



Heworth Grange School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

21st of October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and thank you for your support over the last half term. It has as always been a very busy seven weeks and I am delighted to say that our new Year 7 students have settled into school extremely well. I am sure you will also agree that the students all look very smart in their new uniform. Ms Rennie will be sending an update on uniform to ensure our standards remain high and of course if there are any questions, please contact your child's head of year in the first instance.

Attendance

You will be aware that there has been a significant drive on attendance this half term and this will continue into the next half term and beyond. We have increased attendance by 1.5% this half term in comparison to the same time last year which is very important and shows we are moving in the right direction. We are just above 90% attendance whole school, but our target is 96% so we still all need to pull together to reach that target. Please can you ensure your child attends school on time **at 8.35am on Tuesday 1st November as Monday 31st October is a training day for staff across the Trust.**

Year 11 Trial Examinations

Thank you for all your support with Year 11 students. It was a great atmosphere on Tuesday evening during consultation evening. I know many of you attended the talk by Mr Hulse about how to support your child with revision. The half term will be important for Year 11 students to revise for their trial exams which begin the second week back. It is important that students do their best to prepare so that staff understand what students still need support with and can then tailor their lessons and support accordingly.

Open Evening

We welcomed over 400 parents to Open Evening on the 11th October and it was so encouraging to hear the positive comments about our students and staff. The Year 5 and 6 parents and carers felt that school was welcoming and reflected our 'Family away from home' ethos. Mrs Mitchell and I visited Falla Park and Wardley Primary School this week to hand out the treasure hunt prizes to lucky winners which was lovely. We have also hosted some of our primary partner schools for the 'Maths Olympics' which Mrs Maddock and Ms Kinghan organised supported by a number of our peer mentor students.

Graduation Ceremony

We also celebrated a belated graduation for our Year 7 students this half term. It was wonderful to share the evening with the students and their families and well done to everyone who graduated, we look forward to everyone graduating Passport to Success this year and celebrating in the summer months.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Last week a group of students left school with their rucksacks and camping equipment for a night under canvas. They were very lucky with the weather although I think it was a bit chilly at night even with their sleeping bags. The students and staff had a great time and are well on their way to completing their awards. We are also delighted that we are now a recognised Duke of Edinburgh Centre. Thank you again for all your support and if you have a few days off, enjoy the half term. **We will see you all again on the 1st of November.**

Best wishes,

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