

Our Ref: PM/RMM
10th July 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for the support that you have given Hanson Academy over the past academic year and particularly since February. Much has happened during this time to improve standards and outcomes for students at Hanson Academy. Your support and feedback is highly valued.

If you follow the life of the academy through our website, you will have seen that Hanson Academy hosts and stages a regular programme of sporting, creative and cultural events throughout the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and parents/carers for your commitment to enriching the lives of our young people. Without this extracurricular work and support, the academy could not be truly at the heart of its community. This is an area which we will continue to grow further as next year unfolds.

Following your feedback we have updated our website and introduced a communications strategy to keep you fully informed about your students progress and Hanson Academy life. I look forward to giving you more positive reports of the school's progress as we go through the next academic year with a revitalised and energised team of dedicated staff. Look out for the Head Teachers weekly blog and half termly newsletter.

As the school is approaching the end of the academic year, it is important that you are clear about the arrangements for the end of this term and the arrangements for the beginning of the next academic year.

Arrangements for the end of this term are as follows:

The school breaks up on Thursday 16th July. On this day, students will be dismissed at 12:10pm. Any students who have free school meals will be able to collect these from the canteen. Could we ask you to continue to support the school with regards to ensuring attendance and uniform is kept to its high standards.

Arrangements for the beginning of next academic year:

On Thursday, 3rd September Year 7 students will start the new term at 8.10am. We will then require Year 11 students to attend at 10am. Year 8, 9 and 10 students will start at 12.30pm (please ensure Year 8, 9 and 10 students have had lunch as they will be going straight to their form groups). Year 12 enrolment will begin at 8.10am. The school day will finish for all students at 2:40pm.

On Friday, 4th September, all students will attend school as normal. The school day will start at 8:10am and will finish at 2:40pm. Year 12 and Year 13 will be receiving a separate letter about their arrangements. However Year 13 will begin timetabled lessons Monday 7th September. All lessons Year 7-13 will commence Monday 7th September.

Please ensure that your child arrives on time every day, wearing the correct uniform and is fully equipped ready for learning. Students must be in registration for 8.10am. The gates are closed at 8.05am and students arriving after this time will be registered as late.

Dropping off Students:

- In conjunction with West Yorkshire Police we have been advised to inform parents/carers that it is **crucial** that students are dropped off or picked up from the GOALS turning circle at the beginning and end of the school day.
- If you are driving to the school we would ask that you do not use Sutton Avenue to drop off or pick up at the main gate entrance as this will be dangerous for students walking to school.
- Exceptions will be made in cases of disability or if you are a visitor to the school between 8.15am and 2.30pm.

Uniform:

Requirements for uniform are outlined in the student planners and on the Academy website; however I must highlight a decision which we made last year and uphold this year regarding a specific change:

- Skirts will no longer be permitted to be worn by students as part of the Hanson Academy uniform.

Academy Site Security:

In the interests of child safety and protection:

- Every morning all gates, entrances and exits, except for the main entrance on Sutton Avenue, will be locked at 8.05am.
- The Head Teacher and the Leadership Team welcome the students every morning as they arrive through the main entrance.
- At the end of the school day entrances and exits will be opened at 2.30pm.
- All staff and students are required to wear their lanyards at all times (including any non uniform days). Year 7 and 12 will be issued with their lanyards in September.

Please ensure that your child gets to school in good time in order to be able to access the site, be marked present and take part in the daily Form Group and enrichment activities.

We are looking forward to the new term and working with you and your children as we move through the academic year.

Yours sincerely

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