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Dear Parent/Carer

As we fast approach the end of a very busy term, I want to take this time to say thank you for all your support and celebrate what has been an extremely busy, but rewarding first term as Headteacher at Handsworth Grange.

I am reminded daily what a privilege and honour it is to be part of this wonderful school community. We have already made some positive steps forward as part of our school improvement journey. As parents and carers, you make such an important contribution to this and I am excited to build on this into the next academic year.

We will continue to strive forward 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 reintroduction of Activities Day, Y8 Residential, Sports Day and Y10 Work Experience. We also look forward to the Reward Trips taking place in September to recognise those students have worked exceptionally hard over this final half term. We will continue to build our enrichment program and to consistently reward all our students who make a positive contribution to our school community on a daily basis.

We have reviewed our values and they will be at the heart of all we do moving forward at Handsworth Grange. Our values will be promoted widely across our school community. From September 2023 these values will be:

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

The GCSE Results Day is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August and students will be able to collect their results from the Main School Hall between 9.30am to 10.30am. I wish all of our Y11 students the very best and can say, with confidence, that they have impressed all staff throughout their exam period and their Prom Evening was a wonderful celebration. If students are not able to collect their results, there will be further information about the process on the main school website: [www.hgsc.co.uk](http://www.hgsc.co.uk)

The first day back for students will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Each Year group will arrive at the same time and will be directed to their Tutor Base; Y7 will be directed to the Main 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 that 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. 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.



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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 with 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 with your support in this matter.

Following consultation with parents, we have made changes to the school day from September, see below. There will be a comprehensive enrichment and intervention offer in place from September, more information will be shared with parents and students when we return.

08.40 – 09.00	Tutor Time
09.00 – 10.05	P1
10.05 – 11.10	P2
11.10 – 11.25	Break
11.25 – 12.30	P3
12.30 – 13.00	Lunch 1 (Y7, Y10)
12.30 – 13.35	P4 - Y8,9,11
13.00 – 14.05	P4b - Y7,10
13.35 – 14.05	Lunch 2 (Y8, Y9, Y11)
14.05 – 15.10	P5

The final day of the term will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Students will be in lessons, as normal, P1 – 3, then through lunch and tutor as normal, we will however finish at 1.30pm.



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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