



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to my end of academic year letter, one that I am sitting writing as the temperature pushes towards 30 degrees and I look out of my window to see so many of our students outside thoroughly enjoying a fantastically organised sports day.

I am sure, like me, you cannot believe where this year has gone and how, as a community, we have had to deal with so much change and upheaval. I shall start with the positive approach in that September will look much better for all our students and should allow for many of the exciting lessons and activities and dare I say it, trips, to go ahead. However, before we get that ahead of ourselves, there is much to share as we close on this year.

### Leavers & Joiners

The summer term is always a time of mixed emotions, we say goodbye to staff and students who are leaving the HBHS family. However, at the same time we welcome a host of new teachers, support staff and nearly 280 new students who will be joining us.

We say farewell to the following staff who I am sure you will join me in wishing every success in their new careers, they have all contributed to the success of the school.

Miss Brazier	Teacher of Music
Mrs Pritchard	Inclusion Support Officer
Mrs Watts	Teacher of Maths
Miss Porter	Support Leader Maths
Mrs Short	Head of Music
Miss Wolsoncroft	Teacher of Science
Mrs Topping	LSA
Miss Ogilvie	LSA

### Summer Results

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students worked tirelessly to prepare their evidence portfolios for the Teacher Assessed Grades that we sent to the exam boards in June. The fruits of this work will be shared on the two results days, which are

- Year 13 A Level: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- Year 11 GCSE: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

My letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of July sets out all you need to know with regards to this process, including appeals if needed. [Summer-2021-Results-Parent-Information.pdf \(hernebayhigh.org\)](https://www.hernebayhigh.org/Summer-2021-Results-Parent-Information.pdf)



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### Covid and Testing

Our whole year has been dictated by the coronavirus; it has made the school experience look and feel very different. Although the 19th of July was National Freedom Day, I am still of the opinion we must be cautious and sensible. The Government talks about personal responsibility, which is actually a fair approach and something I advocate. As such, we have carefully planned the operation of the school for September including all safety measures which are detailed in the September guide:

<https://www.hernebayhigh.org/assets/Documents/PARENT-Re-opening-Booklet-2021.pdf>

One aspect that I ask of you all is that you ensure that every student undertakes a Lateral Flow Test immediately prior to starting/returning to school in September. This can be completed using the free test kits we provide or going to any local testing centre. We have enough spare test kits available from the year-based offices in school for any family who need one; please ask your student to collect this before they leave this week. There is no requirement to test regularly throughout the summer, however with the current spike in cases, I would recommend looking out for any symptoms and booking a test if appropriate. If you do have a positive test, then please inform the school so we can advise you accordingly. Please see my letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> of July with regard contact tracing [Changes-to-Contract-Tracing-in-Education.pdf \(hernebayhigh.org\)](#)

### Start of Term in September

It seems a long way off at the moment, but we need to ensure we are ready and prepared for the start to the next academic year. Key dates are:

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: (Week A)

Year 7 start at 8.30 am (Year 7 can enter through any gate on this day and make their way to the Bay Arena)

Year 8 to Year 11 start at 11.00 am (Please go straight to your new mentor room – there will be signs up on your entry to school)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** Y13 start of term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept:** (Week B) Y7-13 Normal Lessons (Y12 first day in school)

### Uniform

The summer is always a good time to make sure your child has the appropriate uniform. There is no change to anything for September apart from **TIES!** As part of the changes to how we operate, we will be identifying student by year groups and all year groups will have a coloured tie. Full details are on page 4 of the parent guide. In essence for year 7 students, you will need to purchase a blue school tie from Barnums in Herne Bay. **ALL** other year groups come to school with their current tie, and we will ensure that your child leaves on day one with the correct tie for their year group.

Additionally, we have spoken to every student over the last week about how they present and the wearing of uniform. Please can I ask you to reinforce this message and what will be expected in September. For the avoidance of doubt, please - no hoodies, no facial piercings and no extreme haircuts. Full details available here: [Uniform - Herne Bay High School](#)

In addition to uniform, can we ensure that pencil cases are refreshed, school bags are given a clean out and any PE kit cleaned ready for what we hope is an action-packed year of hard work, trips, activities and clubs.



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### September Changes

Hopefully you would have had time to acquaint yourselves with the film that details all the changes we are making for September. All the changes are there to help ensure we continue to improve the quality of education we provide your children and to continue to maintain a safe and harmonious school environment, something we are immensely proud of: <https://youtu.be/O87fQt5nBtg>

### Keeping up to date

As always, we are constantly trying to ensure that you are fully informed on all aspects of school life and my regular letter are a key vehicle for this. All my letters from this year can be accessed here [Letters from the Principal - Herne Bay High School](#). In addition, we regularly update our online media via Facebook, Twitter and our School website [Main Site - Herne Bay High School](#). There is always a wealth of up-to-date information covering what the school and our students are up to as well as operational information to help you as parents.

Educating a child is not a formulaic event, it takes an ongoing working partnership between the family, the school and the child. It requires hard work and dedication as well as a desire to be the very best. We know there are occasional bumps in the road but, by working together, we can easily smooth nearly every bump out. There are three things that I have already asked all our students to bring with them in September, these are Kindness, Respect and Dedication. I hope that as you take time to relax as families this summer, you can reinforce these values in your children, so they are well prepared for the new year.

Please take care, continue to take personal responsibility for your health and wellbeing and enjoy what I hope will be a warm and sunny summer

See you next term.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Boyes**  
**Principal**