



Thursday 16th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Hawkley Hall High School, our staff and our students this year.

This marks the end of my first full academic year as Headteacher, and I am incredibly proud of the achievements, resilience and positive attitudes demonstrated by our students throughout the year. The Awards Evening, held last week, summed this up perfectly. Having the opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements made me feel truly humbled to be the Headteacher of our fantastic school.

Last Day of Term Arrangements

Tomorrow will be a day for our students to say goodbye to their teachers and one another for the summer. Students will attend their normal Period 1 lesson before returning to their form classes for a summer activity. We will then bring our school community together for a whole-school assembly.

Students are invited to wear their own clothes should they wish to do so. We ask that all clothing remains suitable for a school environment.

We will also be presenting the final Mr McKendrick Attendance Pen of the academic year. This will be the sixth pen in the collection and will be awarded to students who have achieved 100% attendance during this half-term. Attendance continues to be one of the strongest indicators of success in school, and I am delighted to recognise the commitment shown by our students, with the support and guidance of you, their parents and carers.

Staffing Changes

At this time of year, we also say farewell to colleagues who are moving on to new opportunities or retirement.

We would like to thank and wish every success to:

- Mrs Greenwood, Head of Food Technology, who is leaving to take up a new role closer to home.
- Mr Ledger, Teacher of Mathematics, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to education.
- Mrs Stevenson, Teacher of English, who is moving on to a new role.
- Miss Reeves, Teacher of History, who has been promoted to Head of Department at another school.

We are also delighted to welcome several new members of staff to Hawkley Hall:

- Mrs Finney – Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Leather – Head of Food Technology
- Mr Stapleton – Teacher of Food Technology
- Miss Hosker – Teacher of Art
- Mr Berry – Teacher of History
- Mr Doherty – Teacher of Mathematics

Each of these members of staff has been carefully selected to join our amazing team as we continue to make further improvements on our school improvement journey. Some are replacements for staff who are moving on, while others will help create more capacity in our team.

Student Timetables

Students in Years 7–11 will be able to access their new timetables via Arbor from 1st September. We encourage students and families to review these carefully before the start of the new academic year.

Return to School in September

Wednesday 2nd September

Years 7 and 11 only will return to school.

Students should arrive no later than 8:40am. Where possible, we encourage students to arrive slightly earlier.

We would like to remind our students:

"Don't be late, be here for 8:28!"

Students should wear full and correct school uniform. Please ensure that any false eyelashes, nails or unnatural hair colours are rectified prior to their return.

Thursday 3rd September

All students in Years 7–11 are expected to attend school.

Students must arrive on time and be wearing full school uniform, including appropriate school shoes. They should also bring a school bag and any relevant equipment required for learning.

Uniform Recycling Event; Wednesday 19th August

A Uniform Recycling Event will take place on Wednesday 19th August between 9:00am and 11:00am.

Families who wish to donate clean, good-quality uniform items, including blazers, ties and other school uniform, are invited to bring these items to school during this time. Donations will then be made available to support other families within our school community.

A Final Thank You

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. The success of Hawkley Hall High School is built on the strong relationships between home and school, and we value the trust you place in us every day.

During our annual Awards Celebration, I asked students, parents, carers and staff to look after their neighbours over the summer holiday period. Check in with them and give them a smile; it can go a long way. I also asked that they look after their loved ones and cherish every minute they have with them, because those moments are precious.

As a school community, we often talk about kindness, respect and looking after one another. The summer break provides us all with an opportunity to do exactly that. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone's day.

I hope that all of our families have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and beginning another exciting chapter in the life of Hawkley Hall High School.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P. McKendrick
Headteacher
Hawkley Hall High School

