



Hall Green School

An Academy

7 September 2026

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 2026

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 2026 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.

Year 11 mocks - week beginning 19 October

Our attention now turns to our new Year 11 in terms of exam preparation. It is worth highlighting that the two most important factors in this year's, and previous year's exam series, are attendance and effort. Attend 100% of the time, put 100% effort in all of the time, and you are likely to exceed expectations. They are the true secrets to success! 100% effort needs to be applied to the preparation for the upcoming mock exams which should start now. More information will follow to support Year 11s in their mock exam preparation.

Open Evening – Thursday 17 September 6-7.30 pm

Our annual open evening takes place soon. Although the evening is particularly significant for families with children in Year 6 making their secondary choices, we welcome visits from pupils in Year 4 and 5 and secondary age pupils new to the area or looking to gain a place at Hall Green School.

Anyone unable to make the evening can contact the school office to arrange an alternative visit time.

Behaviour standards

Last academic year, we introduced new punctuality protocols that had a very positive impact, and consequently, the vast majority of pupils were on time to school and lessons.

Our behaviour policy has been updated ([HGS-Positive-Behaviour-for-Learning.pdf](#)) with new systems that aim to improve behaviour in the classroom and around school. You will see that there is a greater emphasis on pupils taking responsibility and attending detentions at all levels. Failure to attend detentions will lead to escalation:

Detention not attended	Escalation
20 or 30 minutes Class Teacher detention	40 minutes Head of Department Detention
40 minutes Head of Department	60 minutes Head of Year Detention
60 minutes Head of Year Detention	A day in the reflection room which include a break, lunchtime and a 60 minutes after school detention

Accumulation of penalties will now also lead to the following interventions:

Number of penalties in a term across all subjects.	Intervention:
25 penalties	Form Tutor report
50 penalties	Head of Year Report
100 penalties	Senior Report

All parents and carers should use Class Charts to monitor their child's attendance, punctuality and behaviour records on a regular basis. Please ensure that you log to Class Charts regularly. Year 7 pupils, parents and carers will receive their log in details soon.

All our behaviour standards are reinforced with all pupils at the start of the academic year via our form time programme and assemblies. Pupils are reminded of our conduct expectations on a regular basis as it is vital our standards remain high to ensure everyone learns and achieves their potential whilst at school.

Attendance

Improving attendance is a key priority for this academic year. Good punctuality and good attendance are linked to better outcomes for children and young people. Our attendance bands are:

Attendance bands	% attendance	Number of days of absence across the year (total 190 days)
Gold	≥ 99%	≤ 1.5 days
Green	≥ 95%	≤ 9.5 days
Amber	≥ 90%	≤ 19 days
Red	<90%	> 19 days

We expect all pupils to have an attendance that is at least 95%. This academic year we have invested in a new software called 'Studybugs' and we will be in touch soon with further details on how this will support us all to improve attendance. You can visit their website for more information here:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>.

Uniform expectations

A reminder of our high uniform standards that are maintained at Hall Green School. As you will be aware, we have made some changes following extensive consultation last year. The full details of our dress code can be found [here](#). Please do ensure your child has the correct uniform and equipment every day. 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.

Mobile phones

As part of our safeguarding policy, 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.

Free School Meal changes

From September 2026, the government is expanding eligibility so that:

- All children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals.
- The current income threshold will be removed, meaning many more families will become eligible.

Even if your child currently receives Free School Meals, you **must reapply from September 2026**. If you need support with your application, please contact the school office.

Applying for free school meals does more than provide meals. It also enables the school to receive additional government funding, known as the Pupil Premium (for eligible pupils).

This funding is vital and helps us to:

- Provide **additional teaching support and targeted interventions**
- Offer **enrichment opportunities, resources and trips**
- Support pupils' **wellbeing and development**
- Improve **outcomes** for children across the school

Even if your child does not wish to take a free meal, registering still provides essential funding for the school.

Site improvements

We continue to work hard on ensuring our school site is in the best possible condition. Last academic year we secured funding to complete the parts of the school that still had old roofing on 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.

New staff

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

Miss Ali – English teacher

Miss Bromley – MFL teacher

Mrs Davies – Assistant Headteacher

Mr Hussain – English teacher

Mr Rushton – Assistant Headteacher

Miss Wright – Art technician

Miss Zulfiqar – KS3/Geography teacher

Compassion

I am pleased to report that our school value of compassion was demonstrated throughout the year and at the end of last year, £328 was raised through our annual colour run in aid of UNICEF. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to everyone 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.

School staff regularly support the management of traffic outside the school to help maintain safety and reduce congestion, although this is beyond the school's direct responsibility. We encourage parents and carers to avoid using Southam Road wherever possible. Where use of this route is unavoidable, please work cooperatively with staff and ensure that all communication remains respectful and courteous.

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 note we have a new school domain with a change to our school email format. To make contact with the school office, please now note the email is enquiry@hallgreenschool.co.uk.

Key Dates

Thursday 17 September 2026, Open Evening – 5.45 to 7.45 pm
Friday 18 September 2026, INSET day – school closed to pupils
Friday 23 October 2026, INSET day – School closed to pupils
Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026 Half term break
Thursday 19 November 2026, Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 30 November 2026, INSET day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 3 December 2026, Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday 18 December 2026, End of Term for Christmas break
Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027 Christmas break

Please note all term dates and training days can be found on our [website](#).

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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