

18 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Re: Celebrating Our First Two Weeks Back!

I hope this letter finds you well. I am delighted to share that the first two weeks back at Hungerhill have been incredibly positive. As the new Headteacher, I have been immensely impressed with the enthusiasm, dedication, and behaviour of our students. It has been wonderful to see the school community come together so seamlessly after the summer break, refreshed and reenergised, with huge smiles on their faces. Our new Year 7s have settled into secondary school life extremely well and it feels like they have always been part of our community.

I think it's fair to say that our wonderful students have shown remarkable commitment to their studies and school activities in these first couple of weeks. I have spent much time walking round school during lesson time and also at social time and the school has been calm and productive. I am confident that this positive start will set the tone for a successful academic year ahead.

Our Performing Arts Department has just launched the school production for this year which is hotly anticipated by us all, being the hit musical, 'Grease'. Student auditions will take place this week and I know we already have a huge number of eager and willing participants, ready and waiting!

I hope you have received our mini-newsletter 'Hungerhill Highlights' which will be produced bi-weekly moving forward and will showcase some of the interesting and exciting happenings from Hungerhill. If you haven't received this and would like to, please do let us know by contacting school reception.

### Uniform Expectations

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the vast majority of our students are well equipped, eager for learning and beautifully smart in their uniforms. To maintain our high standards and sense of school pride, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of our uniform expectations. As you know, a smart and consistent uniform contributes significantly to the school's ethos and the students' sense of belonging.

### Here are the key points to remember:

- **Blazers:** Must be worn at all times within the school premises, unless permission has been given to remove.
- **Hungerhill School Jumpers** are optional and may be worn under the blazer. Only jumpers with the Hungerhill logo are permitted.
- **Shirts and Ties:** Shirts should be tucked in and a clip-on school tie must be worn.
- **Skirts and Trousers:** Plain black, trousers/knee length skirt of a classical style, straight cut. **Please note that stretchy, skin tight skirts made mainly of lycra are not permitted.**
- **Footwear:** All students are expected to wear sensible, black shoes with safe heels for movement



around school. Trainers, boots, canvas shoes, sandals, pumps, or 'ballet' style shoes including Vivienne Westwood's are not allowed. Shoes should have a low heel. Gold/silver bars and clasps on the front of shoes are not permitted.

- **Hoodies, sweatshirts or body warmers** are not permitted whilst on-site, please ensure with the cold weather approaching that your child comes with the correct outer garments.
- **Piercings:** No facial piercings to be worn, this includes tongue/mouth/nose piercings.
- **Eyelashes, Nails and Makeup:** False eyelashes are not permitted and nails should look natural, being no longer than 6mm in length. Makeup should look natural.
- **Hair and Facial Appearance:** no extreme colours, gradings or styles, please.

Should you need further information about uniform at Hungerhill, you can find this on our school website at [Hungerhill School - School Uniform](#)

We will continue with our uniform checks throughout the year and appreciate your support in ensuring that all students adhere to our policy. Should our students need support in ensuring their uniform is correctly worn, where possible we will provide replacement items for the school day.

You may remember that we now have a 'Previously Loved' uniform bank in school. These are uniform items which are in perfect condition and have been cleaned and repackaged for distribution. If you would like to access this, please just get in touch with our reception staff who will be happy to help, or alternatively email [uniform@hungerhillschool.com](mailto:uniform@hungerhillschool.com)

### Looking Ahead

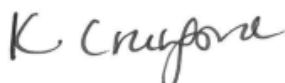
I thought it might be useful to include some key dates for parents and carers for this half term. As always, we have a full and busy schedule and of course, I will be at all of these events and will ensure we have time to meet and chat informally.

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Brief Description
Year 11 Steps to Success	Thursday 19 September 4.30-6.00pm	Year 11	Post-16 careers evening with the chance to also speak informally to subject leaders for any GCSE support.
Year 6 Open Evening	Tuesday 1 October 4.30-6.30pm	Year 6	A showcase of Hungerhill School for prospective new students.
Year 7 Meet the Tutors	Tuesday 15 October 5.00-6.00pm	Year 7	A chance for parents of Year 7 students to meet their child's tutor and find out more about life at Hungerhill.

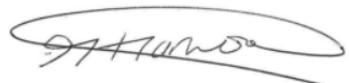
I know that the year will be a very busy one with much to do but as we move forward, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and the continued progress we can achieve together. I look forward to working closely with you and your children to make this year a memorable and successful one.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Warmest regards



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