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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: End of Summer Term Update and September Arrangements

As we approach the end of another academic year, it is hard to believe how quickly the months have passed. It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming students back in September, yet we now find ourselves reflecting on another busy and successful year.

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 an amazing Creative Arts Event, and we kept our fitness equipment moving continuously for an incredible 12 hours during our annual Fitathon, which formed part of our new FitFest day. The event was a tremendous success, generating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the school. Congratulations to House Fortitudo, which emerged as the worthy winners of our inaugural FitFest competition. As always, you can read all about these events, and much more, in our Summer Term Newsletter, which will be circulated on Friday.

While celebrating the achievements of this year, we are also looking ahead with excitement to September. Plans for the new academic year have been well underway, with a continued focus on delivering outstanding educational and pastoral provision for every student. Our young people are at the heart of every decision we make, and they deserve the very best support and opportunities. We are incredibly fortunate that Hungerhill continues to benefit from a full complement of specialist teaching staff across all subject areas, placing us in a stronger position than many schools across the country.

We are particularly excited about the introduction of our new enrichment programme next year, which will become an important part of the curriculum and further enhance the opportunities available to our students. Over the last couple of weeks, there has been a real sense of enthusiasm and anticipation around school as students have explored the wide range of activities on offer and carefully selected the enrichment options that most interest them. The programme has been designed to broaden horizons, develop new skills, encourage creativity and nurture individual talents beyond the traditional curriculum. Whether pursuing existing passions or stepping outside their comfort zones to try something completely new, students will have the opportunity to learn,



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grow and thrive in different ways. We are delighted by the positive response from students so far and cannot wait to see them engaging in their chosen enrichment activities when the new academic year begins. This exciting addition reflects our commitment to providing a truly rounded educational experience that prepares young people not only for examinations, but for life beyond the classroom.

As you know, 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 based on feedback from our students. The changes are only very minimal and will reduce lunchtime by ten minutes but increase breaktime by five minutes. Our students tell us that they find lunchtime too long, particularly in the colder months, and breaktime too rushed. We have also extended Period 5 by five minutes to provide dedicated time at the end of the day for important notices and communications from key members of staff. These small adjustments will help create a better balance to the school day, ensuring students have appropriate opportunities to relax, socialise and recharge, while also strengthening communication and ensuring key messages are shared effectively.

Please see the table below for the updated timings of the day:

Form time	8.40-9.05
Period 1	9.05-10.05
Period 2	10.05-11.05
Break	11.05-11.25
Period 3	11.25-12.25
Lunch	12.25-13.05 (movement bell at 13.00)
Period 4	13.05-14.05
Period 5	14.05-15.10

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 the 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 17 July at 1.00pm**. We are already looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on **Thursday 3 September**, at the times below:

- Year 7 – from 8.30am, report to registration for 8.40am
- Years 8-11 – 10.00am, report to registration for 10.05am



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All students will attend their lessons as normal from period 3 and all students will attend at the usual start time of 8.40am from Friday 4 September.

Before we reach the start of the new academic year though, it is important that everyone takes the opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved summer break. I hope that our students, staff and families are able to spend quality time together, relax and create lasting memories. As always, I would like to thank you as our valued parents and carers for your unwavering support throughout the year. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in our success, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do. It remains a privilege to lead such a wonderful school community and to work alongside such exceptional young people.

With warmest wishes



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Headteacher



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