **Leggings, skinny-fit, or overly tight trousers are not permitted.** Click here for our visual guidance.

We also ask that students return without **false nails** / **eyelashes**, **or fake tan**, to ensure a smooth start to the year.



We are really looking forward to welcoming students back and working together for another successful year at The Hart School. Thank you once again for your continued support, it makes such a difference.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Sandham

**Principal**