



## Hodge Hill Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: End of Term Arrangements for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

As we approach the end of this busy summer term I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year.

School will be closing to all pupils for the **Summer Holiday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm**. This will be a non-uniform day and proceeds will be going to our nominated charity Unicef. As this is a school day all pupils should dress appropriately.

Our term dates for the academic year 2018/2019 can be found on our school website. Pupils will return to school at the following times:

- Year 7/8 and 11 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. They are to arrive in school at 8.30am for registration at 8.35am.
- All year groups will be expected in on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

As per the previous communication school will finish at 2.45pm from September 2018. Details regarding our standards and expectations can be found on the reverse of this letter. It is important that pupils start the new academic year in the correct school uniform and are ready for learning.

Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation. I wish you an enjoyable summer break and look forward to continuing our work in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Adu  
Headteacher

At the start of term, we will be reinforcing our high expectations with students, as well as, giving them tips for a successful year. Your support with these key messages will be greatly appreciated, thereby helping us get off to an excellent start. We can then focus on our most important role - Teaching and Learning.

**School rules -Pupils are expected to show good manners.** School rules must be adhered to and can be found in the pupil planner page. We expect our students to take responsibility for their behaviour, which is an important part of growing up.

**Organisational skills – We expect all pupils to arrive in lessons ready to learn with appropriate equipment.** All students have a student planner provided and this should be available in every lesson. It is to be used to record homework and messages between home and school. Homework and **PE Kit** should be brought in on the correct day and planners should be signed each week by parents/carers. Good organisational skills are important, and many pupils need extra support from home to develop their independent learning skills.

**Uniform – A high standard of uniform for all our pupils.** The school dress code can be found on the school website and on posters throughout the building. Please can you check that your daughter is adhering to the uniform guidance each day. Details of correct uniform can be found on the school website.

**Mobile phones – No mobile phone site.** Mobile phones should not be ON or OUT anywhere on the school site, including the school path. If seen, they will be confiscated and only returned when a parent/carer comes into school to pick up the phone. Students have the opportunity to hand their phone in at the start of each day and again this rule has been frequently reinforced in school. If you need to contact your daughter during the school day this must be via the school office. Please be aware of your child's activities on social media. The misuse of social media outside of school hours often results in problems presented at school. We have included some important links on the school website to assist you with this growing issue.

**Communication – Receive the weekly bulletin and key messages directly to your inbox via ParentPay. Important information can also be found on the school website.**

**Health and wellbeing-** We do not allow the consumption of fizzy drinks, chewing gum, sweets, chocolates, crisps etc in school and as such they should not be brought into school. Please be mindful that some of our students have allergies to certain foods. Nuts or any food containing nuts should also not be brought into school. It is important that we all play our part in safeguarding the young people in our community and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. We have water fountains in school and encourage pupils to be active in their daily lives. A healthy body and healthy mind supports positive academic achievement.

**Getting involved –** Students should be encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular activities. This develops a range of skills that will benefit our pupils in school life and future employment. There are many opportunities available, both within school and the local community. The school website hosts a wealth of information to support students with wider school life.

**Attendance and punctuality –** We know that our students achieve when they regularly attend school. We aim for **96%** attendance at school. **We expect our pupils to be in school on time at 8.30.** Excellent punctuality and attendance demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and tutor time is an important part of the day.