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Dear Parent/Carer

As we fast approach the end of a very busy, but rewarding academic year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your ongoing support.

I am continually reminded what a privilege it is to be part of this wonderful school community, and this was even more apparent in the tragic, and sudden loss this half term of one of our much-loved students. The shockwaves that this tragedy sent through our school and local community was felt by all, but the outpouring of love and kindness from our students and staff has shown yet again, what a wonderful community we are part of. We have created a special place in school to remember Manny, led by his closest friends and we plan to build on this into the next academic year. Manny will always be a student of Handsworth Grange and as our students say, 'Forever 13'.

Even through this sad time, we must reflect on what we have achieved. We have made some significant positive steps forward as part of our school improvement journey this year 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.

We will 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 Sports Day and Y10 Work Experience with Activities Day and Y8 Residential still to come. 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 plans in place to build on our Enrichment Programme and to consistently reward all our students who make a positive contribution to our school community. We have introduced a range of inclusion strategies this academic year that will be in place from September, these include two additional provisions in school for those students who may require further support, an internal Alternative Provision and a bespoke learning pathway, Accelerate, to support identified gaps in learning. We have also increased capacity within our SEND team and now have a full time Assistant SENDCO.

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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This year's GCSE Results Day is Thursday 22nd August where students will be able to collect their results from the Main School Hall between 9.30am to 10.30am. I wish all our Y11 students the very best. 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.hgsc.co.uk

The first day back for students will be Wednesday 4th 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 Hall to meet their new Tutors. We will have plenty of staff available to support with directing to tutor bases. There will be time spent within tutor bases on their first day 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 you can complete if you require any help with uniform. May 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.

Thank you to all the parents that have responded to the consultation around bringing uniform into the sanction system for September, the positive feedback has been well received.

All students will be given a planner on their first day and this will be required as part of their equipment. These will be checked each day on the gate as students arrive at school.

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 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 for your support in this matter.

The final day of term will be Tuesday 23rd July. Students will be in lessons, as normal, P1 through to P3, with Tutors from 12.30pm – 1.00pm, school will finish at 1.00pm. 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 12th July at 3.00pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZadrtuZ8z3>



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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