



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parents / Carers

Scarily, we are now well past the midpoint of term 4. The Easter holidays are two weeks away and GCSE and A level examinations are looming fast. We are continuing to ensure we run our rich curriculum with students having many opportunities to get involved. Already this term they have had student travelling far and wide, experiencing learning beyond the classroom. Last week, we welcomed the UK climate change committee to Herne Bay High School for a 1-hour pupil conference, a real coup having Lord Debon and other esteemed professionals talking to our students about such critical issues. Sporting accolades have been mounting, topped by our Year 8 boys sharing the title of “Kent Champions” after a hard-fought draw in Beckenham on Tuesday night.

### **Covid**

The school continues to function very well despite an increase in COVID infection rates in students and staff. Unfortunately, even with the new national COVID rules, should a member of staff test positive, they need to stay at home for at least 5 days and thereafter until 2 negative tests, 24 hours apart and this is making each day challenging in terms of planning. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer “live” lessons, however we are still putting all class teaching materials onto Microsoft Teams for most lessons. This is a huge step forward for supporting students should they be isolating, and I encourage parents to get students to access the work if they are well enough.

### **Ukraine**

Last week I wrote to you all asking for help with the Kent Schools Ukraine appeal. The whole school was overwhelmed with your donations which included medical supplies, baby feeding equipment and comforting toys for young children. On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, three school minibuses were needed to transport these donations to the collection point in Folkestone. I hope your generosity will shortly find its way to helping families who are in so much greater need than ourselves.

### **Expectations**

Can I ask that you remind your children about our expectations, especially those around behaviour and uniform. Our values of being Kind, Respectful and Dedicated should apply in all circumstances. We are blessed with so many wonderful young people who work hard and care for one another. However, on occasions, some students fall short causing distress to others. Whilst we always challenge any wrongdoing and educate to improve, we do know that this reiterated at home is extremely helpful. Our uniform policy has not changed and is on the website at [Uniform - Herne Bay High School](#).



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### Attendance

One aspect that really does make a difference to progress and wellbeing is regular attendance. Some students and parent perceive 80% to 90% attendance as good, but sadly that is not the case. It means your child is missing 1 day in every 10, nearly 20 days in a year and that equates to 120 lessons missed!! So please work with us to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

### Fundraising

To finish on a really positive note, over the last few days more than 60 staff and a significant number of students have been involved in a 24-hour fundraising event to raise money for a wonderful local charity supporting downs syndrome research. At the close of the event, we had raised over £3600. Lots of pictures and information are available on our website at [24 Hour Challenge - Herne Bay High School](#) where you will also find a link to the just giving page should you want to help us reach £4000!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Boyes  
Principal