



20th September 2019

Dear parents and carers

It has been another delightful week at HNS. Students have been really engaging in their work and have expressed their pleasure at the changes in the school. I have conducted a number of parent tours and had a few other visitors this week- including two Headteachers- and it has been a great experience showing them around. All have remarked on the orderly, calm, purposeful environment and the politeness and smart attire of the students. Please congratulate your child. This was echoed in the comments of the visitors to open evening on Tuesday. I am very proud of how far we have come in such a short space of time and I am restless to achieve even greater improvements in the coming weeks. As a reminder, if you would like to see the school in action **please come to the school at 9am any day**. There is no need to book and I will show you around.

I have a number of notices this week and I apologise for the length of this letter. I have tried to group them under headings to aid you. This letter will be on the website along with all other key information.

Key dates for parents this half term:

When	What	Who for	Details
Thursday 26th September 16:00-18:00	Parent clinic to discuss an issue with Heads of Learning and Leadership group	Any parent or carer who has a specific problem they would like to discuss with the school.	Optional meeting. Please just pop in
Thursday 26th September 18:00-19:00	Introduction to the Dynamic Progress Report. - Information Evening	All parents of year 7-10 who would like help with logging on and getting involved with your child's learning	Formal meeting which will start at 6pm
Friday 4th October 8:45-9:15	Parents' coffee morning	Any parent or carer who wishes to attend	Optional meeting. Please just pop in Meet the Headteacher Meet other parents and carers Followed by a school tour
Thursday 10th	Careers Fair	All year 10 and year	Compulsory drop-in

October 16:00-18:00		11 students Parents and carers very welcome	for students Look at post-16 providers and find out more about what is available Talk to staff about college application process
Friday 18th October All day	Sports day (rearranged from July)	All students	More details to follow

Key dates specifically for year 11 student and parents this half term

When	What	Who for	Details
WB 23rd September for 2 weeks	Assessment week for GCSE subjects	All year 11 students	This is the baseline test to ensure appropriate intervention takes place
WB 23rd September for 2 weeks	After school revision classes	All year 11 students	Revision will be taking place after school. The rota will be on the website.
Tuesday 15th October 17:00-19:00	Year 11 parents' evening	All year 11 students and their parents	Speak to individual subject teachers of year 11. Exam results
October half term	GCSE intervention	All year 11 students	Individual timetables will be issued
After half-term	GCSE exam skills	All year 11 students	Exam skills is a compulsory extra period after school for each student

All future dates are available to view on the website.

Lateness

The majority of students are arriving to school before 8:20. There are still some who are arriving after the gate has closed. Please ensure your child is leaving home with 20 minutes to spare to allow for a busy London transport system. I suggest they make use of our free breakfast club to ensure they are here in plenty of time.

Extra -curricular clubs

I am delighted that there is a wide range of clubs on offer at the school. This offer will increase as time goes on. The programme starts on Monday. Please see our website for the club details. Students should tell their parents if they intend to attend a club before or after school.

Dynamic Progress Reporting (DPR)

Your child should have their log on now and they should share it with you. If you would like a reminder of the log in at any time, please contact your child's tutor. DPR is a very exciting online assessment and reporting system that is integral to the future success of the school. It is used in the following ways:

- Setting and submitting homework
- Sharing key learning objectives linked to every subject
- Assessing progress towards the key learning objectives
- Accessing further resources to help secure objectives
- Communicating progress to parents

It will allow your child to take control of their own learning and you will be able to see in real time the progress they are making. Please attend the meeting listed above if you would like to attend.

Lunches

Thank you for bringing your child's dinner money. If you are one of the very few who hasn't paid please remember to do so on the Friday of the week before. Please contact the school if there is a problem with doing this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher