

Hawkey Hall High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of another busy school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm welcome that I have received since I arrived.

I understand that this year has seen some changes in leadership, and I want to assure you all that I plan on staying in this wonderful school for a long time to come.

The talent I have witnessed from the students in our school has been incredible. The many sporting achievements at local, national and international levels, the academic achievements witnessed at our awards evening and the creativity I have seen through Matilda our school show, provide opportunities for us all to celebrate our young people. This has all been supported by you as parents/carers and the outstanding staff that we have in our school.

The school focus this year has been continual school improvement and I am delighted with the very vast majority of the students who attend every day, on time and who have risen to our high expectations following our core values of respect, honesty and kindness. I look forward to seeing what they can achieve in 2025- 2026.

Year 11 prom was an amazing event. It was fabulous to celebrate with our lovely students. It was great fun to watch as staff and students ate, danced and sang karaoke together. GCSE results day is on Thursday 21st August. Students can come and collect their certificates between 9.30am and 11.30am.

September opening

School reopens for year 7 and 11 students on Tuesday 2nd September. Students should arrive in school no later than 8.40am. We encourage all student to be in school before this to be on time. Don't be late, be here for 8.28am!

All other year groups return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. A copy of next year's calendar can be found overleaf. Please notice that we have an inset day on Monday January 5th 2026 and not in February.

The Hawkey School Day	
Engagement	8:40 am - 9:05 am
Period 1	9:05 am - 10:05 am
Period 2	10:05 am - 11:05 am
Break	11:05 am - 11:25 am
Period 3	11:25 am - 12:25 pm
Period 4	12:25 pm - 1:25 pm
Lunch	1:25 pm - 2:10 pm
Period 5	2:10 pm - 3.10 pm
Students finish at 3.10	

Uniform expectations At Hawkley Hall High School,

We believe strongly that wearing our school uniform well and with pride contributes to the calm learning environment we all want for our children. In September, we will reinforce our high standards of uniform. Under no circumstances can a student attend school wearing trainers, unless with a medical note. We will not be flexible on this. Please see the table below and share this crucial information with your child. We appreciate your support with this.

UNIFORM	
Blazer	Plain blue with school crest
Shirt	Pale blue school shirt
Trousers	Black tailored trousers or Black pleated knee length skirt
Tie	Full length school tie
Jumper (optional)	Plain navy-blue V-neck with school crest
Shoes	Sensible, plain black shoes. No trainers
Socks	Navy, black, dark grey or white socks

PE KIT	
GIRLS	BOYS
Navy hockey socks	Navy football socks
Navy skort or leggings	Navy shorts
Navy polo shirt with school logo	Navy t-shirt with school logo
Trainers	Trainers
¼ zip top (optional)	¼ zip top (optional)

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen or used in school. If a student has a mobile phone, it must be switched off and out of sight at all times. Phones that are seen will be confiscated and stored safely and only returned at the end of the school day. Earrings, nose rings etc are not allowed in school. Any jewellery seen will be confiscated and stored safely and only returned at the end of the school day. Hairbrushes must be out of sight and must not be used in classrooms or communal areas. If your child is having a piercing done over summer, ensure that it is done at the start of the holidays so there is enough time for healing. Recent piercings will not be accepted as an excuse to wear jewellery in school. All the information regarding uniform, jewellery and makeup can be found on the parents' section of the school website and I would encourage you to refer to this.

Important Message

Attendance to school is statutory. From September, Hawkley Hall High School will continue to engage with families to ensure that you understand that all students must regularly attend school aiming for a maximum of 4% absence for each child. Holidays during term time are not approved of and will likely lead to a fixed penalty notice. We encourage all students to be in school and in front of the experts as often as possible.

Toilets

We have seen a rise in the amount of students who are missing learning to use the toilets during their lessons. This can mean up to 10 minutes of missed learning every time they go. 10 minutes of missed learning time over a year adds up to 30 hours in total. If students are using the toilet regularly during lesson, this missed time is extremely significant. Please encourage your child to use the toilets before school, break time, lunch time and after school. The main toilets close for the

first and last 10 minutes of each lesson. These specific times in the lesson are where staff are recalling prior knowledge or testing the knowledge that has been taught during the lesson. We do have a toilet open during this time for any students with a medical pass or if it is an emergency. Obviously, students will not be stopped from using a toilet, however, I ask that you encourage your child to use the toilets at an appropriate time. From September, we will let you know if your child is missing learning to use the toilet. This will help you to support their learning and/or their medical needs.

Final Day of Term School

School closes for summer at 12:15 on Friday 18th July. Buses will run at this time. As a celebration, ALL students are invited to attend school in non-uniform on the last day if they wish. Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for school. Students may also wear their uniform if they wish.

Kind Regards



Mr P McKendrick
Headteacher

Enc. Advanced Calendar

ADVANCED CALENDAR 2025 – 2026

Monday 1 st September 2025	Staff INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Year 7 and Year 11 return to school by 8:40am
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	All year groups return
Thursday 4 th September 2025	Year 11 Group Photograph
Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Year 5/6 Open Evening 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday 12 th September 2025	Year 5/6 Open Morning
Monday 15 th September 2025	Year 5/6 Open Morning
Tuesday 16 th September 2025	Year 5/6 Open Morning
Wednesday 17 th September 2025	Year 5/6 Open Morning
Friday 19 th September 2025	Year 7, 9 and 11 school photographs
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Year 11 Futures Event, information evening and careers 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Year 7 Information Evening 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	All year groups return
Monday 10 th November to Friday 21 st November 2025	Year 11 Mocks
Thursday 20 th November 2025	Year 11 Leavers' Presentation Evening
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Staff INSET Day (school closed)
Friday 28 th November 2025	Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Year 10 Work Experience and Subject Parents' Information Evening 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	Students finish for Christmas break
Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	Staff INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Students return to school
Thursday 8 th January 2026	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Thursday 22 nd January 2026	Year 9 Options/Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Friday 14 th February 2026	School finishes for half term
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026	Half term break
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Students return to school
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Friday 3 rd April 2026	Bank Holiday – Good Friday (school closed)
Monday 6 th April to Friday 17 th April 2026	Easter holidays
Monday 20 th April 2026	Students return to school
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday – (school closed)
Wednesday 6 th May to Wednesday 24 th June 2026	GCSE Exams
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Students finish for May half term
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026	Half term
Monday 22 nd June to Thursday 25 th June 2026	Year 10 mocks begin
Monday 22 nd June to Friday 26 th June 2026	Year 7 – 9 English/Maths/Science mocks
Friday 26 th June 2026	Year 11 Prom
Monday 29 th June to Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 10 work experience week
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 6 Transition Day Year 6 Transition Evening 4:30pm
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	SEND Celebration Evening 6pm – 7:45pm
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 10 College Trip Day
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Whole School Awards Evening 6pm – 7pm
Friday 17 th July 2026	Students finish for summer at 12:25pm

Calendar subject to change



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