



HBK Update, Friday 20 May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's HBK update.

Exam Season!

The exams started this week in Year 10 (RPE), Year 11 and Year 13! We have been hugely impressed by the maturity our students have demonstrated already. Well done to them! We wish all of our students the very best for the exam season.

Sixth Form News – message from Mrs Moyes, Head of Year 12 and Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Year 12 have their Futures Week in the week of 4-8 July. This starts with two days in school that focus on wellbeing and post-18 aspirations, followed by three days of work experience. We would be grateful if parents could help ensure all work experience forms are back with tutors by next Wednesday 25 May (if they haven't already been submitted).

Parent Focus Group – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal



Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Parent Focus Group. It was great to get feedback on the Home School Agreement following our previous meeting on behaviour, and also yesterday there was a fantastic discussion on Diversity led by Ms Newman. The full notes from this discussion will be shared in next week's ParentMail but moving forward we will be implementing some new initiatives as a result of yesterday's discussion, including a regular item in the Friday HBK ParentMails around how some of the discussions around Diversity in school might be continued at home and some Diversity-themed artwork as part of the ongoing project taking place to brighten up the school site.

Data Collection for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – message from Mr Pendlebury, Assistant Principal

Earlier this week, we sent a ParentMail to parents of students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 asking you to complete a short form (link below), to ensure we have accurate details for your child. We would be very grateful if you could complete this by Friday 27 May. At this stage, we only need this completing if your child is in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10. Thank you very much. <https://forms.office.com/r/2Nk23JGb03>

A mental health toolkit for parents/carers! – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal and Mrs Setchfield, Safeguarding and Welfare Manager



We are really pleased to share this Children's Mental Health Difficulties Toolkit for parents/carers, a collaborative project produced by the City Mental Health Alliance. It is a concise and easy to navigate guide for parents/carers with lots of links to relevant resources and places to access advice and information. Do please take a look and feel free to use the toolkit to support your child's wellbeing. Here is the link: [Mental Health Toolkit for Parents](#)

Free School Meals over May Half term – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

For May half term, the county council are continuing to support families on free school meals. Eligibility remains the same as in previous rounds, including support for post 16 bursary students. Each eligible pupil will receive a single £15 voucher. Vouchers will be sent on the 27 May. If you have any voucher queries over the half term period please email winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For more information please click on the links below:

[Parent and Carer Letter](#)

[Frequently Asked Question Document for Parents / Carers](#)

This Week's Blog

This week's blog provides retrieval practice of some of the things I have talked about in previous blogs! It's a real challenge! You can have a go here: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=661>

Best wishes

Mark Patterson
Principal