



4 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the new academic year.

As we prepare to welcome students in Years 8–11 back to school on Monday 7 September at 8.40am, we would like to share some important information with you, as well as introduce some exciting new initiatives for the year ahead.

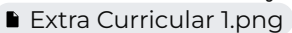
Breakfast Club

We understand that balancing childcare arrangements with work and family commitments can sometimes be challenging. With this in mind, we are delighted to announce that, from Monday 7 September, we will be opening a free Breakfast Club for students.

The Breakfast Club will run from 7.30am–8.30am and will provide students with a warm, safe and supervised indoor environment where they can start their day positively. Students will also be able to enjoy free cereal.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

At Heanor Gate Spencer Academy, we take immense pride in the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities available to our students. These clubs provide students with the chance to develop new skills, pursue their interests and make the most of their time at school.

Our extra-curricular clubs will commence on Tuesday 15 September. Please see the timetable below for the exciting opportunities available this term. 

School Uniform Expectations

Finally, we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring that students meet our school uniform expectations. Maintaining high standards of uniform helps us to create a smart, positive and purposeful school environment.

Full details of our uniform expectations can be found here: [Uniform – Heanor Gate Spencer Academy](#). Please note the following key reminders:

Jewellery

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum. Students may wear:

- One pair of stud earrings in the lobe of each ear.
- One watch.

No necklaces, bracelets, rings or additional piercings are permitted. This includes nose piercings, tongue piercings and piercings in the helix or tragus. Clear or transparent piercings are also not permitted.

Hair

Haircuts should be smart in appearance and appropriate for the school setting and in line with our dress code. Extreme hairstyles, cuts or colours are not permitted.

We greatly appreciate your support in helping us to maintain these expectations and ensure that all students are ready to learn each day.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Achievement Leader prior to Monday.

Learning @ HGSA

Year 7 and 11 received information about the 2026/27 academic year prior to the summer. For families of students in Year 8-10 you will receive a letter with a video link on Wednesday 9 September.

We look forward to welcoming students back and wish everyone a happy, successful and positive start to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Wright', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr J Wright

Assistant Vice Principal