



Holly Lodge High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look ahead to the next academic year, I am writing to inform you of some updates to our approach to ethos and behaviour across the school for September onwards.

We passionately believe that students deserve:

1. Great lessons, free from disruption
2. A safe school environment where bullying, unkindness and discrimination are never tolerated
3. To learn and practise the good manners and soft skills that will help them succeed in life

And for this reason we describe three principles for students to follow:

4. We work hard and aspire to greatness
5. We follow instructions and respect adult authority
6. We show respect to adults, other students and the school environment

These principles give us ten core rules or expectations:

1. We walk sensibly and purposefully on the left
2. We have no unnecessary physical contact
3. We arrive on time to lessons
4. We listen to our teachers in silence and never interrupt or disrupt
5. We enter our classroom calmly and quietly and stand behind chairs until our teacher asks us to sit
6. We use "sir" and "miss" when we speak to staff members
7. We focus on our work and complete our work to the best of our ability
8. We follow instructions from staff
9. We come prepared with correct uniform and equipment
10. We speak respectfully to all other students and adults

To support our students in learning these good habits, our team of staff will be recognising excellent conduct and effort through merit points on ClassCharts. We will also be using a standard system of warnings, reflective conversations and detentions in order to give our students the opportunity to reflect and make better future choices, should they get something wrong on occasion. As previously, parents and carers will receive a text message notification of any detentions set, and all merits and behaviour points will be visible through ClassCharts.

Your support in our continued work is greatly appreciated. We firmly believe in the role of both school and parents/carers in supporting our young people to become "the best versions of themselves" – each and every one of our students has such a bright future ahead of them. To be able to help them reach that is always a privilege, and we look forward to continuing that journey in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Ashbee

Senior Deputy Headteacher

Key school information

Entrance and exit to school

Students may arrive at school in the morning via either the Holly Lane or the Marshall Street entrance. The reminder bell will sound at 8:40; students must be in tutor period for 8:45.

At the end of the day, students will exit according to the below:

Year	End of School Exit
7	Holly Lane, finish school at 15:05 and be escorted to gate for dismissal (first 4 weeks only, then exit through Holly Lane at 15:10)
8	Holly Lane
9	Holly Lane
10	Marshall Street
11	Marshall Street
SF	Either

Return to School in September

To support the transition of students into their new year groups in September, please see the below start dates and times:

Year	Start date	Start time
7	Tuesday 6 th September	10:00 am
8	Wednesday 7 th September	8:45 am
9	Wednesday 7 th September	9:50 am
10	Wednesday 7 th September	8:45 am
11	Wednesday 7 th September	9:50 am
12	Tuesday 6 th September	10:00 am
13	Wednesday 7 th September	10:00 am

Staff Training Days – Students not in school:

Training Days
Monday 5th September 2022
Friday 7th October 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Thursday 29th June 2023
Friday 30th June 2023
Monday 24th July 2023
Tuesday 25th July 2023

Uniform, equipment and mobile phones/headphones

Please see attached to this letter a reminder of uniform and equipment for school. For years 8 and above, the old, blue PE kit is still acceptable – there is no need to buy the new kit until your child needs replacement items.

Support from home in correct uniform and equipment is crucial for the development of good habits of organisation and professional conduct in our young people, so thank you in advance for working with your child to ensure they are in correct uniform and carrying the right equipment.

Please note also the school's policy to mobile phones, headphones and other electronic devices: if they are seen or heard on site at any point during the school day, they will be confiscated and parents/carers will need to collect the device.