



28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

This has been a relatively short half-term (4 weeks and 4 days in total), but nevertheless a very busy one. Please see our latest newsletter for lots more information about everything that our students have been up to since February ...

### [HHS Spring Newsletter](#)

#### **New Build**

The construction of our four new classrooms continues apace and the works continue to be scheduled to be completed by the end of August. A huge thank you to parents for your understanding and consideration with regard to the impact on access to the school site, particularly at the end of the school day.



#### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Every year group in the school has had a 'Parents' Evening' this term, along with our Year 9 Options Evening and Year 11 Sixth Form Evening. Thank you to parents for your attendance at these evenings, it is very much appreciated by the school. Thank you too for the Parent feedback completed at the on-site Consultation Evenings. Please see <https://helsbyhigh.org.uk/parents/testimonials/> for a summary of the feedback gathered. Please be reassured that all the feedback received has been read and will feed into our School Development Plans moving forwards.

## Household Support Fund

Support for students in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) will once again be provided over the Spring Break, with the Local Authority providing £20 per eligible student for the period. A £20 Tesco e-voucher per eligible student will be e-mailed out to parents on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## Summer Term Dates

Please see the following for key Summer Term dates ...

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Students return after Spring Break**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Year 11 Parent Information Evening (on-line)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Year 13 Parent Information Evening (on-line)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - GCSE, A-Level and Vocational Examinations begin

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday (NB school closed)**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 and 8 Assessment Window

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of half-term**

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Students return after half-term break**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 Assessment Window

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 10 Assessment Window

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Assessment Window

w/b Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 and 8 Reports to be issued

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom (at The Chester Fields)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Induction Evenings

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 13 Prom (at Chester Racecourse)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Induction Days

w/b Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 9 Reports to be issued

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Performing Arts Showcase Evening

w/b Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 and 12 Reports to be issued

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term (NB 12.45pm Finish)**

Please note that the **start of the Autumn Term** is **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for new Year 7 and Year 12 students** and **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for all other year groups**.

## Summer Term

As we look forward to warmer weather after the forthcoming Spring Break, please note changes in uniform expectations after the holiday. Blazers (rather than coats or hooded jumpers) should be worn inside the school building (jumpers continue to be optional). A separate letter will be distributed shortly providing further details and, as always, we will review uniform arrangements in the event of any hot weather in the Summer Term.

Please note that, after the Spring Break, students without smartcards will have to wait until queues have died down in the Dining Hall in order to be served as it takes longer to process payments from students who do not have cards with them. It is important that students have smartcards for other reasons – for example to access exterior doors or toilets - and please note that, if lost, replacement cards can be purchased for £3 via the school Scopy payment system and collected in school.

### **School Uniform from September onwards**

A very warm welcome to parents of Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. School uniform for the new academic year will shortly be able to be ordered via our school website and we are delighted that recent negotiations with our suppliers has resulted in the school being able to freeze our uniform prices for parents for September 2024.

### **Staff Farewell**

Sadly, Miss Weaver leaves the school at the end of this term in order to take up a new role much nearer to her home at The Belvidere School in Shrewsbury. I know that students and parents would want to join me in thanking Miss Weaver for her contribution to the school since joining Helsby in 2021, not least for all the wonderful opportunities that she has provided for so many of our students in so many different sports in that time. We all wish Miss Weaver all the very best for the future and also look forward to welcoming Miss Trimmer to the school's PE Department in the Summer Term.

Very best wishes to all our students for the Spring Break, especially to our Year 11 and 13 students as they have their final break before their summer examinations. I hope all of our families have a very pleasant and relaxing time with families and friends and we look forward to seeing our students back in school again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Very best wishes,

Martin Hill  
Headteacher