



HEDINGHAM SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parent/Guardian

It is difficult to believe that we soon approach the end of another academic year. The weeks have flown by, especially during this Summer term with so many highlights and special events.

Trips and Visits

We have had multiple trips and visits including a Year 7 Zoo Trip, The Globe Theatre, Dawes Hall, CERN Science Gateway, Euro Space Centre and New York. Students who have been out on these external visits enjoyed wonderful experiences and have represented the school superbly.

Examinations

I have been impressed with the conduct of all students who have sat examinations this Summer, especially those sitting external GCSE and A Level examinations. However, students in other year groups who have sat internal formal assessments have been equally impressive in their approach and conduct. We, of course, wish all the best to our Year 11 and 13 cohorts and look forward to celebrating with them on their Results Days. Year 11 Year books will be available for collection on Results Day.

Timings for Results Days:

Year 13 (A Level):	8.30 am – 11.00 am on the 14 August 2025
Year 11 (GCSE):	8.30 am – 11.00 am on the 21 August 2025

Induction Days

We offered the opportunity for Year 5 students to visit and welcomed our Year 6 cohort joining us next year. Our student helpers were superb, and all staff and students involved contributed to what was a really positive experience. We look forward to welcoming our new arrivals in September.

District Sports

I had the pleasure of attending (for an hour!) the District Sports at Tabor. Once again, I was hugely impressed with both the individual efforts of our athletes and the collective, cohesive team approach of the group. We came third out of twelve schools but there were some incredible individual performances.

Leaving Staff

This term we are saying goodbye to Graham Johnston, James Gamble, Paddy Sadler, Stacey Thrussell, Emma Day, Paul Hillman, John Kirton, Fiona Gould, Elizabeth Miles and Caroline Whiting. I would like to thank them for their contributions to Hedingham School and wish them success with future pathways. A special mention to Graham Johnston, retiring after 36 years at Hedingham School, a familiar name to many in the community, I am sure!

New Staff

In September, we are excited to welcome: Hailie Fenech, Teacher of PE/D&T, Alfie Lawrence, Teacher of PE/Geography, Katie Plumb, Teacher of Social Sciences, Robert Yeo, Teacher of Physics., and Kelly Riley, Student Receptionist. I look forward to them joining.

Key Notices for Parents

Please note the new timings to the school day in September. **Tuesday 2 September is the return day for Years 7 and 12 students only with all years returning on Wednesday 3 September.**

Revised School Day

Registration and PD:	8.30-9.00 am
Period 1:	9.00-10.05am
Period 2:	10.05-11.10am
<i>Break:</i>	<i>11.10-11.30am</i>
Period 3:	11.30-12.30pm
Period 4:	12.30-1.30pm
<i>Lunch:</i>	<i>1.30-2.15pm</i>
Period 5:	2.15-3.15pm

Attendance and Punctuality

We remain tightly bound to national attendance regulations and guidelines. What is clear is the strong link between excellent attendance and progress/attainment. Attendance and punctuality will continue to be monitored robustly from September, and we must work together collectively to ensure consistent high levels of attendance and punctuality.

Uniform

Despite adjustments in the Summer term, we return to our normal uniform expectations in September. Please ensure you carefully read our expectations surrounding uniform on the school website under Parent Information. In particular, all our current Year 7 students (and September's Year 7 students) consistently wear formal black shoes **NOT** trainers. Please can parents of children in Years 9, 10 and 11 support this when purchasing new shoes. We shall enforce this more stringently after Christmas to provide adequate time to phase out non-regulation footwear.

If parents have old uniform that is of good quality that they are happy to donate, we would very much appreciate it. Please drop any items at school reception.

Equipment

We are continually frustrated by the number of students who routinely come to school without the correct equipment. Whilst I am sure that they have equipment, they are not regularly bringing it into school. This disrupts learning and leads to staff having to challenge students. Could parents please check this over the summer and use the pause between terms to stock up.

Easy Fundraising

The Department for Education has recommended easyfundraising as a way to help generate additional income to financially benefit schools. Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, which is then turned into a donation which we can use to support our educational provision for children at Hedingham School. Further details are available in the attached document and via the following link. Any support would be most welcome.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/hedingham-school-and-sixth-form/0wfsi9/ca/1yUpvjwa/A2303/facebook>

Safeguarding

During the final week of term, all students have received guidance to support them in relation to 'Summer safety'. They have also had assemblies on how to access the on-line counselling service Kooth.

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the summer break, please contact:

Essex Children's Safeguarding Board on 0345 603 7627
(this service can signpost you to appropriate local support)

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) can be contacted
on 0800 953 0222

Please always get in touch with your family GP if you are concerned about your child's mental health. If you feel it is a mental health emergency where you do not feel they will be able to keep themselves safe, please go straight to your local A and E Department or call 999 where you can get urgent emotional support from the Mental Health Crisis team.

Furthermore, Family Solutions can be contacted on 0345 603 7627 or Community 360 on 01376 550507. These services can assist with supporting families through difficult and challenging times.

Your Feedback:

Whilst I am confident that we have made strides forwards on many agendas this year, we continually strategically map improvements. I am keen to listen to your thoughts as parents/guardians and incorporate your views into our development planning. If you have some time to complete the form, I would value your input.

<https://forms.office.com/e/i39NhNs0P8>

Parents and Guardians can access key information via our website under Parent Information, Year Group Information.

Have an enjoyable Summer and I shall look forward to our next steps in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



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