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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

End of Summer term and start of Autumn term 2023 arrangements

As we near the end of this school term, I would like to thank you all for your support during this academic year. I can say on behalf of all the staff that the students have been a credit to the school and their families this year, evident by the packed celebration assemblies that we are enjoying this week, rewarding academic and personal development, our PRIDE values and participation in school life.

This week, we also say goodbye to some of our staff, some of whom have been with the school for a very long time. We wish all staff leaving us all the very best for the future and especially those who have been long serving including Mrs Boulton, our receptionist, who many of you will know. We thank you for your work and dedication to the school over many years.

I would also like to thank all staff at the school this year for their dedication to our students and families. Students have been enjoying enrichment activities and school trips to ensure a well-rounded and holistic provision, all of which has been showcased in our newsletters. Staff support for our exam groups and the pastoral care provided has been exceptional and I wish them all a relaxing summer break.

May I also thank parents and carers for responding to our recent survey. It is wonderful to hear that so many of you would recommend The Hinckley School to other families, and that so many of your children feel safe and happy at our school. Of course, we still have aspects of our school to work on, and your comments have been incredibly valuable. We are continuing to contact you to discuss your comments further and implement changes.

After two years of substantial work on the school buildings, the scaffolding is down, classrooms have been refurbished and over the summer there is a major internal redesign to reflect our seven-year journey. I will be in touch with parents in the new year to offer the chance to look around the school site and see the changes we have made.

End of Summer Term Arrangements

The last day of term is Friday 14th July, with the school day finishing earlier at 12:20pm. The school minibus and Beaver Bus services will operate to the earlier finish time.







Start of Autumn Term Arrangements

We look forward to welcoming our students back to The Hinckley School from August. Please support your child with the below information to help them make a positive start to the new term:

- Students in Year 11 will arrive on site on Wednesday 30th August for 9:15am and will start the day in assembly and then spend the remainder of Period 1 and Period 2 with their Tutors. The late start for Year 11 students is so that the new Year 7 students have an opportunity to arrive to school and settle in. Periods 3, 4 and 5 students will be in their timetabled lessons.
- Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 13 will start school on Thursday 31st August. Year 8 will arrive at 8:25am as normal and go straight to the main hall for assembly at 8:30am. Year 9 and 10 should arrive for 8:45am and go to their tutor areas for a 9am start. Year 13 should arrive for 10am and go straight to the main hall for assembly.

Expectations

- All students are expected to arrive to school from 8:15am. Please note that, the gates into school will close at 8:25am to ensure your child is in their tutor room for 8:30am.
- School uniform policy is non-negotiable. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and school shoes (not trainers). No facial piercings, excessive make-up, false nails/varnish or unnatural hair colour. Parents/carers will be contacted if these rules are not followed and asked to bring correct uniform and meet with our team. This is an essential part of our school identity.
- Please make sure your child is fully equipped with their Hinckley 5 for all lessons and has an appropriate school bag. A pencil case is required with a full range of equipment inside.
- It is essential that your child attends school every day, data shows that there is a clear link between attendance and academic achievement. Please support us with ensuring your child attends school daily. Year teams and senior leaders will be contacting families where we have concerns about attendance.
- All uniform, behaviour and equipment expectations can be viewed on our website <u>Uniform Policy (thehinckleyschool.co.uk)</u>

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued help and support. We wish you and your family a restful break and an enjoyable holiday period. We look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready for learning in August, as they return to The Hinckley School.

Yours faithfully

Ms Lisa Hickman Headteacher