



14 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I just wanted to let you know about a few exciting updates, plus give you some reminders before we publish our final edition of The Helstonian next week.

### **Changes for September**

#### **Pastoral Support**

To increase the capacity of our pastoral team we are returning to a structure where there will be a Head of Year for every year group in Years 7 to 11. The Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Assistants for September will therefore be:

- Year 7 - Mr Dudley & Miss Batchelor
- Year 8 - Mr Lovelock & Mrs Marsh
- Year 9 - Miss Hawkey & Mrs Dyer
- Year 10 - Mr Richardson & Miss Breasley
- Year 11 - Mrs Barnes & Mrs Cameron

All the Pastoral Support Assistants and all the Heads of Year, except Mr Dudley, will remain with their year group as they move up the school. Mr Dudley will remain as the permanent Head of Year 7 to support the transition from Year 6.

#### **iPads**

In September, we are providing iPads to all teachers and to all our Post 16 students to enable us to enhance the quality of teaching and learning. Access to a variety of apps will give students and teachers the opportunity to make the most of the amazing technology that continues to develop so rapidly. We are hopeful that we will then be able to roll this out to all students across the rest of the College in the future.

#### **Tutor Time Reading**

The importance of reading cannot be underestimated, as it is such an integral part of students succeeding in their education. We have therefore decided to devote a second, short tutor time in the afternoon to reading. Tutors will continue to meet with their tutor groups every morning, but will also read with the students every afternoon after lunch.

#### **Earlier Lunches**

By changing the structure of the day slightly, lunchtimes will now be at an earlier time next year, something, I know, will be welcomed by many. Lunch will now start at 1.00pm (rather than 1.20pm) and will continue to be 40 minutes in length.

### **Activity Week**

In the last full week of the summer term next year, we will be running an Activity Week for students in Years 7 to 9 whilst Year 10 students take part in work experience. During the week, students will be off-timetable taking part in a choice of activities that will include day trips, residential trips, in-school and off-site events. We are aiming to publish the programme of activities before October half-term.

### **Piercings, Jewellery and PE**

As you know, students must remove all jewellery for their PE lessons. If your child is intending to have any new piercings over the summer, we politely ask that this is done early in the holidays to allow time for the jewellery to be removed ready for PE lessons at the start of term.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

College finishes at the usual time next Friday (21 July). The buses will run as normal. Best wishes to all our Year 10s and 12s on their work experience placements next week - we hope they have a great time.

### **Exam Results Days and P16 Enrolment**

All KS4 and KS5 results can be collected from the Post 16 Centre. Any results not collected will be posted home to the student's residential address held on the College records. If it has been agreed for the student's results to be emailed, these will be sent out as close to 9.00am as possible on the appropriate results day.

#### ***KS4 Results:***

Year 11 – Thursday 24 August 9.00am -11.00am

Year 10 - Thursday 24 August 10.00am -11.00am

#### ***KS5 Results:***

Year 13 - Thursday 17 August – 9.00am – 11.00am

Year 12 – Thursday 17 August – 10.00am – 11.00am

#### ***P16 Enrolment***

This year, students can confirm their Post 16 course choices on Thursday 24 August from 10.00am - 3.30pm and Friday 25 August from 9.00am – 3.00pm in the Post 16 Centre

### **Save the Dates**

We will be holding some important parent evenings at the start of term and hope to see all parents in attendance. Please save the dates as follows:

12 September - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

13 September - Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

14 September - Year 10 GCSE & BTEC Success Evening, time tbc

18 September - P16 Parents' Evening, time tbc

20 September - Year 11 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening, 4.30pm – 7.00pm

18 October - Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening, 5.00pm

### **Start of the New Academic Year**

The new term starts with two INSET Days (4 and 5 September) and then a staggered return for students as follows:

Wednesday 6 September - Years 7, 10 and 12 return (8.45am start)

Thursday 7 September - all other students return (8.45am start)

**Parent Consent Forms for Trips 2023-24**

We have reviewed our consent process for trips. **A new annual consent form for 2023-24 has been produced and can be accessed via the link below. This will need to be completed as soon as possible, preferably prior to the start of the academic year.** In addition to the annual consent form, we will inform parents/carers of individual trips or fixtures and you will then need to confirm that you give permission for your child to attend that specific particular trip - this may either be via a reply slip on a letter or collected via Parent Pay, where you will be required to tick a box. Some trip leaders may use the Parent Pay facility to allow you to grant consent electronically even though the trip does not have any cost attached to it.

[PARENTAL CONSENT FORM \(google.com\)](#)

Yours faithfully



**Mr A Lingard**  
**Headteacher**