

# Hawkey Hall High School

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

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of June

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you with several updates:

## **NEU Industrial Action – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of July**

The strikes are again happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, investment in education and the challenges of recruitment. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of July Hawkey Hall High School will be closed to students in all year groups.

Work will be set online for all year groups on Satchel One. For Y7-10 we will again focus on setting work in English, Maths, Science, and Personal Development. However, some staff that are not striking will set work for their own classes in different subjects. Please ensure your child monitors this and completes work to an appropriate standard. Staff who are not striking will all attend school that day. However, as you may be aware, colleagues in other unions are not allowed to cover for striking colleagues. As a result, we cannot safely open school to students and provide an appropriate provision on site as a large proportion of our teaching staff are NEU members.

## **Trial of new school day structure and new food provider**

As I have alluded to in previous correspondence, we will be working with a new food service provider in September. Students asked for specific changes and we went through the tendering process in the Spring. A team of student leaders contributed to the process. The new provider is called Innovate IFG. More information regarding the company can be found at <https://impactfood.co.uk/brands/innovate-ifg/> and further information can be found via social media – Facebook; Impact Food Group.

We are excited about the changes they will adopt including:

- Re-fit and re-brand in the main canteen including investment in the kitchens
- Even more fresh produce (95%)
- Competitive pricing
- After school sell-off of fresh produce at 50% discount
- Bar codes for some products to support faster service
- Refresh of re-valve machines to aid efficiency
- Some pre-ordering options
- Free porridge in the morning
- More information for parents regarding menus, nutritional and pricing

In addition, as part of the new service we are reviewing the session times during the school day. It is our intention that students would effectively have three opportunities to eat during the school day. During both a broad range of options will be made available. Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and the end of term we will be trialing a new session structure with differing food service times. I should highlight that the beginning and end of the school day will not change. The new structure is as follows:

- 8.25 – 8.40 – Breakfast
- 8.45 - 9.10 – Engagement

- 9.10 – 10.10 – Period 1
- 10.10 – 11.10 – Period 2
- 11.10 – 11.30 – Food break 1
- 11.30 – 12.30 – Period 3
- 12.30 – 1.30 – Period 4
- 1.30 – 2.00 – Food break 2
- 2.00 – 3.00 – Period 5

We will consult with staff and students before the end of term. If the structure is agreed, we will be adopting the new arrangements from the beginning of the next academic year. The adjustments have been discussed and explained to students. Research suggests that these changes have the potential to impact on student engagement in several ways. For example, it will reduce the number of transitions, positively impact on concentration levels, and reduce the number of the formal lessons during the afternoon. Crucially, students will have access to a broad range of food and drink during both breaks. In addition to this, canteens should be less busy, ensuring quicker service times and allowing more social time for the students. It should also be noted this structure has been adopted by many schools in the UK including the other high schools within the Rowan Learning Trust.

### **Review of school values**

Several weeks ago, I wrote to you regarding the review of our core school values. This is ongoing. The input from students has been fantastic and they certainly had passionate views about the core values that they hold dear. If you would still like to contribute to the review, please complete the Microsoft form <https://forms.office.com/e/atn2nxRHZT> by the end of this week. Before the end of term, I will write to you regarding the outcome and how this will be shared with students.

### **The final weeks of term**

The final weeks of term are incredibly busy with events, residentials and awards ceremonies. This Friday we will be celebrating Year 11's completion of their time at Hawkley Hall at their ball, being held at Holland Hall. For the forthcoming trips and visits please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing, footwear, water and food and has any medication identified beforehand on relevant medical forms. If a student is asthmatic, they must have their inhalers or they will not be allowed to go on the trip. If the weather is hot and sunny, they should also have sun protection.

- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**, Year 10 College Taster Day Trip, Year 11 Prom
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, Year 10 Rewards Trip, Year 6 Induction
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, Year 6 Induction, Year 10 Football Final
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, Strike Day, Inclusion Celebration evening
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**, Year 6 Induction Evening, Geography Field Trip, Wigan Athletics Day
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**, Strike Day
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, Whole School Awards Evening, Geography Field Trip
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, KS3 Reward Trip, Expressive Arts London Trip
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**, Expressive Arts London Trip
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, Expressive Arts London Trip, Rewards Day Y7 – 10
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, Maths Rewards Trip, Careers and British Values drop down day
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**, Sports Day, ASDAN Residential Trip
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, ASDAN Residential Trip, Roller Rink PSHE Trip, Sports Awards
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, ASDAN Residential Trip
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**, Year 8 Reward Trip
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**, Whole School Assembly

I hope that students enjoy the variety of opportunities provided as we move towards a well-earned summer break. If you have questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact school.

Your sincerely



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