



6th September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

We are delighted to contact all families, and share important information about our school, as we prepare for the new year ahead at Hazel Wood High School.

Over the summer holidays the school building has undergone extensive renovations and re-decorating, which has significantly improved the learning environment and we look forward to inviting families to join us over the coming weeks to several events in school, where you will be able to see the improvements for yourselves.

Events for this half term include:

Open Evening – Wednesday 18th September.

Y6 Open Morning / Open Afternoon - Thursday 19th September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27th September 9.30-11.00am.

Year 7 Information Evening – Thursday 3rd October.

Headteacher Drop-in – these are held every Thursday morning 9.30-10.30am with Mr Greenhalgh.

Leadership Team Drop in – Meet a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss any aspect of your child's education - October 3rd 4.00-6.00pm. These will continue to take place every half term.

Your child will bring home a detailed list of events later next week.

Attendance and Punctuality

These are obviously both important; students need to be in school to learn and make progress. Please let us know when your child is too poorly to attend school and send them with a note on their return. If they have a medical appointment later in the day, that cannot be arranged outside of school time, the note must clearly indicate the time they will need to leave school, who will be collecting them, or their alternative method of transport.

On Monday 9th September we have asked that all Year 7 students and prefects are at school by 8.45am and Years 8 to 11 are in school at 11.30am.

Hazel Wood High School Day

Y7 Students need to be at school by 8.45am and staff will always meet and greet students before school. There are designated areas where students can assemble. Year 7 have their own Junior Yard where they can meet up and wait for the start of their school day. Y7 Students need to be in their form rooms by 8.55am. Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am in the dining room and students are welcome to join their friends and staff for a healthy snack and drink before the start of the school day.



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School closes at 3.10pm each day, except on Wednesday when we close at 2.45pm. Students who are not staying for an activity after school must carefully make their way off site immediately. The HUB is open every day until 4.10pm for students who want to continue to study, to access the internet or seek support with homework.

Extra-curricular clubs and activities are an important part of school life and our staff are offering an extensive range of opportunities this year. We will send home a list of all clubs each half term, including details and times.

Please be aware that students staying at school for a club will have a register taken at the start of the activity and sign out when they are leaving our building and returning home.

We are asking families to complete a club permission slip to ensure you are aware that they are staying at an activity in school. This will give details of the club, the start and finish times and the member of staff responsible for the club.

School Uniform

Our new school uniform is a fantastic development for Hazel Wood High School and we sincerely thank you for your input and cooperation during these changes. It looks sensational.

Following changes to uniform in a school there is often a settling down period, as all students acquire the full range of uniform / items on the list that we have shared with families. If you have any concerns regarding uniform, please contact us in school on Monday by phone or send your child in with a note and we can work together to resolve any problems.

Please can we remind families that the only acceptable piercings are a small pair of studs (one worn in each ear lobe). Our policy is no make-up, no nail varnish or false nails. Hair should be a natural colour and no haircuts below a number 2 on the clippers are permitted.

On Monday we will check uniform in form time. If we have any concerns we will send home an information slip and also try to contact you by phone, so that we can work together to resolve the problem.

The P-Point system for uniform issues will start on Tuesday. Students who are choosing to wear incorrect items or are in breach of the policy will be given a short correction and we will contact you to discuss the issue.

The school planner will be issued on Monday 9th September. This contains additional information you need to be aware of and must be brought to school daily, in a school bag with basic stationery - a pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and sharpener. A calculator and coloured pencils are recommended but are not compulsory. No permanent markers or liquid correction fluid are allowed in school.

We are really looking forward to the academic year ahead, working with you and your child, encouraging them to be the best they can be, supported by our school values of **Respect, Responsibility and Aspiration**.

Your sincerely

Mr P Greenhalgh
Headteacher

Mrs J Holden
Deputy Headteacher