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Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been a very different school year and it is hard to believe that we are only one week away from the end of this academic year. We would like to extend our thanks to parents, carers and students for the commitment they have shown towards their studies during these unprecedented times. We are now all ready for a well-deserved break before the start of the next academic year.

Hungerhill School will close on 17 July 2020, for all students. In line with government guidelines, we will not be in a position to provide provision for children of key workers or vulnerable children during the summer holiday.

Distance Learning – Final Week of Term

As per the letter dated 03.07.20, next week Year 7, 8 and 9 will be completing their cross-curricular project. The theme is 'The Ultimate Day Out' with a view to students using their design, analysis and evaluation skills to create a theme park. A pick and mix of different activities will cover a range of all subjects and be available for students to choose from on Monday 13 July via Microsoft Teams. We wish students luck with their competition entries that should be submitted in the first week of September.

September Arrangements

I will be writing to all parents again by the end of next week with specific details of our September arrangements for the reopening of school to all students. However, I can confirm, in line with current government guidelines, the school will be operating using a system of staggered start times and end times to the usual school day. In addition, we will utilise staggered lunch times to maintain the necessary hygiene conditions to keep students as safe as possible.

We will be communicating arrangements for the first week back but I can confirm that both Year 7 and Year 11 students will be in school on Wednesday 2 September for the FULL day before the whole school return back on Thursday 3 September. A phased return for different year groups will allow students and staff the time to adapt to the new procedures that we have had to put in place to account for the safety of all personnel in school. In addition, it will allow our new Year 7 cohort an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their new school and spend time with their form tutors. As always, we will follow the government guidelines regarding Covid-19.



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Distanced Learning over the summer period

Microsoft Teams will stay open during the summer break for students to complete any remaining tasks within their assignments. No additional remote learning will be set for students during the summer. Teachers will not be available to support students with their work during this time.

Pre-owned Uniform & Stationery

In response to Covid-19, we have made the decision to recycle uniform and stationery. If you have any unwanted items that are in good condition and that may help some of our students during this difficult financial time, we would be really grateful if you could donate these at reception. We have set up a drop-off point with labelled laundry and stationery baskets which can be accessed between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

We are looking for:

- * 'Cliffs' uniform that has been outgrown, we are in greatest need of blazers, skirts and trousers
- * Hungerhill branded PE kit, including football boots that have been outgrown
- * spare stationery that is no longer required, including scientific calculators and revision guides

If you are a parent/carer who is struggling to purchase new uniform or stationery this year and wish to make use of any donations, due to financial hardship, please contact uniform@hungerhillschool.com - please note that all uniform donated will be cleaned and pressed prior to redistribution.


Form Tutor Reports

Tutors have written form tutor reports this term for Year 7, 9 and 10 which have been posted out to parents/carers. Year 8 and 11 received their ROAs prior to the school closure. These reports would usually accompany subject grades and attitude to learning grades and would provide an overview of your child's progress alongside a pastoral view of your child. However due to school closures, this process has been reviewed and amended to report on the following: key characteristics, interests and traits that stand out to us about your child, your child's time in school before partial closures, how well they have engaged in remote learning and aims for next year. Hopefully in these difficult times, these reports have given you an insight into your child's involvement in school this year, however reporting will return to normal next academic year. From looking at a cross section of reports across all year groups, the senior leadership team have enjoyed reading so many positive comments about our students. Whilst going through challenging times, it is great to see so many of our students being resilient and still enjoying many successes both personally and in their learning.

Summer School Update

The Year 10 Summer School is scheduled to take place from the 17 to 21 August. Students who participate are due to attend school every day and this will be an opportunity for them to build on the work that has been taught either in school or as remote learning, since the school reopened for the year group in June. The students will experience lessons in their core subjects of English, maths and science from their specialist teachers. The sessions will aim to prepare students for their full time return in September so that they hit the ground running and hopefully bridge gaps in learning. We have the ambition that our students



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will not be disadvantaged in these vital core subjects and the Summer School, along with the extended day proposed from September, will help to prepare students for their final exams. To book your child's place, please complete the following survey by 9am on Monday 13 July
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6QRBTP3>

Year 11 Update

We have a group of Student Leaders/Leavers Committee members working to design an event for Year 11 students to celebrate their time at Hungerhill. We've had some great ideas so far that will create a very special, extraordinary celebratory event for our students. The group will meet again early next week to begin the planning stage of our agreed event. More details to follow soon.

Due to Covid-19, our supplier for the leavers' jumpers has had difficulty securing stock which has slowed down the processing of our order. However, they are due to arrive very soon and will be available for collection on results day.

We are still in the process of making final arrangements regarding GCSE results day. We should be able to supply further information by Friday 17 July.

SEND Update

We welcome to the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Laidlaw, an experienced Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo). SEND is a valued department at Hungerhill School and helps to ensure we are supportive in our ethos to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to all our students. Mrs Laidlaw joins the team as Mrs Tomlinson moves to part time employment in September. The team bids a fond farewell to Mrs Daintree, Mrs Flanagan, Mr Robertson and Mrs Zinke, all of whom served the school for many years, working relentlessly for the good of the students. We look forward to welcoming back the students in September with a full team of staff.


For all students on the Special Educational Needs register there will be a learning profile and a departmental overview sent through to you in the post. We welcome your feedback and comments, and as always, we invite you to contact the school to discuss these.

Florida Kit

After the very disappointing cancellation of the Florida football tour, we are pleased announce that we will be able to provide students that were part of the tour group with an impressive collection of sports clothing in the Autumn Term. This has been achieved through the money raised by the students themselves and the PE department. Significant and very generous donations and sponsorship have also been made by Mr Sleath, Mr and Mrs Taylor, Saxon Travel and TW metals. We thank them for their support and contribution. As a result, we have managed to acquire the following items for the students:

- Personalised Adidas match kit
- Personalised Adidas training kit
- Personalised Adidas sports bag
- Personalised Adidas polo shirt
- Personalised Adidas ¾ zip top (sponsored by Mr Sleath)



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This does not compensate for the huge disappointment in missing out on the football tour itself but we hope that by providing the kit highlighted above, that the students that were due to go on the trip feel valued. The PE department would like to say a huge thank you to parents, sponsors and students for the support we have received as we strived to deliver a successful tour to Florida.

Junior Mathematics Challenge

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge took place online and Hungerhill had 36 Year 8 students that were brave enough to sit the assessment at home. Out of the 36 participants, the school had 8 students who scored highly enough to be awarded the BRONZE award, 5 who were awarded the SILVER award and one individual, Alex Sakowicz, who outshone everyone else and was awarded a GOLD award, a fantastic effort.

Bronze awards went to: Hunter Hartley, Macy Baker, Louis Wilkes, Yu Qing-Huang, James Munro, Scarlett Youdan, Finley McCormack and Finn Williams.

It was Silver for: Jack Wood, Carrie Atkins, Kyle Gray, Neshesh Rai and Lewis Davis.

Gold Award and Best in School went to Alex Sakowicz.

Others that took part were: Abbie Jackson, Brody Taylor, Noah Long, Ethan Frost, Elijah Maxey, Ashlea Rawlings, Oliver Holbrey, Isabelle Norman, Romilly Chorlton-Jones, Hannah Mosby, Adam Cockett, Ella Doran, Sonny Quinn, Alex Golightly, Abi Green, Mollie Thompson, Harmany Gibson, Isabelle Chambers, Jamie Hone, Lily Ashurst, Summer-Hope Tanton-Forster and Charles Jones.

Well done to all 36 students who were wonderful advocated for the school.


Year 6 Transition Update

We have been working hard over the last half term rising to the challenge of ensuring all of our Year 6 students are as well prepared for joining us in September as possible. With us not being able to offer our usual Transition programme, we have adapted and created a full 'virtual transition' programme. This has included the creation of a wide-range of video resources, a dedicated area on our website for everything transition, Zoom meetings with our primary colleagues to share information and a substantially upgraded pack of information posted out to homes. The pack included information for parents and transition activities for the students to compliment the activities we provided that are being completed in primary schools and as home learning. We have also converted all our paperwork, registration and permission forms into online formats which has proven very successful and user-friendly. Zoom meetings are scheduled for the final week of term for our feeder primary students with some of our key Year 7 staff and we are working on a 2-day starter package for our new Year 7s for when they arrive in September, aimed at helping them settle in quickly and build relationships within their new tutor groups.

Extended School Day for Current Year 10 in September 2020

As previously shared, the current Year 10 cohort will have an additional period (15:10-16:10) on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday night will be a maths lesson, Tuesday an English lesson and Wednesday will be an additional science lesson. All of these lessons will be taught by subject specialists and will support your child to close the possible gaps generated due to the school closure.



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Bus Services

After conversations with the bus company, they are reviewing their timetables based on the demand and the possible staggering of the school day that could affect all schools, and may make changes based on this for September through additional services. The current provision for the public buses after 1610 that leave outside Hungerhill school are:

Towards Hatfield/Stainforth

87a 16:20

87 16:30

Towards Barnby Dun/Kirk Sandall

84b 16:13

84a 16:50

Towards Doncaster Town centre

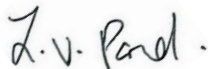
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We will continue our dialogue with the bus company and keep you updated with any changes.


Our leadership team and pastoral team are available next week to help should you need advice/support. If you or your family have been personally affected by Covid-19, we would also ask that you contact us so that we are aware and can provide support if needed. Please email admin@hungerhillschool.com so that we can direct your enquiry or concern to the relevant person.

Yours sincerely,



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