



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL

Achieving Excellence Together

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We have had an excellent return to school and it has been a pleasure to welcome back our students who have grown in many ways over the summer and to enjoy their stories of summer adventures.

The majority of our students arrived on Tuesday and Wednesday looking very smart and ready with the equipment and resources needed to be able to make the most of lessons in the coming academic year.

Could we please ask for your continued support on the following items:

STUDENT BOOKLET

Due to the implementation of Show my Homework, pupils no longer need a full-sized homework diary. We now have a student booklet which, on the students' request, fits into their blazer pocket. In this booklet are all of the important pieces of information that pupils need to help them learn and the school to run efficiently. It would be really helpful if you could read this and sign the **parent agreements** within. Tutors have discussed this with students but it is useful for conversations to take place at home also.

Can we remind you that the school website also has key dates and important details; the school newsletter, published fortnightly also contains important information as well as articles about the life of the school and the successes of our pupils.

UNIFORM

You will be aware that we have tightened up on the uniform and where changes have occurred, a term's advance notice was given to pupils. In particular we are keen that the school skirt is worn at an appropriate length. All students are very aware of this expectation and the majority of students have met the requirements. Where this is not the case you will be contacted.

The importance of pride in one's appearance and a professional approach such that we can attain high standards of work ethic and quality of work are an extremely valuable tool and your support in this continues to be much appreciated.

Please contact your form tutors should there be any reason why your child is not able to wear the correct uniform; the school is able to loan uniform where there are problems.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is a very important responsibility of the school. We work hard to maintain high standards of attendance and communication with parents where we have concerns. Please can I remind you that students legally have to attend school and should be aiming to meet the



school's target of 96% attendance. Should there be a formal reason for your child not being able to attend you must seek authorisation in advance and the student must sign out of school.

We remain committed to ensuring that all students feel safe in school. The launch of the "m-path" anti-bullying strategy during "kindness" week in the Summer Term was the first of several events that we will hold to promote social consideration. Students are actively encouraged to come and talk should they feel upset in school. If you are aware of any concerns, our pastoral managers will be pleased to speak with you and commence investigations.

- Nicola Pearsall – Year 7 and 8. npearsall@henleyschool.com
- Richard Eaton – Year 9 and 10 reaton@henleyschool.com
- Donna Reynolds – Year 11 dreynolds@henleyschool.com

Should you feel an anonymous statement is more appropriate please use the "Report bullying" form on our school website: http://www.henleyschool.com/report_bullying

Outside of school can I recommend that you contact the police should you be concerned about inappropriate use of social media; this is well within your rights and absolutely justified. Our web access is carefully filtered and monitored and mobile phones are not to be switched on at any stage during the school day. Whilst we do whatever we can, when they are outside of school, we are not able to control or censor material that children may access or post on social media or other websites.

LATENESS

Students should enter the school through the side and "bus bay" entrances in the morning and should be in their form room no later than 8:40am. No one should enter through the front entrance unless they are arriving late (after 8:50am – i.e. after the end of registration) after an authorised appointment or other arranged circumstances.

BEHAVIOUR

Schools are places of learning and the promotion of positive behaviour is designed to ensure that teachers can be focussed on delivering the best quality lessons possible. Lessons should not be affected by low level disruption, nor should the working relationship of students with their teachers be damaged through poor behaviour. We are committed to standards of excellence and therefore have high expectations. To this end, we have formalised the school behavioural system such that it is really clear to students, staff and parents. It is expected that parents will support the school in any sanctions given. If there are any concerns, please make an appointment to discuss this with the relevant colleague.

The "School Gateway" system will advise you daily of the behaviour and achievements of your child. Happily, for the vast majority of parents, the only thing you'll hear through School Gateway will be the good news that your child has been rewarded for excellent work or behaviour.

May we take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Thompson



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