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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to thank you for your ongoing support and to provide some information. It has certainly been a very busy half term for students and staff alike.

Our curriculum – what we teach, why we teach it, when we teach it

At our parent forum earlier in the year parents asked us to provide even more information regarding the curriculum and the sequence of learning over time. We have made significant adaptations to our website to reflect this. I would strongly urge you to review the breadth of information for each subject including our intent in each subject and the learning journey for your child across a subject over time. This can be found under the 'about us' tab under 'curriculum'. This will help you further understand how our curriculum is sequenced and how your children are expected to build knowledge over time. As always, if you have any questions or queries please direct them to subject leaders, or if more general, to the leaders of quality of education, Mr Holt and Mrs Jones.

The Hawkleigh Way and our vision and values

During the final half term, we will be reviewing our core values with students, staff and governors. I will also be asking parents to express their views through an online form. This is important work and I would ask that parents give their views. Our values are key to underpinning all our work and providing a reference point for us all. Our current vision and values statement is both on the first page of the website and can also be accessed through the 'about us' tab via the vision and values statement. As we complete this work I will update you.

Year 11 Preparation for Examinations

Our Year 11 students have been preparing diligently for exams since Easter. Indeed, many of them came into school or joined sessions online during Easter itself. Their attitude towards this final phase has been excellent and they have worked hard to prepare themselves, working collaboratively with staff. We hope this continues after the break as they move towards the end of their time at Hawkleigh.

Y10 Work Experience

In April, Year 10 students took part in work experience. This was hugely successful. We received excellent feedback from employers. We were extremely grateful to the community for their support. The fact that so many students experienced the workplace was a credit to the organising team, all done in house. Many of the students have told me directly how they really enjoyed it. We were also delighted to welcome so many Year 10 parents to a new evening we implemented based on parental feedback focusing on curriculum and the challenges of Year 11. We also shared those materials with parents via the website.

Enrichment and challenges

Students have been engaged in various activities and many have attended additional sessions in school for a variety of clubs including public speaking, Science club, Geo Explorers, Music Club, Drama Club, D of E, Chess, various sports to name but a few. Please encourage your child to engage in activities after school or at lunchtime. There is lots going on to supplement the formal curriculum.

Activities next half term

Attached to this letter is a broad overview of the last 7 weeks of the academic year. It is incredibly busy with opportunities for young people to attend various events and trips, providing they are meeting expectations in school. Sports Day will again be onsite this year and our school production of Little Shop of Horrors will be taking place during the week beginning the 26th of June. Please keep a particularly close eye on Weduc for letters and other information that may be pertinent to your children.

Expectations

As I stated earlier in the year, our expectations regarding uniform, bags and equipment are unchanged. We are delighted that the vast majority of our students maintain our expectations at all times. This helps the running of the school and helps remove barriers to learning, allowing us to focus on our core purpose. However, a small number of students need to improve in this regard. Can I emphasise that all parents and carers, in support of the school, are responsible for ensuring that their child attends school on time, has the correct equipment and fulfils our expectations regarding uniform, make up and organisation. It is vital that we work together on these matters.

Bags and basic stationary

Students must bring a bag with equipment and their planner. Again, if they don't bring their equipment in a bag or rucksack then we may contact you are request they be sent home to collect it or they may receive a sanction for failing to be appropriately organised.

Shoes and Trainers

Students should always wear school shoes unless engaged in a PE activity. Trainers or converse boots are not allowed. I would request a medical note to say that a child requires to wear trainers due to a specific foot injury or medical need. If a child does not have this than they will be expected to wear new school shoes provided by school or they will be sent home to get their own. Again, if this is not possible, they may receive a sanction. The school has purchased a significant supply of shoes.

Make up and jewellery

Again, the vast majority of students respect our expectations in this regard. However, can I reiterate that make up and fake tan is not allowed and only a wristwatch is allowed as jewellery.

Catering provision

We are delighted that we have appointed a new food contractor, Innovate who will take over the responsibility of delivering our catering from September. They were successful after a an extremely robust process involving scrutiny from students, staff, and leaders from both Hawkley and the Rowan Learning Trust. We are all excited about the offer and value for money that they will offer our young people and staff. As we get closer to the transition, I will provide more information regarding their offer and the positive impact we hope this will have in school. In the meantime, you can find further information online at <https://impactfood.co.uk/brands/innovate-ifg/>. The company are also active on social media, sharing information regularly.

Many thanks for your support and feedback over the last half term. It is always appreciated.

Yours Sincerely



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