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Dear Parent/Carer,



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End of Term – Spring 2019



Thank you for your continued support this term. It has been a difficult time since Jaden's death and the school community are very grateful for all those positive messages of support and the recognition of the work of staff supporting pupils; those personally suffering from grief, but also the wider work done with year groups and with external agencies. We will continue to prioritise the safety and happiness of pupils in and out of school and have plans to offer some safety workshops (with the Police and other agencies) for pupils and parents/carers next term. We will also continue to build closer partnerships with local businesses and TfL to ensure positive behaviour is recognised and we will continue to challenge poor behaviour in the community. We welcome any ideas that you may have around this area as there is still much work to do.



Please use the break as a chance to refresh uniform as this is an area that has recently slipped. We will be renewing our efforts to check uniform every morning and pupils will need to remove items (that may be confiscated) that are not part of the uniform code or will need to borrow items (such as shoes and ties) from the office if they are not properly dressed. We need your support with this and want to ensure our pupils understand the power of dressing to impress and are proud to be smart and representing Heathcote. All pupils have a role to play in these high standards and those that will not follow simple instructions damage the whole school as their behaviour sets a very poor precedent. We are better than this as a school community and we need to ensure that everyone is proud to show this. Our punctuality expectations are also there to ensure that no time is wasted but also that pupils develop this skill for life that will support them in the future.



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We finish on Friday 5th April during period 4 (11.50 – 12.40) after a morning of assemblies and an extended break to allow pupils to get lunch earlier as there will be no lunch service at the normal time. The assemblies will take place as follows and pupils will be released from school in a staggered fashion:

- P1 - year 7 (8.45 - 9.20)
- P1 - year 11 (9.30 - 10.00)
- P2 - year 9 (10.10 - 10.40)
- P3 - year 8 (11.10 - 11.50)
- P4 - year 10 (12.00 - 12.40)



This is a ***normal school uniform day*** and the highest standards are expected. Please ensure that you speak to your child about going straight home on this day. All local schools are finishing during the afternoon and we want to ensure that there are no negative incidents involving our pupils. Sixth form pupils will have the first 3 lessons of the day before leaving at 11.50 am.

Summer Term – Starts Tuesday 23rd April

Pupils should arrive to school at break time – the gates will open at 10.40 pm for a prompt 11.00 am start, allowing for staff training. If you need your child to attend school at the normal time and would like provision to be made earlier, please let me know and we will ensure there is a room that can be supervised for such pupils and Reception will be aware of your child's early start. Break time food will be available for those that arrive in time for break in the main canteen only.

Uniform will be checked on the way in and pupils will be sent home to change (after a phone call) if they are not properly dressed. Please do not allow your child to come in with false nails or piercings anywhere other than the ear lobe. This will lead to unnecessary pupil/staff conflict and there is no place for these things in school.

Year 11 and 13 will begin their public exams shortly after they return and we wish them lots of luck. Both year groups have been on the whole very focused and we are optimistic that they will reach their potential in the exams enabling the very best results for their future pathways. Further details about exams and the study programme will be sent out shortly. Please support them with their study between now and the exam date and please contact us if you or they need further support. Year 10 mocks also start after the holidays and again further details will be sent out re revision etc.

Reports for Year 13 will be sent out via the SIMs App by the end of this week and Year 7-10 and Year 12 by Friday 26th April. In addition, Year 9 GCSE Option choices will be sent out at the start of next term. We are currently undertaking final checks of groups and choices and want to launch this with an assembly when we return for the Summer Term. Pupils who had combinations that were not possible have all been spoken to and changes made so there should be few surprises for them or you. If you are particularly anxious about the choices and want confirmation before the holidays, please email me and I will respond directly. More details will follow with the choices and expectations of behaviour in all subjects for the Summer Term.

Please don't forget to follow our Twitter (@Heathcotee4) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Heathcotee4>) feeds and we look forward to launching our new website next term ensuring that communication and information is as good as it can be enabling the very best partnership work. We will be asking for some parents/carers to join a focus group to support

with this and please let me know if you are interested. The school newsletter will also share some of our stories of the term.

We look forward to relaunching the vision for pupil leadership next term and will send further details of leadership opportunities for our pupils such as the prefect role. Enabling a good pupil leadership team is the next step in continuing to improve behaviour so that ultimately pupils can self-regulate in all situations.

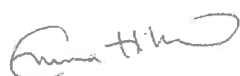
We look forward to welcoming the new Year 7s next term and have exciting plans for them in the next stage of the school's development.

I would like to thank all my staff (both teaching and support staff) for their hard work, including all those that go the extra mile organising trips and events. I would also like to reiterate my thanks to you as well for your support and thanks to your children for making this the most rewarding, although sometimes challenging, job there could be.

We are genuinely committed to supporting your children and we are all on the same side, wanting the best for every child in this school. It is important that this is forefront in your minds when your child may be having difficulties with progress or behaviour as we need to work towards finding solutions together.

Have a great Easter break and I hope you spend some quality family time together.

All the best

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Emma Hillman', written in black ink.

Emma Hillman
Headteacher