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Dear Parents and Carers

### **The Hart School - September 2020**

I am delighted to be continuing my long career at The Hart School as the Principal from 1 September 2020. A role that is a privilege to be appointed to and one that that I am committed to serving diligently. I cannot tell you how excited and honoured I am to serve the families of Rugeley and the surrounding areas in Staffordshire.

I wish to work with all our parents, carers and community by building on the firm foundations that already exist and build and cultivate its reputation for great teaching, high expectations and unrivalled opportunities beyond the classroom. I believe that schools are not just places; they are journeys. My aim is that by the end of every journey, each student will leave our school as happy and ambitious young adults, who are resilient to challenges they may come across, as well as tolerant and respectful citizens of the future.

We do not want any student to put a ceiling on their ambitions, as the more they learn and grow the more they will accomplish. It is the job of schools and parents and carers to help children realise their talents and flourish. We will work relentlessly to help your child secure a very bright future for themselves.

Finally, I am delighted to inform you that the school has had significant improvements to the learning environment over the summer, including full refurbishment of our library; full refurbishment of our gymnasium; a new ICT suite; installation of an all-weather leisure dome to add to the PE facilities; all corridors fully repainted and state of the art wall graphics that reflect our curriculum.

### **Return to school**

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Following a successful return to school for Year 7 students this week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming back all students on Monday 7 September. Seeing our students return to school will be a sign of a return to some form of normality. Teachers are excited to return to a full class of students. We have been preparing for the start of the term by keeping safety, wellbeing and the curriculum at the top of our agenda. I am writing to remind you all of the procedures that are in place to support a smooth transition back to school.



## Attendance

The school will re-open to all students week commencing Monday 7 September 2020. The government have announced that it is 'mandatory' for all students to return to school.

Further guidance from the Department of Education regarding school attendance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance>

## First Day

The school gates will open no earlier than 8.20 am and students should arrive to school at their allocated start time. It is important to note the entry gate for your child to reduce the risk of students moving across bubbles in school.

Year Group	Start	End	Entry gate	Bubble
7	8.30 am	3.00 pm	Main (gate by driveway at the front of school)	Humanities block (D)
8	8.35 am	3.05 pm	New side gate (entrance located at the front of the school)	Science block (C)
9	8.40 am	3.10 pm	Rear	English block (A)
10	8.45 am	3.10 pm	Main (gate by driveway at the front of school)	Maths block (B)
11	8.50 am	3.10 pm	Pedestrian	Design block (F)
Sixth Form	9.05 am	As per timetable	Pedestrian	Sixth Form block and specialist rooms

## Break and lunch time arrangements

As per my previous letter the school will be operating as a cashless system from September 2020.

Students will be able to purchase food from their year group bubbles. However, we will no longer be able to accept cash in school and the machines that students have used in past will be out of commission. Please can you make sure that you upload money onto your child's account online using the ParentPay system by Sunday 6 September.

If you cannot upload directly to ParentPay please contact our Finance Department on 01889 802440 or email: [finance@hartschool.org.uk](mailto:finance@hartschool.org.uk)

We would also welcome students bringing a packed lunch to school. Due to hygiene measures in place, the communal water fountain in the restaurant will not be accessible. Therefore, it is recommended that all students bring bottled water into school. As a reminder, fizzy pop and energy drinks are not permitted in school.



## The Hart School Term and INSET dates

<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>	
<b>Inset day:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 1 September (students are not in school)</li><li>• Wednesday 2 September (students are not in school)</li><li>• Monday 7 December (students are not in school)</li></ul>
<b>Term starts:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday 7 September (students return)</li></ul>
<b>Half term:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October</li></ul>
<b>Term ends:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday 18 December</li></ul>
<b>Holiday:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January</li></ul>

<b>Spring Term 2021</b>	
<b>Inset day:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 4 January (students are not in school)</li></ul>
<b>Term starts:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 5 January</li></ul>
<b>Half term:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February</li></ul>
<b>Term ends:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 1 April</li></ul>
<b>Holiday:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April</li></ul>

<b>Summer Term 2021</b>	
<b>Inset day:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday 21 July (students are not in school)</li></ul>
<b>Term starts:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 19 April</li></ul>
<b>May Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 3 May</li></ul>
<b>Half term:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June</li></ul>
<b>Term ends:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday 21 July</li></ul>
<b>Holiday:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August</li></ul>

### Frequently asked questions

I am sure that you will still have some questions. We have created a Frequently Asked Questions document that can be found here:

<https://www.hartschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/HSC-Frequently-Asked-Questions-V2.pdf>



## Further correspondence

Please see the links below; this correspondence was already sent to you at the end of last term:

**Arrangements for full-reopening:** [https://www.hartschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Revised Arrangements for September 2020 10.8.2020.pdf](https://www.hartschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Revised_Arrangements_for_September_2020_10.8.2020.pdf)

**Travel arrangements:** <https://www.hartschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Travel-to-school-September-2020.pdf>

**Face coverings:** <https://www.hartschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Face-covering-letter-September-2020.pdf>

**ParentPay and catering arrangements:** <https://www.hartschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/ParentPay-arrangements-Sep-2020.pdf>

## Open Evenings

We are currently in the process of planning for both physical and virtual Open Evenings.

These will take place on Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm and on Saturday 10 October from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. We plan to launch our online virtual event from Monday 14 October.

Although the school will look and feel quite different, our staff are prepared and looking forward to welcoming your child back to The Hart School next week. I hope that this letter provides you with an assurance that we will continue to do our utmost to ensure that all students start the new academic year safely so that they can receive their usual broad and balanced curriculum, as well as accessing any extra support they might need.

Your sincerely

**Miss R Sandham**  
Principal