



## Half-Term Letter – October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate the fantastic start our students have made to the academic year.

Throughout this half term, our students have consistently demonstrated our core values: Be Brave, Be Kind, Be Present.

These values are not just words on a wall, they are lived every day in classrooms, corridors, and beyond. We are incredibly proud of how our young people have embraced the challenges and opportunities of the new school year. We have had several visitors to school this half term, and their feedback has been excellent, they commented that our students were a 'joy to speak to', 'polite, courteous and represented our school values in all their interactions'. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Handsworth Grange, and I am reminded every day what a privilege this is.

A special mention must go to Year 11, who have shown maturity, focus, and resilience during their first round of trial exams. Their conduct has been exemplary, and they are setting a brilliant example for the rest of the school.

I also want to celebrate Year 7, who have not only settled in well but are thriving, showing confidence, kindness, and a real commitment to learning.

I am pleased to report a significant reduction in late arrivals and U codes and late marks this year. However, we must continue to work together to ensure all students arrive on time. Please note:

- Students arriving after 9:10am will receive a U code, which means they will only receive 50% attendance for that day.
- Our goal is for every student to achieve at least 95% attendance, as this is crucial for academic success and wellbeing.



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We are proud of the high standards our students maintain, and uniform plays a key role in this. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day:

- Blazers must be always worn.
- Leggings and joggers are not permitted.
- Trainers must be all black, no colored logos or soles.

If you need support with uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us. Further information is available on our website: [www.hgsc.co.uk](http://www.hgsc.co.uk)

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming students back, refreshed and ready to continue their journey with us.

Warm regards,

Miss S Mattock  
Headteacher  
Handsworth Grange Staff



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