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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Re: Hungerhill End-of-Year Update and September Return Information

It is with a sense of disbelief that I write to you knowing that we are approaching the end of the academic year – I think we all feel this year that time has passed so very quickly.

It has certainly been a year packed with so many things to celebrate, and I have very much enjoyed sharing these with you in my letters. Just this term alone we have welcomed our Year 6s for their transition (we can't wait for them to join us in September!), we have celebrated our wonderful Year 11s as we marked the end of their Hungerhill journey with us, our Year 10s have enjoyed a very productive week doing work experience and so many of our students have enjoyed rewards and celebration events. We have enjoyed our first whole school Cultural Celebration Day, an amazing Creative Arts Event and we kept our fitness equipment going for 12 hours for our annual Fitathon. Last week we hosted our first afternoon tea for members of the local community which was a roaring success, and we hope to hold more community events next year. You can read all about these events and more in our summer term newsletter, which will be shared with you on Friday 18 July.

As you can imagine, we spend much of this period in the academic year looking forward to September and preparing for the next year ahead. As always, we are planning for an education of the highest quality for our amazing students. Their education and pastoral care are at the very core of all we do at Hungerhill, and they deserve nothing less than the very best. We are so very lucky at Hungerhill that, unlike many secondary schools across the country, we have a fully staffed team of subject specialists across the school.

Next year we are introducing Personal Development hour into the curriculum which will replace our Curriculum Focus Days. This lesson will be a rolling hour on the timetable and will cover RE, PSHE, careers and study skills and will be delivered by our wonderful form tutor team. It will also allow our Year 11 students some additional time for maths and English intervention, should they need it. The structure of PD hour will be explained to our students in form time during the first week back, so please be assured that they will be supported in fully understanding this curriculum.

We are also very excited to be fully launching our House system in September. We will have four houses: Fortitudo (courage, fortitude, strength, bravery), Incio (inspire, beginnings), Meliora (better things) and Honestas (honour, integrity, honesty). Our House system will be led by Mr Spruce and our House Leaders are Mr Catell (Meliora), Miss Walker (Honestas), Miss Bates and Mr Healey (Fortitudo) and Miss Locker (Incio). We are really excited about the camaraderie, competition and sense of belonging the House system will bring.

The return to school in September is always a time when we reset our expectations and standards. To support this, we are introducing a slightly altered structure to the school day with the removal of Proud and



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Praise after lunch and a slightly longer form time in the morning instead. This will allow us to better use form time for targeted academic support, to promote reading and develop crucial life skills as well as supporting student well-being, academic performance and social-emotional development. Please see the table below for the updated timings of lessons:

<b>Form time</b>	8.40-9.05
<b>Period 1</b>	9.05-10.05
<b>Period 2</b>	10.05-11.05
<b>Break</b>	11.05-11.20
<b>Period 3</b>	11.20-12.20
<b>Lunch</b>	12.20-13.10
<b>Period 4</b>	13.10-14.10
<b>Period 5</b>	14.10-15.10

As you know, excellent attendance and punctuality are both vital components of success at school. As a school we have made huge strides forward in attendance this year. More importantly, our students are in lessons learning every day which only increases their potential for their GCSEs. Thank you so much for all your support in this area. Attendance will continue to be a key priority for us as we move into next academic year; please do let us know if you would like help with attendance by contacting our attendance team at the school who will be only too happy to help.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring students return to school in September in full and correct uniform. Our uniform expectations can be found on our school website at [Hungerhill School - School Uniform](#). As a symbol of our community and commitment to Hungerhill, it is really important that students wear their uniform correctly and with pride.

Finally, we will be finishing our year this Friday 18 July at the usual time of 3.10pm. We are already looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday 2 September 2025, at the times below:

- Year 7 – 8.40am, report to registration
- Year 11 – 10.25am, report to registration
- Years 8, 9, and 10 – 11.05am, enjoy breaktime then report to registration at 11.20am

All students will attend at the usual start time of 8.40am from Wednesday 3 September.

Now though, it is important that our students and staff get some rest and relaxation over the summer break to enjoy time with family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as our wonderful parents and carers, for all that you do for the school. The support that you give us in educating your children makes us the school that we are. I feel so proud to have the privilege of working with you and your amazing children.

Enjoy the summer break and spending time with each other as a family.

With warmest wishes



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