



8 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Christmas holidays and the end of our Autumn Term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and positive spirit that have filled our school over the past few months.

This term has been a truly inspiring and exciting one, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights from across our year groups:

*Year 7 have settled into secondary school life with confidence and enthusiasm. Their energy and eagerness to learn have made a fantastic impression.*

*Year 8 have led the way with the highest attendance across the school, showing their commitment to learning and to being part of our community.*

*Year 9 have excelled in their efforts, earning the highest number of achievement points, a testament to their hard work and positive contributions.*

*Year 10 have demonstrated the highest attitude to learning, consistently engaging with their lessons, and striving to do their best.*

*Year 11 have shown exemplary resilience and dedication as they prepare for their summer exams. Their focus and determination are truly commendable.*

Each of these successes reflects the values that are at the heart of Handsworth Grange, 'Be Brave, Be Kind, Be Present.' I am incredibly proud of every student and the way they continue to grow, support one another, and contribute to our vibrant school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to share that our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Hirst, will be joining the Minerva Central Team as the Director of Inclusion across all our schools. This is a wonderful and exciting promotion for her and whilst we will miss her at Handsworth Grange, we will continue to work closely with her.

We have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Parks, who joins us in January when we return from the Christmas break. She is a very experienced Deputy Headteacher who has worked extensively within SEND, Safeguarding, and Inclusion.

We look forward to welcoming her to our wonderful school and the wider community.



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### **Last day of term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

School will finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm. Students will have an extended Tutor session from 12.30pm – 1.00pm, if they wish to stay for lunch, this will be available from 1.00pm – 1.30pm. To ensure we have the lunch provision for these students, I would kindly ask that you complete the short survey below. This will enable us to assess the numbers and in turn, the required food for the day; if pupils choose not to stay for lunch, you are not required to complete the attached form.

**The deadline to request a lunch is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm.**

[Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Lunch – Fill in form](#)

### **Return to School – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Students will be expected back in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.35am to start lessons as normal.**

A reminder of our uniform expectations can be found on our website. Students who arrive in incorrect uniform will be asked to change their non-compliant clothes using our Uniform Room supplies. Please note that leggings are not permitted in school, all students are expected to wear a blazer and a tie.

As Headteacher, I feel privileged every single day to be part of such a caring and ambitious school. The positivity we see in our classrooms, corridors, and wider community fills me with excitement for the future of Handsworth Grange. We are building something truly special together.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I wish you and your family a joyful, restful, and peaceful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Mattock  
Headteacher



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