



20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half-term seems to have gone by really quickly, with each of the 7 weeks being extremely busy. We have really enjoyed welcoming current and prospective parents into the school for our Year 6 and Sixth Form Open Evenings in recent weeks and look forward to welcoming all parents into school over the next few months as all of our Parent Consultation Evenings become on-site events once again.

#### **October Newsletter**

It would be impossible to mention everything that has happened in school this half-term in this letter - please see [HHS Autumn Newsletter](#), our latest newsletter, for details and photographs of many of the exciting things that our students have been up to since the start of term.

#### **Parent Governor Elections**

With four nominations for the two vacancies, an election to appoint new parent governors is currently underway. The election is paper-based, with one vote per parent, and hence parents may need to look inside students' bags for the letters and voting slips which have been issued this week. Please note that the deadline for votes to be returned to school is 9am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Household Support Fund**

Cheshire West and Chester Council are continuing to support students in receipt of Free School Meals and have approved an allocation of £15 per eligible student for the up-and-coming October half-term. Please look out for the Tesco e-vouchers, which will be e-mailed out to eligible parents on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **Ofsted Inspection**

A reminder that the report which followed our recent inspection can be found on our website at [Ofsted Report - Helsby High School](#)

#### **Enrichment Programme**

One thing that our Ofsted report highlighted is how much our students benefit from taking up the opportunities provided beyond the traditional school day. A reminder that full details of our wide-ranging enrichment programme can be found on our website at [Enrichment - Helsby High School](#)

## November/December Key Dates

Just a reminder of key dates between now and Christmas and a heads-up regarding our on-site Parent Consultation Evening dates this year:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Start of (2-week) Year 13 PPE1 Examinations  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Start of (2-week) Year 11 PPE1 Examinations  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Start of (2-week) Year 7 and 8 Assessment Window  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Year 10 and Year 12 Information Evenings  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 9 Information Evening  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 'School of Rock' Production  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February - Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
NB Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Year 9 Options Evening (in school)  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening (venue tbc)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening (venue tbc)

## Current Covid-19 Guidelines

Please note the following information from the Local Authority's Public Health Team:

### **What to do if a child has Covid-19 symptoms**

*Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.*

### **What to do if a child tests positive for Covid-19?**

*Most people can no longer access free testing for COVID-19. **It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed by a health professional.** For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for Covid-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults (who should do so for 5 days).*

Finally, I wish all of our students and their families an enjoyable and relaxing half-term break now it has arrived.

Best wishes,

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