



Hillcrest School & Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the end of yet another busy term and are very appreciative of your support in our many and varied activities.

The term will end on Friday 21st December at approximately 12.30 pm. Students wishing to have a school lunch will have one provided at morning break.

School will re-open again for students on Tuesday 8th January 2019 with registration at 8.45a.m.

Forthcoming Events:

Teacher Day (Students are not required in school)	-	Monday 7th January
Spring Term begins School Re-opens for all students	-	Tuesday 8 th January at 08.45a.m.
6 th Form Parent's Evening	-	Thursday 10 th January 4.30pm-6.30pm
Year 7 Dance Competition	-	Thursday 17 th January
Year 9 Parent's Evening	-	Tuesday 22 nd January 4-6pm
PSD Day 3	-	Tuesday 5 th February
Half term starts for students	-	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February
School Re-opens for all students	-	Monday 25 th February
Year 11 English Literature Mocks	-	Week beginning 4 th March
Year 9 School Leaving Booster Vaccinations	-	Monday 4 th March
Year 11 Maths and English Mock Exam Week	-	Week beginning 11 th March
Year 7 Netball Competition	-	Tuesday 12 th March
Year 8 and 9 Netball Competition	-	Wednesday 20 th March
Year 8 Examinations Week	-	Week beginning 25 th March
Year 10 Parents Evening	-	Monday 1 st April 4pm-6pm
PSD Day 4	-	Friday 5 th April
Careers Fayre	-	Thursday 11 th April
Term Ends for students at 12.30p.m.	-	Friday 12 th April

'Pupils' conduct is excellent. Around the School and in lessons, pupils are courteous and confident.'
'Strong ambition for improving outcomes for all pupils has led to good examination results.'
(Ofsted 2017)

Summer Term begins

- Monday 29th April

Reminders:

Students must be in school by 8-40am and in seated in registration when the bell rings at 8-45am. Students who arrive after this time receive a late mark.

Uniform List - Compulsory for all students Years 7-11

We expect our students to take pride in their appearance and we believe that the wearing of school uniform fosters a sense of identity. If students attend school inappropriately dressed their parents will be contacted. Students are not allowed to attend lessons out of uniform.

Students in current Year 8, 9 and 10 will be required to wear the new school uniform by September 2019 but can start to wear it at any stage between now and September 2019.

Students in current Year 11 will not be required to wear the new school uniform unless parents/carers choose to purchase it for their child's final year at school.

Additional information:

If students wish to wear extra clothing under their uniform it must not be visible.

Trainers and boots are not to be worn.

Nail varnish, unnatural hair colours and facial piercings are not permitted.

Mobile Phones and other valuable items

Mobile phones are the responsibility of students if they bring them to school. They are not to be seen, heard or used on the school premises. Phones that are seen, heard or used on the school premises will be confiscated and a parent/carer will be required to collect the phone. Please note the school can take no responsibility for any phones or other valuables brought into school.



'Keeping Safe'

Please see our website for guidance for parents/carers regarding keeping children safe. By clicking the blue icon on the website, you'll find information on health and well-being, relationship education, study skills and online safety, including internet and social media safety and preventing radicalism and extremism.



Reminder: Emergency Closure of School

In extreme weather conditions or other emergencies when it is necessary to close the school, details will be posted on the school website, sent via twitter and text message. The school will always try to give as much notice as possible.

If, for any reason, we were unable to re-open as announced because of secondary factors e.g. burst pipes, heating failure, this will be communicated as above. Please do ensure that students have an alternative place of safety should it become necessary to close the school early in an emergency.

Attendance

Hillcrest School continues to work in partnership with parents to ensure all children have good attendance. **We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.** It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence. Hillcrest attendance is currently **96.32%** which is a fantastic school effort that we would like to continue throughout the school year. Please continue to support Hillcrest School and Sixth Form Centre in raising attendance levels.

Thank you for your continued support. May I wish you Season's Greetings and a peaceful New Year from the Governor's, staff and myself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ms J A Davies".

Ms J A Davies
Headteacher