

2 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you and your family had a safe, happy summer. As we welcome a new Year 7 cohort to the school, and welcome back Year 8 to 11, I wanted to remind you of some key information.

The Class of 2025

Congratulations to our Year 11s who collected their results over the summer. We, again, had much to celebrate as a school community after 5 years of hard work by pupils and staff. It was notable in the results of pupils overall that those who attend school regularly, achieve at or above the expected level. Attendance really does matter to life chances! We wish the Class of 2025 all the best for their next steps; we are very proud of their results and of the young adults they have become. We look forward to hearing of their progress as they take their next steps.

Return details

Monday 1 September: Staff INSET Day – school closed to pupils Tuesday 2 September: Year 7s start at 8.40 am, finish at 3.15 pm.

Wednesday 3 September: Year 7s start at 8.40 am; Years 8-11 should arrive to school at 11.10 am ready to go to form time at 11.30 am. As they will be arriving during break time, food will be available from the usual outlets. All finish at 3.15 pm.

The school start and end times remain the same as last academic year. We have, however, moved form time to the start of the school day to better support pupils in being prepared for their learning each day. This means lunch timings have altered slightly with all pupils having lunch at the same time. Timings can all be found on our <u>website</u>.

Uniform expectations

A reminder also of our high uniform standards that are maintained at Hall Green School. The full detail can be found here. Please do ensure your child has the correct uniform and equipment from the first day of term. If there are ever any issues, pupils should bring a note from home and go to the Pastoral Office before school to obtain a yellow slip; a detention will be issued for incorrect uniform. If pupils need to borrow any stationery for the day, they may do so by going to the pastoral office before school. They won't receive a sanction for forgotten stationery if they get this resolved before school.

We have recently taken the decision to allow nose studs. If your child chooses to wear a nose stud, please note it must be a small and discreet stud. Nose rings or large studs are not allowed. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen or heard anywhere in school, at any time. If they are, they will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the school day, after the completion of a 20 minute

detention. Please do reinforce this with your child to ensure the safety of all and to enable all pupils to fully focus on their learning whilst in school. If you need to contact your child as a matter of urgency during the school day, you should contact the school office and not contact your child directly through their mobile phone.

If your child's mobile phone is confiscated more than once, they may be asked to hand their phone in at the start of each day.

Site improvements

Our site team had a very busy summer with a number of key projects being undertaken. Importantly, we secured funding for a new roof and the work to complete this started at the beginning of the school holiday. The replacement work will take several months but is well underway. It is important to note that there will be a small amount of disruption to the site whilst this work is being completed. Pupils will be kept informed of any site adjustments when appropriate.

The dilapidated outside huts have been removed as they had become a health and safety hazard. Phase one of this project has been completed with new ground works in place. Some outdoor equipment is now in place for pupils to use (dip and pull up bars) and there will be benching in this area. A new, large shelter is due to be erected soon also.

New staff

I am sure you will join me in welcoming the following new staff that join us this term:

- Ms Chan Exams Manager
- Mr Davis Art teacher
- Ms Hodson Pastoral assistant
- Mr Junaid Maths teacher
- Miss Mohsen Science teacher
- Mr Perry DT technician
- Mr Rashid History teacher
- Ms Tanaka MFL teacher
- Miss Whapples Cover supervisor
- Miss Zaman English teacher

I would also like to inform you of the changes to the roles of the following staff:

- Mrs Arm Senior Pastoral Leader
- Mrs Basi KS4 English co-ordinator (paternity cover)
- Mrs Begum KS3 Science co-ordinator
- Mr Billing KS3 History co-ordinator (maternity cover)
- Mrs Bolya Extended Senior Leadership Team: Associate Senior Leader
- Mrs Day Coaching role
- Mrs Gani KS3 Maths co-ordinator
- Mrs Iqbal KS4 Science co-ordinator
- Mr Kelly KS3 PE co-ordinator (maternity cover) & Pupil Engagement & Enrichment leader
- Mrs Lewis Acting Head of Art
- Miss Melville Senior Pastoral Leader

School Development Plan and priorities

Each year, our development priorities play an important role in shaping the work of school leaders and staff. This year, our key priority is:

To ensure all members of the school community demonstrate an excellent attitude to learning.

This will be achieved by:

- (a) Creating a school environment that all are proud of.
- (b) Applying the behaviour policy consistently.
- (c) Ensuring all pupils always apply 100% effort to their learning.
- (d) Improving punctuality to school & lessons.
- (e) Ensuring all pupils and staff consistently use formal and respectful communication.

We will be sharing these with pupils regularly to continue to build a school community that enables all pupils to be the best they can be academically, social, and personally.

Our values continue to be central to our work:

"Learning with Compassion, Ambition, Responsibility, and Excellence"

Compassion

- We demonstrate kindness, empathy, and respect for all
- We help those in need of support, being charitable and generous to others
- We have due regard for other people's feelings, wishes, and rights

Ambition

- We enable pupils to have a positive vision for their future
- We work hard with a determination to succeed
- We work to develop self-belief and create a growth mind-set

Responsibility

- We understand the importance of being responsible for our actions
- We aim to be responsible in the decisions we take
- We encourage pupils to take up positions of responsibility

Excellence

- We strive for academic and personal excellence
- We lead through being positive role models for others
- We engage fully in opportunities for growth and development

In line with our value of compassion, I am proud to announce the school community raised over £1,300 last academic year for a variety of charities including our House charities, Save The Children, Unicef Children in Gaza Appeal, and the Disasters Emergency Committee Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Thank you to all who contributed.

Road safety

As many of you will know, our entrance to school can be congested for the dismissal of over 900 pupils. Some of our pupils also require transport which needs to come onto the school grounds. For this reason, it is vital that pupils who do not need these adaptations ensure they are collected a couple of roads away if being picked up/dropped off. This eases the congestion and makes the road area far safer for all of our pupils.

It is also important to respect our neighbours and I urge parents/carers not to park on or across the drives of local residents, even if just for a short time. Please also ensure engines are not left running.

Communication

We highly value the positive relationships we have with families which we work hard to nurture during the time your child is at the school. We appreciate parents/carers contacting school when you know of issues that we need to be aware of but please note, that it may not always be possible to see a specific member of staff, including myself, if you turn up at school without an appointment. If there is an urgent matter you wish to speak to someone about, we will always endeavour to make the relevant staff member available

but at times this simply isn't possible due to commitments such as teaching and duties. Staff will aim to get back to you within 48 hours of contact being made.

Please do take the time regularly to check Classcharts as this is an excellent record of your child's day. Both pupil and parental logins are available for Classcharts software. This allows you to track behaviour and also see homework due dates, completion progress, and specific details regarding homework set which can be used to guide you in supporting your child. If you require a reminder of your parental (or pupil) login, please contact the school office. Please note that notifications of detentions are solely through Classcharts now.

Key Dates

Thursday 18 September 2025, Open Evening – 5.45 to 8.00 pm Friday 19 September 2025, INSET day – school closed to pupils Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October 2025 Half term break Friday 24 October 2025, INSET day – school closed to pupils Thursday 20 November 2025, Year 7 Parents Evening Monday 1 December 2025, INSET day – school closed to pupils Thursday 4 December 2025, Year 8 Parents Evening Friday 19 December 2025, End of Term for Christmas break

Please note all term dates and training days can be found on our <u>website</u>.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say I am looking forward to meeting you through the year at the various school activities and events for parents/carers. As a minimum, please do ensure you attend the parents' evening in person for your child as the relationship between home and school is such an important one in terms of their progress and wellbeing.

Yours faithfully,

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