

CONNECT WITH THE HART

20 September 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our first edition of the new year of Connect with The Hart and, in particular a welcome to parents and carers of our new Y7 students.

Connect with The Hart is published every two weeks providing news, information and updates about the school so that you are up to date with everything that is happening. We also share with you dates for the diary as well as top tips and reminders about teaching and learning, our expectations and achievement. We do hope you find it useful.

Achievement matters

Success follows preparation. The more prepared your child is for their learning, then the more likely they are to succeed. Checking that your child has the correct equipment and their school planner each day will allow them to plan well for their day and week in advance.

Every student who arrives unprepared to lessons delays their learning experience and that of other students. Good preparation enables students to continue the momentum of their learning and allows them to be confident of the material being delivered within the classroom.

Effective learning

The Teaching and Learning team have been visiting all assemblies this week with a focus on how to listen effectively. This may appear an easy and obvious task to fulfil, however we felt it was important to remind students about making eye contact with the teacher, sitting correctly in seats and facing the teacher. These small steps can make the difference with progress made in a lesson.

Furthermore, we want to remind you and the students of the importance of completing homework and regularly logging onto ClassCharts to check homework. Homework supports pupils to make good or better progress through becoming independent learners, meeting deadlines and both retrieving and recalling key knowledge.

There will be the opportunity to find out more about homework at two drop-in sessions organised for Wednesday 25 September at 4.00 pm and 5.20 pm. If you need the pupil or parent access code for ClassCharts please email mc.darcy-barron@hartschool.org.uk

Community Maths programme

We have launched Community Maths to encourage parents and carers to either come along to various drop-in sessions to improve one area of maths or come to all with a view of completing a Functional Maths Qualification (Level 2 is equivalent to a GCSE pass). The first session is Thursday 10 October. For more information or to sign-up email enquiries@hartschool.org.uk

Parent volunteers and PTFA

If you can spare some time and would like to help, why not get in touch regarding volunteering in the school? This could be helping our young people in the classroom or becoming involved with the PTFA and helping to organise fund-raising events. The next PTFA meeting will be on Thursday 26 September at 5.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Promoting high expectations

We would like to thank all pupils for a positive start to this academic year. The standard of uniform is high and students are equipped and ready to learn. As we have introduced a new compliance strategy and detention system, students are regularly taking ownership of their own learning. Learning environments are calm and purposeful which means students can focus on achieving in high challenge lessons.

Equipment

It is very important that students arrive to school fully equipped and prepared. This ensures an effective learning environment and students can focus on learning. Pencil cases are available to purchase via ParentPay for £1.00 which represents excellent value for money.

Uniform - Skirts

The uniform guidelines are on the school website. It is advisable for your child to purchase The Hart School skirt. This is compulsory for all Year 7 students. School skirts must be on or slightly above the knee and not be tight-fitting.

Piercings, nails and haircuts/colours

Only one pair of small silver or gold studs may be worn in the ears. All other studs must be removed. Plastic retainers may be worn.

- Hair colour should be natural - no green, purple, pink or bright colours are allowed.
- Nails should be of a natural, nude colour. No glitter or bright colours of any kind are allowed.
- One watch may be worn – bracelets are not allowed
- No rings may be worn.
- Make-up must be minimal and natural.

Please refer to the school policy but general advice is to make sure that any of these can be 'sorted' before your child returns to school. If students have facial piercings, they must be replaced with clear plastic retainers before they return to school

Outdoor coats

Your child is allowed to wear an outdoor coat that can go over their uniform, including the blazer. They are not allowed to wear coats, hoodies etc. under their blazers. This particularly relevant approaching the winter months.

Events

Date	Event
Week commencing 23 September	Year 7 CAT tests all week
Tuesday 24 September	Life & Soul Day 1 – all year groups
Wednesday 25 September	Year 11 boys football at Kingsmead School
Friday 27 September	Educational visit to Leicester Tigers rugby match
Week commencing 30 September	Year 7 CAT tests all week
Week commencing 30 September	Year 11 PPEs for core subjects
Monday 30 September – Friday 4 October	Performing Arts residential visit to Ingestre Hall, Stafford
Tuesday 1 October	Year 10 CET Shakespeare Project Design Workshop
Thursday 3 October	Camps International Kenya Expedition meeting 6.00-7.30 pm in the school Hall

We hold a weekly drop in session with senior leaders every Thursday from 8.30 am to 9.00 am, where we welcome the opportunity to meet parents and carers on a one-to-one basis to address any queries that you may have.

Also, did you know you can find the email addresses for Senior Leadership Team; Directors of Faculty, Heads of Year and Student Support Officers on the Parents dropdown on the website under 'Key Contacts'?

As always, if any parents/carers would like a telephone conversation with any of their child's teachers, or should you have any concerns that you wish to speak to our pastoral team about, contact us on 01889 802440 or email enquiries@hartschool.org.uk Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,



Chris Keen
Principal