



Hurstmere School

'Believe and Achieve'
'Be The Best That You Can Be'

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a busy, productive and successful academic year at Hurstmere School.

After a very successful exam season, we wish our Year 11 students every success as they move on to the next stage of their educational and personal journeys. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time at Hurstmere and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments on GCSE Results Day on 20th August and hearing of their future successes in the years to come.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Year 7 students and their families, who will be joining the Hurstmere community in September. We are delighted that you have chosen Hurstmere and look forward to supporting your sons as they begin this exciting new chapter in their education. We hope they are looking forward to the opportunities ahead and feel confident and well prepared following their recent transition events.

Throughout the year, we have remained focused on maintaining high standards of behaviour, delivering excellent teaching and learning, and providing a broad, ambitious and enriching curriculum for all our students. I am delighted to share that our recent Trust monitoring visit highlighted the significant progress the school continues to make and recognised the positive trajectory on which Hurstmere continues to move. We are excited to build on this momentum as we look ahead to the next academic year.

Mobile Phones

In light of recent Government legislation around mobile phone use in schools, we will be adopting phone pouches at the start of the new academic year. Further details around this will be shared with you on Wednesday 19th August along with our Behaviour Expectations handbook and all details regarding uniform. We would greatly appreciate you spending time going through this with your son prior to his return and we will reinforce the key messages through our assembly and Personal Development programme.

Parent Information Evenings

To ensure parents are informed as to what the school year ahead looks like for your son, we will be hosting our Parent Information events as follows:

Thursday 10 th September	Year 9 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Year 11 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 17 th September	Year 8 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Year 10 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Parents Evenings

To keep you fully informed regarding your son's progress, you will receive 3 data reports across the academic year. In addition, we encourage you to attend an academic parents evening where you can meet your son's subject staff.

Following parental feedback, we have decided to offer these remotely and extend the time providing more appointments and flexibility for parents. Timings will run from 2:15pm - 4:00pm and 4:30pm - 6:30pm. To accommodate this, students will be dismissed from school at 2:00pm and will be set careers-focussed work via Unifrog.

Dates are as follows:

Year 7	Thursday 22 nd April 2027
Year 8	Thursday 11 th March 2027
Year 9	Thursday 28 th January 2027
Year 10	Thursday 5 th November 2026
Year 11	Thursday 7 th January 2027

Staffing Update

As the academic year draws to a close, we say goodbye to several valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities: Mr Best, Mr Watson, Mr Scott, Ms Hirani, Mr Ahmad, Mr Mauricas and Ms Ramosova. We thank them sincerely for their dedication and commitment to Hurstmere School and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

We are also pleased to welcome new colleagues who have joined us during the summer term: Mr Golin, Teacher of Mathematics; Miss Wang, Teacher of Science and Maths; and Mrs Waghorn and Miss Jibogu, SEN Teaching Assistants. We look forward to the expertise, enthusiasm and fresh perspectives they will bring to our school community.

End of Term Arrangements

On the last day of term, **Friday 17 July**, students will be dismissed by their teachers at the end of **Period 3**, at **12:00 pm**. To accommodate the early finish, there will be an extended break beginning at **10:30 am**.

Start of Term Arrangements

As we look to the start of the new academic year. Please note the following:

- **Year 7** students should arrive on **Tuesday 1st September** at **8:20 am**.
- **Year 11** students should arrive **Tuesday 1st September** at **9:40 am**.
- Students in **Years 8, 9 and 10** return on **Wednesday 2nd September** at **8:20 am**.
- The school will operate on **Week A** of the timetable from the start of term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continued dedication in supporting our boys to become the best that they can be and to thank you once again for your continued support and partnership throughout the year.

We wish all our students and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Bennett". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Lynn" and last name "Bennett" clearly distinguishable.

Lynn Bennett

Principal

