

29th March 2018

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the shortest term of this school year, there has been a packed schedule at the school with students preparing for their exams and taking part in a wide range of extra-curricular events and activities. There have been many highlights, but we were particularly proud of Edwin Zaimovic for winning gold at the National Indoor Rowing Championships, our debating team for their victory against South Hampstead Girls' school and our Year 11 students who are completing more revision than we've ever seen in preparation for this summer's GCSE exams!

Uniform

Following feedback from students and parents on our uniform, we are updating it from September 2018 so that the blazer, shirt and jumper carry our new 'shield' logo. The uniform will remain the same colours as before, with dark navy blazers, grey Haverstock branded shirts and striped ties to denote students' year group. Our new supplier, Direct Schoolwear, has premises in Chapel Market via Rough Cut Casuals, 16 Chapel Market, N1 9EZ and all of the uniform can be purchased online at directschoolwear.co.uk. Costs remain low with a uniform 'pack' of blazer, shirt, tie and PE t-shirt being available for £70.

We appreciate that replacing uniform which still fits would be frustrating for parents so we have arranged for patches for the new blazer to be made which have the new Haverstock shield. These will be available for purchase from Reception towards the end of next term at a very low cost and can be sewn on. As most of the shirt cannot be seen when our students are in full school uniform, we are happy for students to wear the old Haverstock shirt for one academic year and will only expect them to wear the new shirt from September 2019.

Inclusion

We are currently in the process of re-structuring our Special Educational Needs (SEN) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) provision at the school. As a result, a number of colleagues will unfortunately be leaving the school at the end of April whilst we implement these changes. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that we will continue to ensure that we retain our inclusive ethos and that all statutory requirements for students with Educational Health & Care Plans will be met and also to thank colleagues who are moving on for their many years of dedicated service in their roles. If you have any concerns or questions about how the provision is changing or have concerns about the impact that it might have on your child, in the first instance please contact our SENCO (Carlos Velazquez) by email carlos.velazquez@haverstock.camden.sch.uk or phone 020 7424 8306.



Online Safety

Using the Internet is now an everyday occurrence for most adults and children. With ever expanding new technologies such as blogs (online diaries), social networking spaces, online chat and mobile phones, children are using technology in a way never seen before. The increased use of technology at school and home also exposes children to a number of risks and dangers. We have spoken to students recently about the importance of using computers, mobile phones and gaming devices in a way which will keep them safe without limiting their opportunities for creation and innovation. We would appreciate all parents being mindful of their responsibilities to keep their children safe online. Guidance can be found at either of the websites below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/technology-toys-and-the-internet/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Furthermore, I would like to make you aware of an organisation that offer parents a text filtering software facility which filters inappropriate texts and images in real time. So parents can prevent their children from sending these images/text. Details can be found at the website below:

<https://www.safetynet.com/about/>

School Meals

We are working hard to improve the quality of food in the canteen and a new, healthier menu will be introduced from the start of next term. Unrelated to this, I regret to inform you that, after a long period of prices remaining static, the cost of the school lunch meal will rise to £2.30 from the start of summer term (16th April).

A reminder that you can keep abreast of the latest news by subscribing to 'Haverstock News', our weekly e-newsletter on the link below:

<http://www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk/the-school/hs-news.aspx>

Included with this letter are term dates for the remainder of this year and next year, which I hope you will find useful.

Finally, may I take the opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Easter break. I hope that we finally get some warmer weather after a very cold start to spring! The first day of term is Monday 16th April and school starts at the normal time of 8.30am.

Yours sincerely



James Hadley
Headteacher

HAVERSTOCK SCHOOL

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017-2018

Summer Term 2018

Mon 16 April	– Students return to school
Mon 7 May	– Bank holiday, no school
Mon 28 May to Fri 1 June	– Half term
Mon 4 June	– Students return to school
Fri 15 June 2018	– INSET (teacher training/ no school for students)
Weds 25 July	– End of term

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Mon 3 September	– INSET (staff return to school)
Tue 4 September	– Students return to school
Fri 5 October	– INSET (teacher training, no school for students)
Fri 19 October	– INSET (teacher training/ no school for students)
Mon-Fri 22-26 October	– Half term
Mon 29 October	– Students return to school
Mon 19 November	– INSET (teacher training, no school for students)
Tue 20 November	– Students return to school
Fri 21 December	– End of term

Spring Term 2019

Mon 7 January	– INSET (staff return to school)
Tue 8 January	– Students return to school
Mon-Fri 18-22 February	– Half term
Mon 25 February	– Students return to school
Fri 5 April	– End of term

Summer Term 2019

Tue 23 April	– Students and return to school
Mon 6 May	– Bank holiday, no school
Mon-Fri 27-31 May	– Half term
Mon 3 June	– Students return to school
Tue 23 July	– End of term