



HILLCREST SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and Carers

24 October 2025

As we reach the end of what has been a very busy and productive first half of the autumn term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some of the many highlights from the past few weeks.

It has been an excellent start to the academic year. Our students have demonstrated a strong attitude to their learning, showing real commitment and high standards of behaviour and conduct. I have been particularly impressed by the maturity and work ethic of our Year 11 students as they have returned to school this term – their determination to succeed is evident in lessons and around the school every day. Our Year 13 students, too, are working diligently as they prepare for their next steps, balancing their studies with their university and apprenticeship applications.

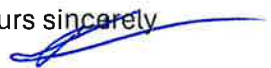
This half-term has also been filled with a range of exciting enrichment activities. Our new Year 7 students enjoyed an excellent Watersports Day, which gave them the chance to build confidence, teamwork and new friendships. Our KS3 dodgeball team did us proud, winning their inter-school competition and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout. In the Sixth Form, students attended the UK Universities and Apprenticeship Show, gaining valuable insight into post-18 opportunities, and hosted a hugely successful Macmillan Coffee Morning at the end of September, raising money for such a worthy cause. Our Year 9 students also had the privilege of taking part in a powerful and moving session led by the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, which offered deeply personal insights into history and helped students reflect on themes of resilience, tolerance, and the importance of standing up to prejudice. We were also delighted by the talent and creativity on display at our recent Hillcrest Talent Show this week – it was wonderful to see so many students take part and support one another.

After half-term, our Year 11 and Year 13 mock examinations will begin. These are an important part of the assessment process and a vital opportunity for students to experience full examination conditions ahead of their summer examinations. We ask for your continued support in encouraging good routines at home and ensuring examination revision plans are in place over the break.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support this term. The partnership between home and school makes a real difference to the success and well-being of our students.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another purposeful half-term.

Yours sincerely


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