



# Hurstmere School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

I am writing to inform you of some adjustments to the school day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September due to our first Hurstmere Open Evening. This event replaces our previous Saturday Open Morning and is one of the most important dates in our calendar, as it provides prospective families with a real insight into the values, culture and opportunities we offer. With increasing local competition for Year 6 pupils, it is vital that we showcase our school at its very best.

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

The school day will finish earlier than usual. Students will follow a Friday-style dismissal after lunch, with the canteen available from 1.00-1.30pm. Year 11 students, will be dismissed at 1.30 following line up. From 1.30pm onwards, staff will be preparing classrooms and displays so that we can truly impress our visitors. The Open Evening begins at 5.00pm and will run until 8.00pm.

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

School will start later than normal, with students arriving between 10.40 - 11.00am for line up. Lessons will commence with Period 3 at 11.10am. The canteen will be open for refreshments until 11.05am.

We know that changes to routine can be inconvenient, but we are confident you will understand how crucial it is for us to make the strongest impression possible on prospective families. Our students are always our best ambassadors, and their enthusiasm and pride in the school shines through on this occasion.

If you are pleased with the education and wider opportunities your son receives at Hurstmere, we would be grateful if you could share your positive experiences with other parents of Year 6 pupils who may be considering their secondary school choices.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



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## E-Bikes

Not wishing to send another letter, I would also like to mention one other thing. Following a serious accident this week where one of our Year 11 students was hospitalised after being involved in an accident where he was on an e-bike, I would like to raise your awareness of the increasing dangers posed by them. E-bikes are becoming more common, and parents may not realise that most of the bikes young people are riding are illegal for use on public roads and pavements. Unless an e-bike meets strict criteria (being limited to 15.5mph, not more powerful than 250W and only operable when pedalling), it is classed as a motor vehicle. This means it would need insurance; registration, tax and the rider would require a driving licence- conditions that almost no student can legally meet.

We strongly urge you to speak with your son about the dangers of riding e-bikes, both in terms of road safety and the risk of legal consequences. Your support in reinforcing this message is vital. A reminder, e-bikes are entirely banned from Hurstmere School to further discourage students from riding them.

Yours sincerely,

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