

Dear Parent/Carer

As we fast approach the end of a very busy and rewarding academic year, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support and to celebrate what has been an extremely busy but rewarding year at Handsworth Grange.

I continue to be reminded what a privilege it is to be part of this wonderful school community, and I am reminded daily what wonderful students we have in our school. This year we have hosted lots of different visitors to Handsworth Grange and these visitors shared with me how polite, courteous and welcoming our staff and students are. We have high expectations of our students, and they always rise to the challenge and demonstrate our school values in all their interactions.

I often reflect on what we have achieved as a school and the journey we have been on over the last two years. We have made some significant positive steps forward as part of our school improvement journey and we have a very detailed plan in place to continue this. As Parents and Carers, you make such an important contribution to our school, and I am excited to build on this in the coming years. I know that Handsworth Grange is a special place, and we will all continue to work determinedly to make our school the best place for all our students.

We continue to drive the highest of standards and focus in all areas of our school and work tirelessly to provide the excellent education this community deserves. We are committed to ensuring all our children at Handsworth Grange are at the heart of all we do, and our team of skilled, hardworking staff remain dedicated to giving your child the best educational experiences.

It has been a very busy half term at Handsworth Grange with the third year of Activities Day, Y8 Residential, Sports Day and Y10 Work Experience. The focus, determination and behaviour of our Year 11 students in their exams was exemplary and without question, the most focused exam group I have worked with. We have run a detailed and comprehensive Intervention Programme for all Year 11 students and the engagement was excellent; we will be running a similar plan into next year across KS4.

We continue to ensure our school values are at the heart of all we do at Handsworth Grange. Our values continue to be promoted widely across our school community. Our school values are:

'Be Brave, Be Kind, Be Present'



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GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 21st August where students will be able to collect their results from the Main School Hall between 9.30am and 10.30am. I wish all our Y11 students the very best and their Prom Evening was a wonderful celebration of their achievements. If students are not able to collect their results, there will be further information about the process on the main school website: www.hgcsc.co.uk

The first day back for students will be Wednesday 3rd September. Each Year group will arrive at the same time and will be directed to their Tutor Base; Year 7 will be directed to the Main School Hall to meet their new Tutors. We will have plenty of staff available to support with the tutor bases. There will be time in tutor bases on their first day back to ensure all students are settled and ready for the start of the new academic year.

Please check our uniform guidelines on the school website for the most up to date uniform guidance. There is also a link that you can complete if you require any help with uniform. If a student arrives in the incorrect uniform, they will be expected to change into the right uniform in school. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that students should be equipped and ready for their learning each day; this information is also available on the school website. Without the correct equipment, students are not prepared and ready to learn in every lesson.

All students will be given a planner on their first day and this will be required as part of their equipment.

We always want to ensure our students feel comfortable in school, and to remain active in lessons to ensure they are engaging with their learning. Students will not be given permission to leave lessons for the toilet during learning time, unless it is an emergency or there is a medical reason. This is to support teaching and learning and ensure all our students have the best lesson experience each, and every day. All our students have access to the toilets before the school day, at break, at lunch, between all five lessons during the day and again at the end of the day. We feel this gives ample opportunities for the toilet and would welcome the support of parents to promote this with your children. If there are evidenced-based medical reasons, then of course, we would support by providing a Toilet Pass; these will all be reviewed at the start of the academic year by your child's Head of Year. I would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

The final day of the term will be Wednesday 23rd July. Students will be in lessons, as normal, period 1 through to period 3, then Tutor bases from 12.30pm – 1.00pm, when school will finish. If a student would like to stay for lunch, please complete the short link below so we can get an indication of numbers for the canteen. The deadline for this will be Friday 11th July at 3.00pm.

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This summer our Deputy Head, Mr. Rockliffe will be leaving us to take some time out of teaching to travel around the world! I am personally very grateful to have had worked with Mr. Rockliffe and he will be greatly missed at Handsworth by all our staff and students. We wish him well on all his amazing adventures and I am sure he will be in to visit us next year at some point. We will be joined in September by Mr. Burdett as Deputy Head for Quality of Education. He brings with him a wealth of experience and skills and I am sure he will continue to drive our school improvement journey into 2025/2026.

I will keep you updated throughout the next academic year as to our plans, events and celebrations. I will ensure we maintain the very highest of expectations for all our children at Handsworth Grange and build on this at every opportunity.

Once again, thank you for your commitment and ongoing support.

Have a lovely summer break and I look forward to continuing to work with you all in September.

Yours sincerely

Suzy Mattock
Headteacher



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