



Awarded gold in the Sheffield school games 2022/23



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer holiday and all our students are ready for the exciting new academic year at Handsworth Grange.

I feel very proud to start this new academic year as Headteacher of Handsworth Grange and to be part of this wonderful community. We will continue to work tirelessly to provide the very best education our community deserves and to also work alongside parents to build on the development priorities of our school.

We are extremely pleased to welcome several new members of staff to Handsworth Grange this September, but I would personally like to introduce two new members of the Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Hirst will be joining us as Deputy Headteacher with a responsibility for Inclusion. Mrs Hirst comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge, she has worked within Sheffield for many years and will contribute to our development journey into this academic year. I would also like to introduce Mr Bateson who will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher with a responsibility for SEND and Vulnerable Groups. Mr Bateson has a very successful history of working within SEND departments and his knowledge and skills will also play a vital role in our journey over this coming academic year.

Our values at Handsworth will be an integral part of the work we do with all our students this year, these values are:

***Be Brave, Be Kind, Be Present***

We will be promoting these every day, in all areas of our school community.

Our uniform guidelines remain the same and further information of this can be found on our website. I would like to remind parents that leggings will not be permitted and that only tailored black shorts can be worn.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that attendance is taken very seriously at Handsworth. It is a proven fact that attendance is directly linked to academic success, it will also form part of our rewards systems in school. We actively encourage all our students to achieve 100% with a minimum expectation of 97%, every day, every lesson counts. We are grateful for all you do at home to support both attendance and punctuality, it is an important life skill that students need for their lives beyond school. We are passionate about ensuring all our students fulfil their potential and maximise their educational experiences by having outstanding attendance.



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We will be launching our new Enrichment offer in the coming weeks. I am pleased to share that we will be running a comprehensive range of enrichment activities, we will be encouraging all our students to participate in. The start date for Enrichment will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and students will be able to sign up to the enrichment activities via the Student App; this will be launched with parents and students upon our return.

All our home learning will also be shared via the Parent and Student App. This will enable you to support with your child's home learning and monitor any issues with missed home learning. Again, more information on this will be made available to all parents and students upon our return.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school and I am extremely excited for what this academic year will bring. I am very much looking forward to the journey of improvement we are on together.

Yours sincerely

Suzy Mattock  
Headteacher