



# Heworth Grange School

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Date: 12/02/2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a peaceful and prosperous start to the new year and term, and as we reach the end of half-term three, it is an excellent opportunity to reflect on some of our key achievements at Heworth Grange this year.

- Year 10 Drama Theatre Trip to see Blood Brothers
- Year 9 Design Lab Nation Trip to London

The attendance of students at Heworth Grange continues to be a focus for all of us at school. Our aim is to ensure our attendance continues to improve so that all our learners have the greatest chances of success and can realise their ambitions in life. The link between high attendance and high achievement is undeniable; simply put, if students attend school, they perform better, both while here, and when they leave.

Our spring term continues to provide an excellent location to learn – our school is calm and purposeful, and the attitudes of our students continue to be an inspiration to us all. Visitors to the school frequently comment on the excellent behaviour and attitude that students show. Our school community is proud to be part of the Heworth family.

As we reach our half-term holiday, I would like to thank you for your continued support as Parents and Carers and ask that we continue to work together to make sure that our climate for learning is sustained, particularly in standards of attendance, behaviour, and uniform. Your child's Class Charts account continues to provide the main platform for any issues to be communicated, and I urge you to download the [Class Charts App](#) if you have not done so already (available on Apple and Android App stores).

- At the beginning of the calendar year, our continued focus is on high attendance. We want all students to have 100% attendance in Term 3. The links to high attendance, high quality learning and academic achievement are undoubted. 'If you have high attendance at Heworth Grange, you will do well'. I encourage your support as Parents and Carers in ensuring as many students attain 100% attendance and get the rewards they deserve. Last week, we had nearly 700 students reach 100% attendance.
- Any missed learning has a clear impact on your child's progress and hinders their life chances. Punctuality to lessons is also crucial to maximising learning time. If your child is late to school, they will be issued with a late detention. Late detentions will take place at 14:45 on that day.
- Truancy is not accepted or tolerated. If your child is found to be internally truanting and not attending lessons, they will be placed in Reflection and receive a one-hour detention the following day. In the detention, students will be catching-up on any learning missed. Any repeated truancy will result in a Reflection Room placement for the entire day and an additional detention where they will have the time to complete any missed learning. Students who truant and do not follow school rules and expectations, may also be suspended.
- When on the school premises, the use of mobile phones is not permitted. Mobile phones are allowed but must be turned off and kept in the school bag. If a student is seen accessing a mobile phone on the school site, they will be asked by a member of staff to turn it off and put the phone in their bag. Students who repeatedly use their mobile phones will have their phone confiscated. This will be held in a secure location, and a Parent or Carer will be contacted to collect the mobile phone.



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Any additional information can be found on our [website](#), including our [uniform policy](#). Please carefully familiarise yourself with this information before buying. Incorrect uniform will continue to be challenged and addressed upon entrance to school.

## **Return to School Arrangements**

- Please note that all students are expected to return to school **at 08:35am on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.**
- Our Co-Curricular timetable will recommence on **Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.**

## **Important dates for - Spring Term 2**

Date	Focus
26.02.2024	All students return to school <b>(08:35)</b>
27.02.2024	Year 11 Consultation Evening
05.03.2024	Year 9 Preferences Evening
12.03.2024	Year 8 Consultation Evening
29.03.2024 – 14.04.2024	Easter Holidays

On behalf of the school and Consilium Academies Trust, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and restful half term and look forward to welcoming your child back to Heworth Grange on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Holt  
Head Teacher

