



July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly tremendous term at Hornchurch High School on our journey to raising standards. I cannot thank you enough for all your incredible support under the new leadership team. I am excited to confirm that we are fully staffed for September – all students will be taught by subject specialists. I feel confident that outcomes will improve and get better year-on-year.

Yr11 GCSE Results Day | Thursday 24th August

Year 11 can collect their results on 24th August between 9am and 11am.

Sporting Achievements

We've had a great year on the sporting field. Students have dedicated a tremendous amount of time training and are committed to improving on last year's achievements. The year 8 basketball team reached the Havering semi-finals. The year 8 football team were the Havering cup runners up as well as the year 10 basketball team. We also had a new record set; Honey (Yr8) broke the school record for the high jump at 1.50m – a record that has not been broken in years! In addition, she also came 3rd in the borough for 200m. Ayush (Yr10) received 1st place in the borough discus competition which is exceptional. A huge well done to all those that competed this year. We are really excited to see what next year has in store for Hornchurch High!

Culture Day

This week we celebrated Hornchurch High's Culture Day, on this day we proudly act out one of our important values at school: to celebrate our diversity, students are asked to proudly wear cultural clothing for the day. Teachers taught students further intriguing lessons about how culture has impacted on their subject field(s): from how culture has developed our understanding of medicine in science; to how culture has contributed to the social and economic change of an area in geography. This day always makes us feel a great sense of community, togetherness and pride.





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Careers Day

Yesterday we promoted future prospects through Hornchurch High's Careers Day. Students were further exposed to careers in a range of fields to help them cement why subjects they study daily are so important to their future pathways and the essential skills needed for life after Hornchurch High. To give students the opportunity to talk about their future pathways with professionals, the school organised a careers fair for all students. Over 25 providers attended the fair from a range of post 16 options from Brunel University to Big Creative Education (London's largest creative college). We would like to extend our thanks to all those organisations that provided students with "lots of options and opportunities" - Year 9 student.



Progress Reports | Issued Friday 21st July 2023

You will receive your child's Progress Report before the end of term, please contact their Head of Year should you wish to discuss their progress in more detail upon our return.

New School Year 2023-24 | New Forms

All students in years 7-9 have been banded. Year 10-11 students will be banded for form time and will be set within subjects. All students will have a new form and a new form tutor when they return.

New School Year 2023-24 | Uniform

Mr Lockwood recently wrote to you regarding uniform expectations for the new academic year. To summarise:

- Black socks or black tights – no white socks
- No green summer polo
- Modest skirt length, we are in a professional learning environment
- No make-up (students will be asked to remove it with make-up wipes)
- No false nails (please arrange removal prior to the start of term)
- No nail varnish
- No jewellery (it is not advised to have a new piercing towards the end of the summer holidays – students will be asked to remove it, irrespective of the healing process).

Uniform Swap Shop 2023-24

We recognise the cost of living crisis and the affect this has on uniform affordability. We kindly invite you to donate any uniform that is in good condition so we can open up a uniform swap shop next year. Boxes are in reception for students to drop off any clean items.





New School Year 2023-24 | Canteen

Following parent consultation, there will be scheduled changes to lunchtime next year. Students in Years 10 and 11 (KS4) will have their lunch during first break, 11:00 - 11:30 and students in Years 7, 8, 9 (KS3) will have their lunch during second break, 1:30 – 2:00. This separation will allow students to enjoy their food and take their time without the need to queue for a significant portion of their break. We are also trialling some healthy food stand-alone items, in addition to the fixed £2.50 meal prices.

We would like to emphasise that students will still be permitted to consume their own snacks during break times. However, they will not be able to purchase any items from the canteen outside their designated time frame.

New School Year 2023-24 | Autumn Term Start

We have a staggered start to autumn term to allow year 7's induction on the first day.

- **Year 7 ONLY:** Tuesday 5th September 2023
- **Years 8-11:** Wednesday 6th September 2023

To clarify, all students across all year groups will be in school on Wednesday 6th.

The first day of autumn term will start with students **arriving at 8:15 for an 8:30 start**. The student gates will be open from 8:00am which can be found on the corner of Hartland and Broadstone Road, please do not enter via the car park/reception. The school day starts at 8:30 to comply with new government guidance.

The final day of this summer term is **Friday 21st July, when students will be dismissed by 12.00 noon** for staff to attend an end of term review meeting. The final day is business as usual in terms of full uniform and lessons periods 1 and 2. Term dates for 2023/24 are published on our website should you wish to plan future holidays.

From all of us here at Hornchurch High, may I wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break and thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Madhvani
Headteacher

