



September 2022

Dear parent/carer

We hope you have enjoyed the weather we have received over the summer and managed to have a relaxing break together. During the holidays both students and staff have been celebrating, with an excellent set of GCSE results, which exceed those of 2019, 2020 and 2021. The school is immensely proud of all our Year 11 students, and we wish them good luck in their next stage of their educational journey.

We look forward to welcoming all the students back to school next week and therefore wanted to support in the preparations for school life with the following information.

- 1. **School opens** to all students on Tuesday 6th September
- Staggered finish to the day- Unfortunately the traffic issues in the bus bay remain a health and safety concern. We are working closely with the council to construct a permanent fence and barrier system. Until this is constructed, we will have to continue to operate a staggered finish at the end of the school day, to minimise traffic. Please see below, for your child's designated time.
 3.05: Years 7 and 8
 3.10: Years 9 and 10
 3.15: Year 11
 We will continue to update you in this matter over the coming weeks.
 School Holidays term dates 2022-2023 Hungerhill School Calendar

Training Days Monday 5 September 2022 Friday 4 November 2022 Monday 5 December 2022 Monday 24 July 2023 Tuesday 25 July 2023

4. Equipment – Students are expected to bring the following equipment to school each day:

Student Planner	Pencil Case
Whiteboard Black Marker Pen	Black Pen x2
Sharpener	Purple Pen
Eraser HB	Pencil x2
Highlighter	Colouring Pencils
Glue Stick	Scientific Calculator
Black Fine Liner	Compass
Art Pencils	Protractor
Ruler	Stereo Audio Cable
Small Headphones (earpiece style) AUX 3.5mm	

There will be regular checks with the form tutor for the correct equipment. Being prepared is the first step students can take to be successful and this should be prioritised. However, sanctions will be applied should a student repeatedly come unprepared for learning. A full copy of the School behaviour policy can be found via the link below:

Behaviour policy



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5. School Uniform

The <u>uniform requirements</u> for 2022-2023 were shared with parents in July and can be accessed via the school website, these can also be found in the student planner.

There are **no changes** with regards to uniform standards. However, please remind your child that: **School skirt**: This must be the appropriate length and should not be rolled up at the waist.

*Replacements will be provided for the school day.

Shoes: Please refer to the school website. Plain black shoes for all, no gold trims or boots allowed. *Replacements will be provided for the school day.

Piercings: No facial piercings to be worn- this includes tongue/mouth piercings. Any new piercings over the summer must be removed for the first day of the school term.

Eyelashes and nails- No false eyelashes and false/acrylic nails are to be worn. Any eyelashes or nails from the summer must be removed in time for the first day of school.

Hair colour- Only natural shades of hair colour are suitable for school. Bright and vivid unnatural hair dyes will need to be corrected for the first day of the school term.

PE shorts- cycling shorts are permitted but must not be rolled up.

*Social time detentions will be issued for any student not following the school expectations until the student presents in line with the school standards.

6. Mobile devices- The expectation regarding any mobile device is not changing and we still expect students to have **no mobile devices** visible in school. If your child chooses to bring a mobile device/air pods to school, they must be switched off and kept in their school bag at **all times**. Students are not allowed these devices on whilst on the school site.

*School will sanction any student not following this rule with same day detentions. Repeated offences will result in students having devices confiscated and handed back to parents. Please refer to the school devices agreement.

7. Attendance

Hungerhill School will continue with their attendance initiative 'Attend, Achieve, Succeed' with many rewards for excellent attendance.

All children aged between 5 and 16 are required by law to receive an education, and it is the duty of the parents and carers to ensure that they are supported to do so.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success- both in school and in life. Students who frequently miss school will often fall behind in lessons. There is a strong correlation between good school attendance and achieving good results. For example, only 12% of students with below 80% school attendance achieve five or more GCSEs at a 'good pass' or above (grades 4-9) including English and Mathematics, compared to 68% for students with attendance greater than 95%.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school is essential, the school gates open at 08.00 and close at 08:40. A member of Senior Leadership is present on the gate for all students to be welcomed on the premises. Any student arriving after this time is asked to report to the school reception where they will be issued with a same day detention of 30 minutes. Form time and assembly time are an essential part of the school day for students to be informed of events and receive pastoral support.

Attendance and Punctuality policy here

8. Extra-curricular

School seek to provide a variety of extracurricular activities for all students with many interests being accommodated (information found here.) We would like to encourage all students to engage in these. Last academic year we saw a large number of students embracing this part of the school life, this academic year we would like to see an increase in the participation. **Any students with any ideas on new enrichment clubs please speak to Mrs Hancock.*



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9. School Dinners

Our lunchtime offer is now better than ever with a new provider of meals – Mellors. If you would like to use the catering service please note a student **must** have money on their account in order to buy a meal. Accounts should be credited via Pay360. Please be aware that this transaction can take time to come through the system so would need to be placed on at the start of the day required. **New Year 7** students should attend school at their allocated time slot on Monday 5th September to set up their cashless accounts that requires a biometric print setting up. This will allow students to access the catering facilities from their first day at school without delay. Parents please look out for an invitation to Pay360 so that you can enrol your child onto our cashless catering system. Unfortunately, this invitation cannot be generated until the biometric print is set up in school. If you want your child to access the school canteen you will need to action this email, as school lunches can only be purchased using this method. Members of the finance team will be available on the 5th between 11.00-3.00 to offer support as needed. They can be contacted on 01302 885811 ext. 283 or 259

Through challenging times and with the cost-of-living crisis impacting so many of us, you may well be eligible to apply for free school meals. To check out if this is you and your family, please visit: https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

We are looking forward to another successful year at Hungerhill and eagerly anticipate the return of all students on Tuesday.

Regards

Mrs Pond Headteacher Mr Storey Deputy Headteacher Mrs Laidlaw Deputy Headteacher



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