



4 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the final term of Year 11, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the academic year. Your encouragement and guidance have been invaluable in helping our students reach this crucial stage of their education. With GCSE exams now fast approaching, we need your support more than ever to ensure that students are fully prepared and giving themselves the best possible chance of success.

Easter Interventions and Independent Revision

As communicated last Friday, a number of staff are running interventions during the Easter holiday, to supplement your child's independent preparations for the GCSE examinations. Please reference this previous communication to see the sessions available to your child, since some are open to all and others specific groups, and I ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends these wherever feasible. Students are to sign in via main reception and are to wear appropriate non-school uniform.

As alluded to, your child's independent revision is hugely important during the Easter break, something that will play a fundamental role in their academic success. In recent days all subjects have provided your child with resources to support their revision during the holiday and we ask that they make use of these. In addition, various resources can be found on your child's Google classroom to support them and on the Year 11 section of the academy website. In many subjects students' have received QLAs, which help to signpost revision areas. In maths these align with students' Sparx, with what are called "fix ups" on the areas identified. In science for example students received a RAG rated QLA that includes QR codes with video revision resources that should be accessed for any topics of concern. In English, students' have been provided with a wealth of revision materials, including key quotations to learn during the holiday. There are a huge number of other resources that have been shared and I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that your child makes best use of these resources.

Attendance during the Summer Term

At this stage, it is vital that students are attending school regularly, engaging in intervention sessions, and actively revising at home. Attendance and commitment to their studies will play a key role in their overall performance. We ask for your continued encouragement to ensure that your child remains focused and dedicated in these final weeks. Good attendance is crucial in helping your child to achieve the very best at school, opening doors to greater opportunities in the future. It also reflects our Team Heanor Value of Organisation, an idea which our students embrace. I am delighted to share that our students' strong attendance has placed us in the top 25% of schools nationally, giving them a significant advantage over many of their peers across the country. Thank

you for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and benefits from this excellent foundation for success.

As we move into the summer months and the examination period, we would like to remind parents that our uniform standards remain unchanged. Specifically, if students choose to wear a skirt, it must be a pleated one. School trousers are still an acceptable alternative, and we appreciate your support in maintaining the school's uniform policy.

Leavers' Items and Events

In addition to exam preparations, there are some important events we would like to bring to your attention:

1. **Yearbook:** A fantastic keepsake for students to remember their time at HGSA. This is available to purchase on parent pay. Deadline: 23rd May 2025
2. **Leavers' Hoodie:** Available for students to purchase as a memento of their time at school. This is available to purchase on parent pay. Deadline: 23rd May 2025.
3. **Prom:** A special celebration to mark the end of Year 11. The event will be held on Friday 27 June 2025 and tickets are priced at £40 per student. This includes a two course sit down meal at Derby County Pride Park. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay, and the deadline for purchase is Deadline: 23rd May 2025.
4. **Leavers assembly:** This is attended by all students and will be after the completion of the examination period. We will contact you nearer the time to confirm the exact date and timing of this.

Please be reminded that prom is a school-organised event, and as such, we reserve the right to withdraw a student's ticket if their behaviour in school falls below expectations. We want this to be a memorable and enjoyable occasion for all students, and it is essential that they continue to uphold the school's values.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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