



**Hazel Wood**  
High School

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Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you at the end of this academic year to say a huge thank you for all your support, this has been another really positive year for our school. There have been huge improvements here at Hazel Wood and so much to celebrate, not least being graded 'good' in all areas by Ofsted.

I am so proud of everything we have achieved together and those of you who come into school will see what an amazing place this is, please do see our news page of our website to see everything we have been doing.

As the year ends I wanted to communicate the following changes and important news for the next academic year.

### **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

As you will know from various previous communications, the school has invested in the SIMS Parent App and I would like to encourage you to ensure that you have downloaded and have access to the app.

Outside of the school text messages that are sent, we will continue to use Parent App as our main method of communication for information such as behaviour, attendance and your child's school reports. It is essential that you download and continue to use this app to ensure that you do not miss any important messages regarding your child and their education. If you are struggling to download this, or need assistance in doing so please contact the school.

### **STAFFING CHANGES**

This year we say goodbye to Mr Bux, Mr Kowalski, Miss Dyson, Ms Kruvele, Miss Ecclestone & Ms Smith. We wish them all good luck as they move on to the next stages of their careers.

We welcome for September the following members of staff:

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| Name  | Role                                 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Miss Hopkinson  | Director of Performing Arts          |
| Miss Doyle  | Teacher of Mathematics               |
| Mrs. Horsfield  | Pupil Services Administrator         |
| Mrs Atkinson  | Attendance Officer                   |
| Miss Cooke  | Teacher of Science (Maternity Cover) |
| Mrs Ellithorn   | Head of Physical Education           |
| Mr Kayani   | Teacher of English                   |
| Mrs Naz   | Teacher of Religious Education       |
| Miss Martins  | Learning Mentor                      |
| I am also pleased to announce the following internal appointments:  |                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Davidson is our new Assistant Headteacher</li><li>• Mrs Schofield is our new Director of Explore</li><li>• Mrs Ahmed is our new Director of Creative Arts</li><li>• Mr Bland is our new Assistant Director of Explore</li><li>• Miss Coulthard is our new Lead Teacher of Explore</li><li>• Miss Wood is our new SENCO</li><li>• Mrs Iwaneczko is our new Assistant Director of Science</li><li>• Mrs Tompkins is our HR Officer</li><li>• Miss Gibbs is our new Safeguarding Officer</li></ul> |                                      |

### **UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT & HOMEWORK**

Please see the attached leaflets that explain the uniform and equipment that your child will require on our return in September. We place great emphasis on the fact that the first step towards your child being able to achieve their

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academic potential is ensuring that they are suitably dressed and equipped and I would therefore ask you to support us in making sure the following are in place:

- All students must wear shoes and not any form of trainer/pump/boot or trainer shoe (please see attached guide).
- Students who wear trousers must wear the official school grey trouser supplied by Macron.
- Students are not allowed to use mobile phones once in school.
- Students who choose to wear skirts must ensure they are at the appropriate length with tights and not leggings (please ensure that the skirt is at least knee length when purchasing).
- Tights are compulsory from September through to the end of half term 5.
- No hoodies are allowed to be seen once on school property, there is an official optional school jumper available.

Information is clear in the leaflet but if you have any issues, please contact your child's Pastoral Year Leader.

### **SEPTEMBER RETURN DATE**

All students return to School on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**, the time that your children will return to Hazel Wood will be determined by their year group. Please see below the times for student return.

Our Year 7 new starters who return to school on time and on the first day will receive a **Learning pack** for their first day of attendance including a school pen, school water bottle and our teaching and learning pack.

| Year Group in School | Time to be in school |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 7                    | 8.55am               |
| 8                    | 11.40am              |
| 9                    | 10.15am              |
| 10                   | 11.40am              |
| 11                   | 8.55am               |

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## **CHANGES TO SCHOOL DAY AND CORRECTIONS**

As outlined in the letter sent by Mr. Groves in June earlier this year, we have conducted a pilot of changes to the timings of the school day in the last half term, which has allowed for less transitions through the day, more opportunities for lunch activities and no disruption to lessons that has previously come with a split lunch. We also moved to same day corrections in response to parental and student feedback in order avoid P Points 'rolling over' to the next day as well as ensuring a fresh start for all students the following day to uphold our school values more successfully.

I am pleased to say that the pilots of the new school day and correction system have been extremely successful, and the changes have been well received by parents, students, and staff. We will therefore make these arrangements permanent from September.

The school day will therefore be structured as follows:

| <b>Time</b>   | <b>Session</b>  |
|---------------|---|
| 8.40          | <b>Student gates open for the start of the school day</b> |
| 8.55 - 9.25   | <b>Period 1</b> <i>Line up and morning meeting</i>        |
| 9.25 - 10.25  | <b>Period 2</b>   |
| 10.25 - 11.25 | <b>Period 3</b>   |
| 11.25 - 11.40 | Morning break   |
| 11.40 - 12.40 | <b>Period 4</b>   |
| 12.40 - 13.40 | <b>Period 5</b>   |
| 13.40 - 14.10 | Lunch   |
| 14.10 - 14.15 | Afternoon Line up   |
| 14.15 - 15.15 | <b>Period 6</b>   |
| 15.15 - 16.00 | <b>Session 7</b> <i>for all Year 10 pupils</i>            |

In terms of our same day corrections system, parents will be informed of their child's P Point correction via text message between 2.45 and 3.00pm daily. We also hope to phone parents immediately that evening if their son/daughter does not attend their correction. Parents will be informed by 4.15pm via a phone call of any serious breaches of school rules and standards (Red Line Serious) that will require time in the school Reflect centre the following day(s).

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Finally, can I wish you all a safe and happy summer break and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr. P. Greenhalgh  
**Headteacher**

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## Hazel Wood High School: Uniform Rules



### Trousers/Skirt

Pupils can wear either trousers or a skirt but they must be purchased from Macron and can not be adjusted in anyway. The skirt cannot be shortened and must reach the top of the knee.

### Tie

Pupils must wear the clip-on tie.

### Shirt

A long or short sleeved white shirt, must be worn and the top button must be fastened.

### Socks

Boys must wear mid-grey socks.  
Girls can wear mid grey socks, either long or short. Alternatively girls may wear back opaque tights, (40 denier plus).

### Hijab

Must be plain black with no patterns, jewels etc.

### Shoes

Plain black leather or faux leather. No trainers, no pumps, no boots. Please see additional information on shoes.

### Jewellery

Only 1 stud in each ear lobe is permitted. It must be plain and cannot measure more than 3mm. No other piercings are allowed. Other than a watch, no other jewellery is allowed.

### Make-up

No make-up is to be worn. Acrylic/false nails are not permitted. Nail varnish is not permitted.

### Hoodies

Can be worn to and from school, but once in school must be placed into the pupil's bag on arrival to school. They cannot be carried or tied around the body.

### Hair

Must be natural colours in a neat and tidy style. Any accessories in the hair must be red. Designer lines shaved into hair are not permitted.

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## Hazel Wood High School: Equipment List

On a daily basis, pupils must bring a bag with them that is big enough to fit A4 size exercise books, as well as bringing the following equipment with them:

### Essential Equipment

All pupils **must** have the following;

- Black Pen
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler

### Additional Equipment

We also encourage pupils to also have:

- Rubber
- Purple Pen
- Mini whiteboard, pen and eraser
- A set of BRAG cards
- Glue stick
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scientific Calculator

All of the equipment above can be purchased directly from school.



For Maths you will need a calculator - Hazel Wood High School recommend you have a Casio Scientific Calculator, it is long lasting and available from Student Services.

**Model: Casio FX-83GTX**

This is the calculator you are allowed to use in exams, has all the functions needed for maths lessons and you will become familiar with it during lessons.

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