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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Enrichment Clubs and Student Leadership

Whilst we are only four weeks into the new term, students have made a fantastic start back at Hungerhill! The atmosphere has been extremely positive: in lessons students are highly motivated for learning and at social times we have been delighted to see so many students demonstrating our core values of care, honesty and respect.

Recently we have re-launched our core values of resilience, respect, excellence, care and honesty to place greater emphasis on the importance of students developing these traits to succeed in their school life and beyond. At Hungerhill, we embrace personal development and the wider curriculum and believe they are just as vital as academic performance in allowing students to develop cultural capital and succeed in later life. Two major aspects of this are enrichment and student leadership.

At Hungerhill, we are proud to offer an extensive variety of enrichment clubs which began this week, running at lunchtime and after school. Please use the link at the end of this letter to see the 2021-22 enrichment programme. Research suggests that students who participate in enrichment activities have greater self-esteem and resilience: this engagement in enrichment activities can also support academic achievement. It also gives students the opportunity to make new friends and get to know staff who might not teach them in the timetabled lessons, helping with relationship building and communication skills. We aim to offer our students as many enrichment opportunities as possible so the programme will evolve throughout the year, taking into account student voice and the ideas of our Year 11 Student Leaders who are supporting Mr Parks with the design and running of the clubs. We have been delighted to see a large number of students attending and enjoying the enrichment clubs during the launch this week: all students will receive five bonus credits as a well done from us for giving the clubs a try!

Another aspect of personal development that we are placing great emphasis on this year is student leadership. We believe our students can have a profound impact on school improvement: our programme aims to enhance the input students have with rewards, whole school events and student well-being. This started with the election of our Year 11 Student leaders and Form Reps from every year group. Our Form Reps will be part of their Year Group Council and the Whole-School Council, voicing the opinions and ideas of all our students and working on our rewards system to ensure we recognise and celebrate our many students who go above and beyond daily. Form reps were presented with their certificates and badges in assemblies this week: well done to these students! In the coming weeks, Mr Parks will be launching a number of other student leadership groups and we hope to see many students taking the opportunity to join one or more of these.



For more information and to see our enrichment club programme, please use the following link to the wider curriculum section of our website:

<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=Wider+Curriculum&pid=244>

Yours sincerely



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