

6th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back at the start of our new school year. A warm welcome to parents of our Year 7 and new sixth form pupils. We hope you had a good break this summer. It's Been a busy few weeks here and there are a number of matters to update you on.

## **Kevin**

Kevin has finished the chemotherapy and radiotherapy. He saw his consultant on 31<sup>st</sup> August and will have scans over the next few weeks. He has remained very well and is hopeful that he'll be able to have surgery later on this year. He sends his best wishes to everyone. I will keep you updated.

## **Welcome and Goodbye**

Welcome to Lea Downham, 10L Form Tutor, Rosie Molloy, 9R Tutor and Sarah Di Campo, Assistant Headteacher. We also have a number of new agency staff joining us.

We are saying goodbye to Christine Allaway next week. Chris joined us eighteen years ago and has made a big contribution to the welfare of our young people. We wish her a very happy retirement.

Sadly we learned of Marie Dunphy's death over the holidays, Marie worked mainly with the current 11A and was a very caring colleague. We've sent condolences to her family.

## **Home School Agreement**

Updated copies will be coming home for you to sign. Please read it carefully, sign both copies and return one copy to Emma Marks via the school office. Thank you for your support.



## **Clubs**

At present we won't be running any after school clubs or breakfast club. We will review this decision at the end of September. School is open from 7.45am for pupils.

## **Pupil Numbers**

The school roll is now 148. Seventeen pupils joined Year 7 and we have two new sixth form pupils.

## **Parent Group**

At present, the group will continue with virtual meetings. All parents are welcome. If you would like more information, please email Don Burford (Chair). Please do participate in this group which does so much to support our school.

## **Visitors Onsite**

During September we will only have essential visitors onsite. We thank you for your understanding and will review this decision at the end of September.

## **Building Update**

Our new library is ready for use. Thank you to all parents and friends of the school who have supported by purchasing and donating books. We will be setting a fundraising target each year to buy more books.

Work on the new build has started and the steel is in place. The builders started work again today. The date for completion of works is half term.

## **Offsite**

We are returning to offsite activities with appropriate risk assessments in place. Our older pupils will again have a College link/ Roots and Shoots placement and some will have independent Work Experience. Mike Barrett has written to you separately about swimming.

## **PE**

Kindly note that pupils can continue to come into school in their PE kit on PE days.

## **Website**

Curriculum overviews will be posted on the website soon.



# Highshore School

Thank you for your support over the past year. We are cautiously hopeful that we'll gradually recommence more activities. Meanwhile we continue with regular handwashing and to avoid large gatherings of pupils and staff. If they choose, pupils can continue to wear facemasks in crowded areas such as corridors.

We are positive about the year ahead: the return of theme days, the new build, a new library and during the year a new fitness suite!

Please do check the school website regularly and read your son/ daughters' home/school book daily.

We look forward to seeing you soon either virtually or in time, in person.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher