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A "High Performing Specialist School"

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term to begin the summer break there are some items of important information to share with you. The school term ends on Friday 19 July 2019, students will finish school at 12:10 pm on that day.

Arrangements for the start of the new school year are as follows. School will reopen to Y7-12 students on Wednesday 4 September 2019. They should arrive at school on that day with the necessary equipment at the times shown below. We believe starting the new academic year with some focused time for our Y11 students to reflect on GCSE outcomes with form tutors will focus our students from day one and enable us to plan the best support possible for the coming year. Equally, we want to have a calm and happy start for all our new Y7s and Y12s and to welcome them formally to High Storrs School.

Wednesday 4th September

Y11 and Y7	Y7 students to arrive at school by 8.35 am and assemble in the School Hall Y11 students to arrive at school by 8.35 am and go to form rooms
Y8, Y9 & Y10 Y12	Y8,9 & 10 pupils to arrive at 9.30am and go to form rooms Y12 students to arrive at school at 9.30am and go to the School Hall

Y7-Y12 students will then spend the morning with tutor groups (interspersed with a series of House assemblies) and lessons will commence period 4.

Y13 lessons commence at 8.35am on Thursday 5th September.

Getting the basics right from the outset

High Storrs is a happy, inclusive and orderly community. The vast majority of our students follow our rules that enable learning and keep us all safe. In extended form time on Wednesday 4 September, form tutors will remind all students of the basic expectations. I have included some of the key expectations below. Thank you for supporting our school by discussing them with your son/daughter.

Dress and kit

A copy of our school dress code is published on the school web site and shared below,

- Hats are not allowed to be worn in the school building.
- Clothes or accessories with spikes or chains are not suitable for school.
- Bare midriffs, short skirts, flip-flops, low cut tops and vest tops are inappropriate.
- Clothes with slogans which others might find offensive are not permitted in school.
- Contact lenses that are not for medical condition are not permitted.
- Low slung trousers are not permitted.
- Underwear should not be on show



Some clothing is unsuitable for reasons of safety, for example high heeled shoes, inflammable materials in laboratories and kitchens/workshops and jewellery in PE and practical lessons. The teacher will request that these items be removed in this case. Pupils need to protect themselves from the potential damage to health caused by exposure to the sun, and should keep sensibly covered in order to do so. However, sunglasses should not be worn as hair or head accessories.

The basic PE kit and expectations for 2019 are shared below. For more information please see the school website under the 'Our School' tab within the 'Dress Code' document.

- Black High Storrs logo T-shirt
 - Black High Storrs logo Sweatshirt/Hoody
 - Black; shorts (mid-thigh length or longer), tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings (can be cropped or full length)
 - Trainers
 - A pair of Black Football socks and Shin pads
 - Trainers
 - Football boots (needed for grass based activities)
 - Black outdoor rain jacket can be worn (no fashion jackets e.g. bomber, parker coats or items with fur)
 - All jewellery **MUST** be removed, any that cannot should be taped.
 - Hair that is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied up for safety.

If you need to purchase more PE kit you can do so at: www.branded-uniform.com. To continue to maintain high standards sanctions are in place for students who fail to bring the correct kit. However, if there are genuine kit issues please write a signed letter to your child's teacher and send them with an appropriate temporary replacement to engage in PE. A letter is also required for students excused due to medical/injury reasons.

Punctuality, equipment and mobile phones

All students should arrive on time to every lesson and be ready to learn. The vast majority of our students are punctual but a small minority arrive late to lessons and can disrupt starter activities. Good punctuality is recognised and rewarded. However, when students arrive late to lessons the minutes late are recorded and students are detained to make up the time missed (either at break or lunch or after school).

Punctuality to school every day is equally important. From September 2019, students who are late to school (not in form rooms or assembly at 8.40am) will automatically receive a school detention the same day. Please do always inform us if there are extenuating circumstances, such as medical appointments.

We do also expect all students to be equipped to learn. All students need at least a pen, a pencil, a rubber, ruler and Maths equipment including a scientific calculator in their pencil case. They also need to bring correct kit for PE (see above) and Dance.

Mobile phones (and headphones) should not be seen or used in the school building. The exception to this is our phone zones – areas of the school where students may use phones (not headphones) before school, at break and lunchtime. Of course, phones may be used in lessons as part of the learning with permission from the teacher. Where phones are seen outside of the Phone Zones, they will be confiscated for the remainder of the day and the student will collect their phone from the House office at the end of the school day.

Clear boundaries and strong values

In September 2018, we launched our High Storrs School Non-Negotiables, a list of eight important expectations to ensure the safety and happiness of all. The non-negotiables are displayed around school and can be found on our website in the section with policies.

This year we have developed our High Storrs Values, a short statement that articulates the principles we hold dear at High Storrs:

We are High Storrs. We are here to learn, succeed and thrive. We are respectful, safe and responsible.

At the start of the new school year we will work to make sure everyone in the community understands what this looks like in practice. We are mostly so proud of our students' behaviour but there is always room for improvement in behaviour in classrooms and social spaces around the school.

Keeping parents/carers informed

Show My Homework and MyEd are two fairly recent developments to share even more information with parents/carers. These apps are part of our move towards increasingly paperless communication. Do make sure you are accessing this information and that we have your up-to-date email address to share other letters and reminders.

Show my Homework

The vast majority of students are now regularly accessing SMHW to receive homework and other information from their teachers and many parents are also reaping the benefits of being able to directly view this information. If there are any issues with log-ins, now is a good time to get things sorted out for the new school year. Please make contact with Mrs Vaughan before the end of the year if needed.

MyEd mobile application

All individual student attendance information, progress trackers, rewards as well as up to date school information and letters home can be viewed through the MyEd app. If you have not yet started using it, you can find instructions through the school website or at <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>.

We wish you all a happy and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the new school year.

Yours faithfully



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