

Harpurhey Alternative Provision School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you at the end of what has been a very positive year for our school. Although we have, at times, had to face challenges as a result of the pandemic and moving buildings, over the course of year the general pattern has been one of returning to normality. This has been particularly noticeable since Easter, when it has been particularly pleasing to see the very best year 11 examination series we have experienced – well done to all our students, families, staff and schools. Our class of 22 needs to walk very tall and proud for what they have achieved and overcome.

I know this letter is quite lengthy but please take the time to read it carefully. It contains the arrangements for the end of term, the start of next term and provides you with some key updates and useful information.

End of term arrangements

The Summer term ends on Thursday 21st July and the school day will finish at 12:00pm. The preceding day, Wednesday 20th July, is when our Year 11s return for their say their goodbyes and go out for their leaving meal. This day along with the final day, will be a non-uniform day. Please could all students and parents be aware that our expectations regarding personal appearance and appropriateness.

New school year

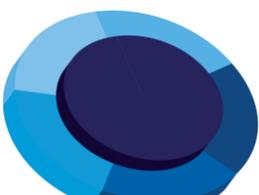
Monday 5th September – return to school – details will be sent to each family via text during August.

A reminder of the timings of the school day can be found on our website at: https://haps.manchester.sch.uk/?page_id=953

Uniform for September

We make no apologies for our high expectations because excellent standards in our school start with high standards of uniform. We appreciate the full support of all parents on this. Uniform is black shirt/top and black trousers/bottoms. We are relaxed about footwear. If young people cannot regularly attend in uniform as expected, they will be required to change before coming into school.

Safeguarding



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Our school website has our policy for Safeguarding and can be found here: https://haps.manchester.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-2022_3.pdf. This contains useful information and guidance to help you to keep your child safe. Should you experience any issues or if you have any concerns, the document also signposts some useful support networks that might be able to help.

Encouraging your child to read

GCSE examinations have an average reading age of 15 years and 7 months. Sadly, we have some students in school with reading ages significantly lower than this. If your child cannot read well, they will struggle to access course content from Year 10 onwards. As parents and carers, one of the key things that you can do to help your child succeed in school is to encourage them to read. If you are struggling with ideas for books please ask us and we will discuss this with your young person and provide appropriate books that they will enjoy.

Farewells

At the end of this term we say farewell to two long-serving members of staff. At this time they are still both going to be very in and around our school as we take the next steps in our journey, so you will get opportunity to thank them in person; but I am sure that you will all join me in wishing all of them the very best for the future.

Finally, I would like thank parents for their continued support throughout the year and I would also like to thank and commend all of your young people for their hard work and positivity.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable and safe summer.

Yours sincerely



Michael

Michael Hill - Headteacher

