



Hall Green School

An Academy

9 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Activities week

Next week pupils will be involved in a series of enrichment activities on different days. The key information is as follows:

Year 10 will take part in a virtual work experience day on Monday where they will meet an employer from a sector of their choice. On Wednesday and Thursday, the normal timetable will be collapsed and they will take part in a circus of activities which will include careers work, a PSHE session on personal finances plus subject enrichments in English, Maths, Science and RE. They should wear school uniform throughout.

For Years 7, 8 and 9, the normal timetable will be collapsed on Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, they will take part in a series of PSHE activities, which will look at aspects of online safety for all pupils, with additional sessions on healthy relationships for Year 7, first aid for Year 8 and personal finance for year 9. On Thursday, they will take part in sports day and also in enrichment activities in two of their subjects. They should wear normal school uniform on Wednesday, even if it would usually be their PE day, and they should wear PE kit on Thursday.

School will start and finish at the normal time for each year group and pupils are expected to bring their normal writing equipment each day.

Friday 16 July

Year 7 and 8 dismissal: 12.05 pm

Year 9 and 10 dismissal: 12.15 pm

Pupils can choose to wear non-uniform on Friday. A food donation or a £1 donation is to be made through Paypal.

Alongside this letter, please see communication from the Police supporting our message to pupils around ensuring they have a safe and happy break.

Start of term arrangements

We have now received guidance from the government with regards to the start of next term although I would urge caution to parents/carers that this could change right up until the return in September. We will share plans with yourselves next week with the exact specifics on when your child will return to school but I can confirm there will be a slight stagger to the return for different year groups from September 3 to allow for the lateral flow testing programme we have been instructed to conduct.

Thursday 2 September – Staff INSET day – School closed to pupils

Friday 3 September – The return of pupils begins

Please do ensure your child is ready to return from this date as plans could still change through the summer.

From September, schools are no longer required to work in bubbles and zones which also means we no longer need to stagger arrival and dismissal times. School will start at 8.45 am for all pupils. To ensure punctuality to Period 1, all pupils should arrive by **8.40 am**. School will finish at **3.15 pm**. These timings will remain in place unless the latest guidance around the relaxing of bubbles changes.

Term dates 2021/2022

To aid parents/carers with children in other schools across the city, we follow Birmingham City Council term dates. We have been informed this week of a change to the dates for the next academic year. Due to an additional bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee that falls in May half term, we will be breaking up on Thursday 21 July and not Friday 22 July 2022.

The full term dates can be found here: <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/term-dates/>
INSET days will be confirmed next week.

Dress code

Please do take time to read the revised dress code if you haven't done so already, and ensure your child is fully prepared for the start of term <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/uniform/>.

Free school meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will receive vouchers for the summer holiday.

If your child is not currently in receipt of free school meals but you believe they may be entitled, please complete the application form that has been sent along with this letter. The form can also be found here: <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/free-school-meals-2/>

Even if your child does not intend to take up the entitlement of a free school meal every day, it is hugely beneficial to us as a school to be in receipt of the full funding available to support your child's needs fully.

Farewell to Mrs Evans

You may be aware that Mrs Evans, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral), will be retiring after 14 years at the school. Mrs Evans has led on many positive changes and developments within pastoral care in her time, and in particular has been integral in ensuring our pupils are fully supported by the welfare team, even after they leave us in Year 11. Hundreds of pupils' lives have been impacted positively by the work of Mrs Evans. We will be very sad to say goodbye but wish Mrs Evans a happy, healthy, and long retirement. You will be missed by all at Hall Green School!

I wish all families a safe and happy summer break and look forward to hopefully meeting more parents/carers in person in September.

Yours sincerely



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