



HBK Update, Friday 10 June 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's Friday HBK update!

Year 11 Exams – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Our Year 11 students' behaviour in their exams continues to be superb! Well done to them! The vast majority of the year group are also arriving promptly for their exams and dressed appropriately. There have however, been a growing number this week arriving late, sometimes just 5 minutes before the formal examination start time. A reminder please that students should be on the basketball courts **20 minutes before the exam start**, having already deposited their bags in the changing rooms, so that exams can start on time. Additionally, there are students attending their exams without blazers, ties and school shoes. The uniform rules still apply, so please can you remind your Year 11 child to come to school in full school uniform. If students are wearing inappropriate jewellery, such as hooped earrings, this will be confiscated. We obviously wish to support students going into their exams, not have to deal with uniform infringements, so we would greatly appreciate your continued support in this matter.

Please see the following statement from AQA regarding yesterday's Higher Physics Paper:

The final question on our GCSE Physics (8463) Higher Tier Paper 1 on Thursday 9 June 2022 was about energy transfers and circuits.

Energy transfers were listed in the [advance information](#) as being assessed – but circuits were unfortunately listed as not being assessed.

To make sure students aren't disadvantaged, we will be awarding everyone full marks for all parts of the question, which were worth a total of 9 marks.

We're really sorry this has happened, and we're looking at why our checks didn't pick this up. We're also doing continued extra checks on the advance information and question papers for future exams.

Summer Holiday Activities and Food – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

This Summer the local authority are offering a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme from 25 July to 31 August. Eligible pupils, in receipt of income-related FSM, can attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 64 hours for free. An eVoucher will be issued by The HAF Team on 13 June direct to parents: [HAF Parents webpage](#), [guide to redeeming vouchers](#). Please see the [parent letter](#) and poster with more information about this scheme.

Additional groups are also eligible for the summer HAF Programme as follows:

- Ukrainian and other refugee children
- Families just about financially managing who are not eligible for FSM
- Families where there are children who are FSM eligible and non-eligible

Apply early to secure your place for this summer!



As we approach the halfway stage of the Year 10 Work Experience opportunity there are so many wonderful stories, achievements, acts of kindness and positive impressions to report. What a positive experience for so many of our students! Placements are spread wide and far - from Italy, Switzerland, Ireland, Wales to London, Bedford, Northampton, Peterborough and Milton Keynes. Students are gaining an insight into many career pathways while picking up the simple disciplines of being in the workplace, one of the most powerful learning points from the placement.

There are stories of students standing in a pottery studio covered in clay, joining a solicitor for a day in court, helping a local charity deliver food/medical hampers to needy local residents, travelling to meetings in Edinburgh, being 'a great chap, who we will be delighted to offer a part-time job to' and 'she is so mature and helpful, it is like having another member of staff around. We are planning a big client visit to Glasgow next week and hopefully, we will be able to invite her. We are hoping to offer her a summer job.' What lovely comments from local employers. What fantastic ambassadors for the school, we are so proud of them and thank you, once again, for all your hard work in helping the students. Staff are looking forward to many more visits over the coming days and hearing more fabulous achievements and experiences - all truly life enhancing.

Mr Hopley, Head of Year 10, said, 'HBK staff have been visiting students and it has been wonderful to see how mature and responsible our Year 10 students are! Some students have already impressed their bosses so much that they have been offered paid work when their placement is over! Students have been experiencing all facets of the work environment from professional dress codes, office admin and customer relations to restoring classic race cars. It's been a busy experience so far and will undoubtedly stay with them forever. If you'd like to see a few more details, you can find more pictures and stories on the Year 10 Instagram @hbkbblackties.'



Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter – sent to you on behalf of the Constabulary

This edition of the [Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter](#) covers: **Kids Walk**: Safe and healthy journeys for all children; **E-scooters and School legislation**; **Weapon Amnesty success**; **‘Disguised’ Knives**: information awareness for parents/carers and school staff; **The Dark Web Explained**: Essential guide for parent and carers; **Threatening Behaviour Online**: how the law protects victims of online bullying.

Students’ attendance at HBK: Did you know?

Did you know that HBK students’ overall attendance is **consistently higher** than both the national average AND the county average? You do now! This doesn’t happen by chance – well done to our students and their parents, and to Team HBK, especially our Pastoral Team and our Attendance Team!

This week’s blog

This week’s blog is entitled Practice Pays Off – PPO! If you would like to read it, it’s here: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=668>

We are HBK.

Mark Patterson
Principal