

15 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

#### Uniform

You will be aware that we have recently adjusted our uniform rules due to the hot weather; ties and blazers are optional until the end of term. Please do take note of further adjustments below for the final week of term. We ask all parents/carers to ensure pupils have full school uniform ready to start back on the first day of term. A reminder of our uniform expectations can be found <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

Jewellery that is not allowed and has been confiscated will be returned on the last day of the term. We cannot take any responsibility for lost jewellery so I must please remind you to ensure your child(ren) does not wear jewellery that is prohibited or that is of value, monetary or sentimental. Please note, from September, we will be adding one small nose stud to the allowed jewellery list following stakeholder feedback. This, along with other jewellery will need to be removed for PE with no exceptions. Pupils should, therefore, avoid having piercings down during term time or close to the start of a term.

# **Rewards**

On Friday 18 July there will be a prize draw for the pupils who have exchanged praise points for golden tickets. One lucky pupil will win a Play Station 5! In order to claim the prize if their name is drawn out, the pupil must be in school (unless they are a Year 10 on work experience).

There will also be draws for the following:

- £50 voucher for anyone who attends on Friday 18 July
- Three £25 vouchers for pupils with no lates this half term, improved punctuality and improved behaviour
- £100 voucher for improved attendance.

# Last week of term (14-18 July)

There are a number of activities planned for the last week of term.

Monday 14 July – PSHE knife crime workshops Year 8 & 9. Tuesday 15 July – Year 8 Science Fair and Year 9 Sports Day. Year 9 to wear PE kit. Wednesday 16 July – Year 7 & 8 Sports Day. Year 7 & 8 to wear PE kit.

Thursday 17 July – End of Year trips. For those not on the trips, we have a range of exciting activities planned including: Pizza making, animal workshop, Warwickshire Cricket Coaching, Artificial Intelligence activities and a Film session. Please note, the school day will finish at **3.00 pm** for those pupils attending school on this day. Pupils in school to wear PE kit or uniform with trainers.

Friday 18 July – Ice creams and 'Soak the Staff' through the morning. Pupils will have the opportunity to throw wet sponges at staff volunteers, including myself. This will be a fund-raising event, so pupils will need to bring cash in to take part.

On the last day, pupils may wear non-school uniform if they so wish (voluntary donations to House charities through Parent Pay as usual), and will be dismissed at **12.05 pm**.

### **Book of Excellence Initiative**

A reminder that we introduced our "Book of Excellence" initiative earlier this year, which celebrates pupils' achievements outside of school. We invite parents and carers to nominate pupils whose efforts, talents, or contributions shine beyond the classroom. Whether it's excelling in sports, arts, community service, or any area of personal growth, we love to recognise and share these successes within our school community. Nominated pupils meet with myself to discuss their achievements and sign the book, recording their name in Hall Green's history. Please send any nominations through using this

link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/g4e4kYYgK5">https://forms.office.com/e/g4e4kYYgK5</a>

### Water safety

A tragic accident involving a Birmingham school pupil occurred at Sutton Park last week where a boy lost his life having entered one of the expanses of water. It is a very sad reminder of the dangers of open water for us all. We take pupils in Year 7 and 8 swimming to teach them both swimming skills and about water safety as there are so many times that we may be near or in water in our lives. It is vital to remember, however, that even if we can swim, we should always take caution and never enter open water that is not designated for swimming. Even when entering water that is designated for swimming, we should always consider safety first. Please do take some time to remind your child(ren) of the dangers of water. Education resources can be found on the RNLI website: Youth Education - Helping You Teach Children Water Safety

#### Newsletter

Please do look out for our end of term newsletter that as always, details the wonderful work that has taken place over the half term. It's been a busy one!

# **Key Dates**

Friday 18 July – Break up 12.05 pm for summer holiday

Monday 1 September – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2 September – Year 7 begin school at 8.40 am (finish at 3.15 pm)

Wednesday 3 September – Year 7 start at 8.40 am. Years 8 - 11 return to school at 11.10 am for break ready to go into form groups at 11.30 am.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer break when we break up on **Friday 18 July at 12.05 pm.** 

Yours faithfully,

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