



17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again this festive season, the thoughtfulness of Helsby High School students and their families has been very much on show. In particular, thank you very much for all the kind donations to our annual Christmas Hamper collection, which has been distributed around our local community, including to guests at our Senior Citizens' Party on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to Elton Spar for their food donations (worth £100) to our hamper collection, to the Old Bank Tea Rooms in Helsby for kindly lending us vintage cake stands, cups and saucers to make the Senior Citizens' Party even more special and also to our Friends of Helsby High School for supporting us with both delivery of the hampers and serving at the Senior Citizens' Party.

Hosted by Year 11 students, the Senior Citizens' Party kicked off a special festive season for the school, which included a wonderful 'Bound in Sound' Christmas Concert in conjunction with partner primary schools at Chester Cathedral. For full details of all these events, and many others from earlier this half-term, please see our latest newsletter via the following link:

[\*\*Helsby High School Winter Newsletter\*\*](#)

#### **Household Support Fund/Free School Meals**

Cheshire West and Chester Council are continuing to support students in receipt of Free School Meals and have approved an allocation of £17.50 per eligible student per week over the Christmas break. Please look out for the £35 Tesco e-vouchers, which will be e-mailed out to eligible parents on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

We have also become aware over recent weeks that there may be families who are unaware of their eligibility for Free School Meals for their children and also for Household Support Fund vouchers over the holidays. The school is able to check eligibility for our students' families and hence please get in touch with us if you would like us to check this for you (via [admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk](mailto:admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk)).

#### **Key Spring Term Dates**

Please see below for details of key events during the Spring Term:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term for Students  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Year 12 Assessment Week  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Years 9 and 10 Assessment Fortnight  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 11 PPE2 Exams

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 Sixth Form Course Consultation Evening  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 13 PPE2 Exams  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 12 Reports issued  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Years 9 and 10 Reports issued  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening (in school)  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of the first half-term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Students return after half-term break  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9 Options Evening (in school)  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 and Year 13 PPE2 Reports issued  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 11 Information Evening (on-line)  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term

### **Parking Around School**

Thank you for the on-going thoughtfulness with regard to parking around school, including on Godscroft Lane, at the start and end of the school day. Our neighbours at Netherton Hall have though asked us once again to remind parents/carers that their car-park is for the use of customers only and is not large enough to be used to drop off/pick up students at the start/end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Finally, I hope all our students and families have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy the opportunity to rest and relax with family and friends. Very best wishes for the festive season, and for the coming year, from everybody at Helsby High School (please click to open link) ....

**Merry Christmas from Helsby High School**

Very best wishes,

Martin Hill  
Headteacher