



HUNTINGTON SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 15th September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a good summer break?

It's been a really positive start to the new academic year! We have been delighted with how quickly our new Year 7s have settled into new routines - they should be extremely proud of the start they have made.

Thank you to parents and carers for their support around ensuring that students are in the correct uniform. At Huntington, we want students to take pride in their appearance and represent their school in the most positive way possible. The vast majority of students look incredibly smart and have started the new term extremely well.

I would like to offer my **congratulations to students who received their GCSE and A-Level results** over the summer. As a school, we were delighted with their outcomes and it was lovely to see so many happy faces as they opened their envelopes on the day. We wish all students the very best for the future.

Last week I delivered assemblies to each year group on our new vision for Huntington School; talking about the school we aspire Huntington to be. Our new school motto is Learn and Succeed. I spoke about why we come to school, the value of education and the importance of hard work. I projected photos on the screen of young people who had just received their exam results from the summer – their faces filled with joy, happiness and pride. I talked about what it takes to get to this point; put simply – hard work! I am confident that with our support, all students will rise to this challenge this year and be successful.

Thank you for your support.

With best wishes

Matt Smith
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

Huntington School is very proud to be part of the local community and as such we would ask that consideration is given to our neighbours when dropping or picking up students from school. Where possible please use the all-weather pitch car park, which has a pedestrian crossing for students to cross safely.

Please be aware that the car park at the Hogshead Public House is private land and should not be used.

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening for Year 6 students takes place on Wednesday 27th September and in order to prepare, school will close at 12.30pm for all students.

If your child would like to assist in a department then they should speak to their subject teacher. If they are in years 9, 10 or 11 and would like to help in a general capacity, which will include showing prospective parents and children around the school then please complete the form below.

GENERAL HELPER PERMISSION FORM

General helpers will need to be available between 5.30pm and 8.00pm. Further details regarding this are available from Paula Edwards, PA to the Senior Leadership Team (p.edwards@huntington-ed.org.uk)

YEAR 10 HISTORY TRIP TO FOUNTAINS ABBEY

This date of this trip has moved from 27th September, to avoid a clash with the school Open Evening. It will now be on Wednesday 20th September. Students will need:

- To be in non-uniform clothes, suitable for the weather on the day,
- Wearing shoes they can walk comfortably in, e.g. trainers
- A packed lunch. There will be school packed lunches available for those who receive Free School Meals.
- We will leave and return within the school day.

Please note: if you have not signed a permission slip or done so via ClassCharts we will need this before we can take your student on the trip.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an important part of learning at secondary school; it is vital for the consolidation and extension of learning in lessons and a crucial part of revision and exam preparation. Homework also helps our young people develop important independent learning and organisational skills. To support with organisation, and to allow parents to be more informed about the homework that is set for their child, from Monday, all year groups will have their homework set via Class Charts. Students received information and guidance from their form tutors last week, and we hope that the information below supports parents to understand and use this feature of Class Charts.

Parents can access information about ClassCharts and a guide to homework here:

<https://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Charts&pid=23&action=saved>

Class Charts information for students and the homework guide can be found here:

<https://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Charts&pid=280&action=saved>

Homework will continue to be recorded in student planners, so parents can also check there. Many thanks for your continued support with this important aspect of every child's learning.

ATTENDANCE AT HUNTINGTON SCHOOL

Students are expected to be in school by 8.30am each day. A student arriving after 8.35am without reason will need to sign in at student reception and will be issued with a break time detention. Any unplanned absence (such as illness or an appointment) should be reported at the earliest opportunity, wherever possible this should be done using the [Class Charts Parent App](#). If necessary, this can be communicated via the details below:

Years 7-11

Mrs J Teasdale

24 hour absence reporting line: 01904 752165

Email: absence@huntington-ed.org.uk

Sixth Form

Mrs Amanda Blunt

24 hour absence reporting line: 01904 752156

Email: a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk

Please see the page *Advice on illness* for further guidance on absence due to illness: [Huntington School - Advice on illness](#).

We encourage regular attendance at school, and share the government target of 95% attendance for our students. You can see your child's current attendance record on Class Charts, and we will update you periodically. If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as a persistent absentee and their attendance will be more closely monitored. Where possible we request that parents make doctors and dentist appointments outside of school hours. Leave of absence is also discouraged, and we do consult with the Local Authority in order to issue fixed penalty notices.

Our full attendance policy can be found here: [Huntington School - Policies](#)

Regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve well and Huntington School believes that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their potential and make a positive contribution to their community. Nevertheless, we recognise that there may be times when your child may struggle to attend school. You may wish to communicate these with your child's relevant pastoral team, but alternatively there is a team in Attendance here to support you and your child.

Ms K Townsend – Strategic Attendance Leader – k.townsend@huntington-ed.org.uk

Miss B Hammell – Attendance Support Worker – b.hammell@huntington-ed.org.uk

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Huntington, we feel that education is not just about what happens in the classroom, it is about providing all our students with as many opportunities as possible to engage with a broad range of extra-curricular activities. To do this, we collected feedback from students, parents and staff to ensure that our offer considered the interests of the many, rather than the few.

"Extra-curricular activities boost young people's confidence to interact socially with others; extend their social networks; and provide them with new skills and abilities. Above all, they offer an important space to have fun and relax away from the pressures of schoolwork".

Social Mobility Commission (July 2020), An Unequal Playing Field: Extra-Curricular Activities, Soft Skills & Social Mobility, University of Bath.

Currently, we have almost 60 different extra-curricular clubs available, and we are always seeking to develop and enhance this even further. From Monday 18th September, the clubs will open initially to Y7s, who will be expected to try at least one of the clubs available. Then from Monday 25th September the clubs will open to all other year groups. We are excited to welcome everyone along over the coming weeks.

The current list of clubs can be accessed here. [Huntington School - Extra Curricular Clubs](#)

ISSP INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE IN CLASSICAL GREEK

This fantastic opportunity is open to all Huntington sixth formers. It will be taught from October at St Peter's School.

For further information please contact Mrs Newport: a.newport@huntington-ed.org.uk



VISIBLE CONSISTENCIES AND INFRINGEMENTS

An important part of ensuring the highest standards of behaviour and keeping our young people safe are our Visible Consistencies:

VISIBLE CONSISTENCIES			
STANDARD 1	Students must have their top button and tie fastened correctly.	CONDUCT 1	Students must walk sensibly on the left side of the corridor and stairwells.
STANDARD 2	Students must wear their school jumper* and must not wear hoods inside.	CONDUCT 2	Students must observe the one-way system at all times.
STANDARD 3	Students must not wear coats in the classroom.	CONDUCT 3	Students must talk quietly as they travel through school. Shouting/swearing/raised voices is not permitted.
STANDARD 4	Students do not wear jewellery with the exception of one pair of stud earrings.	CONDUCT 4	Students must line up quietly in single file outside of classrooms and when waiting in the lunch queues.
STANDARD 5	Students must not be seen with a mobile phone or earphones in school.	CONDUCT 5	Play fighting and excessive physical play is not acceptable at any time.

We expect all students in school to follow these rules and meet our expectations; we have been really impressed with the super start that they have made this academic year.

In addition, we worked with all students on their first day to understand the importance of organisation and arriving with the correct equipment for all lessons:

Succeeding at School: Be Prepared

Equipment

Make sure you bring the right equipment to school. You will need:

- ✓ Student planner
- ✓ Blue or black pen (and a spare)
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Ruler 30 cm
- ✓ Eraser
- ✓ Pencil sharpener
- ✓ Calculator (as recommended by the Mathematics Department)

Other useful equipment might be:

- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Coloured pencils
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Highlighter
- ✓ Set square
- ✓ English dictionary

To support students with this, form tutors are checking student uniform and equipment in tutor time. They are supporting students to correct any infringements or equipment issues at the start of the day. This means that we can expect all students to move around the school appropriately and safely and arrive at lessons with all of the equipment they need for the day.

If students do not adhere to any of the Visible Consistencies or arrive at a lesson without the correct equipment, they will receive an infringement which will be recorded on Class Charts. Students who receive four infringements in a week, will then receive a detention.

We thank parents for their support in ensuring students are wearing the correct uniform and have the equipment they need for school. **If you are experiencing difficulty obtaining any equipment or uniform please contact the year group pastoral team.**

HUNTINGTON ROVERS FC

The under 13's are looking for new players. They particularly need around 4 outfield players with some experience of match football to strengthen the current squad. Experience in the YDYFL would be an advantage.

For more information contact 07960 331743 or email: huntingtonfootballclubb@gmail.com

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CONTACTING US

We encourage all parents to contact us if they have an issue with their child that needs resolving. We are here to support and help in whatever way we can. Here are the key contact details:

	Head of Year	Student Support Leader
Year 7	Miss Elliott n.elliott@huntington-ed.org.uk	Miss Tomlinson hf.tomlinson@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 8	Mr Kettlewell r.kettlewell@huntington-ed.org.uk	Mrs Triffitt /Ms Booth s.triffitt@huntington-ed.org.uk l.booth@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 9	Miss E Townsend e.townsend@huntington-ed.org.uk	Miss Evennett J.Evennett@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 10	Mrs Garbett rj.garbett@huntington-ed.org.uk	Mrs Hammell l.hammell@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 11	Mrs Hadcroft ce.hadcroft@huntington-ed.org.uk	Ms Gledhill c.gledhill@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 12	Mr Savory m.savory@huntington-ed.org.uk	Mrs Blunt a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 13	Miss Campbell c.campbell@huntington-ed.org.uk	Mrs Blunt a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mrs Naish Deputy Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead

g.naish@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mr Lowe Assistant Headteacher, SENDCO

w.lowe@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mr Bruce Assistant Headteacher i/c Year 7

m.bruce@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mr Meldrum Assistant Headteacher i/c Year 8 & 9

n.meldrum@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mr Paley Assistant Headteacher i/c 10 & 11

t.paley@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mr Johnson Director of Sixth Form

m.johnson@huntington-ed.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING AND OUT OF HOURS CONCERNS

If you are concerned about a young person you must contact M.A.S.H (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Team) which is the single point of contact for all concerns about children. If there are immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact North Yorkshire Police on 999.

Contact MASH Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm:

- telephone - 01904 551900
- email - mash@york.gov.uk

Contact MASH Early Help Team to make an early help referral or access advice:

- telephone - 01904 551900
- email - earlyhelp@york.gov.uk

Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays, contact the emergency duty team

- telephone - 01609 780780
- email - edt@northyorks.gov.uk