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1st September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all well and have enjoyed a restful summer holiday. As we look forward to the start of the new academic year, we thought a reminder letter with some key messages would be helpful. The first day of term for Years 8-13 is **THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER**.

START OF THE DAY

At 8.15am we will begin to welcome students back. Years 8-11 will enter down the Green Block drive. **This will be their usual entrance gate every morning**. Students should arrive in school by 8.30am. Students will be late if they arrive after 8.35am. We will begin the day with a Whole School fire drill on the tennis courts and then move to form tutor bases.

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

It is important that all students are wearing full and correct uniform on the first day and every day. We have high expectations that students should be smart and correctly dressed for school. Mr Meldrum sent a letter to all parents at the end of term last term regarding the new school year. Please can we ask that you ensure that your child comes to school correctly dressed and that you support school in our dress codes and expectations.

Key reminders:

- Year group clip on ties must be worn: Purple for Y8; Yellow for Y9; Green for Y10 and Blue for Y11.
- Black school shoes must be worn. Trainers **must not** be worn for school. This includes black trainers such as Nike Air Force 1 type.
- Leggings **must not** be worn in school.
- Skirts **should be knee length**.
- School jumpers must be worn.
- Extreme fake eye lashes **must not be worn. Fake or painted nails are not permitted** to be worn in school.
- No Jewellery apart form one plain set of earring studs. No nose or tongue studs.

If a student arrives without a tie, the year group team will lend a replacement tie, which must be returned at the end of the day. For the other issues listed above: If students are wearing the incorrect uniform, then they will be removed from lessons until the issue is rectified. The pastoral team will contact families to discuss how we can resolve the issue. We are all keen of course that this does not happen.

We appreciate that the cost of living may make it difficult to obtain the correct uniform. We have an extensive range of pre-owned uniform, which contributes to making our uniform affordable but also makes a positive impact on the environment through recycling. If you have any enquiries about pre-owned uniform stock, please email: <u>uniform@huntington-ed.org.uk</u>

If you have any other issues regarding uniform or equipment before the start of term, please contact your child's Head of Year.

A reminder of the equipment students should have each day can be seen below. Planners will be issued by tutors during the morning.

Equipm	ent
Make su	are you bring the right equipment to school. You will need:
	Student planner
~	Blue or black pen (and a spare)
~	Pencil
~	Ruler 30 cm
~	Eraser
~	Pencil sharpener
~	Calculator (as recommended by the Mathematics Department)
Other us	eful equipment might be:
~	Protractor
~	Coloured pencils
~	Pair of compasses
~	Highlighter
~	Set square
V	English dictionary

Please remember to label all uniform and PE kit as this makes it much easier to re-unite lost items with their owners!

CONDUCT AND SAFETY

We care about all our students, and we want them to be happy, healthy in body and mind and for them to make fantastic progress in school. School life is more than just lessons; it is also about helping shape rounded young people who have the confidence to go out into the world of work as positive citizens with strong ethics.

Respect Honesty and Kindness are our School Values which drive all of our decision making. Please see below a reminder of the school standards and conduct which all students are familiar with. We ask that you support us in reminding your child of the importance of these expectations which are in place to ensure that school is a calm and safe space for all to thrive in.

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STANDARD 1	Students must have their top button and tie fastened correctly.	CONDUCT 1	Students must walk sensibly on the left side of the corridor and stairwells.
STANDARD 2	Students must wear their school jumper* and must not wear hoods inside.	CONDUCT 2	Students must observe the one- way system at all times.
STANDARD 3	Students must not wear coats in the classroom.	CONDUCT 3	Students must talk quietly as they travel through school. Shouting/swearing/raised voices is not permitted.
STANDARD 4	Students do not wear jewellery with the exception of one pair of stud earrings.	CONDUCT 4	Students must line up quietly in single file outside of classrooms and when waiting in the lunch queues.
STANDARD 5	Students must not be seen with a mobile phone or earphones in school.	CONDUCT 5	Play fighting and excessive physical play is not acceptable at any time.

WISEPAY AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you know, the Wisepay system is used for parents and carers to make payments to the school, for school meals, trips and fundraising. Please can you ensure that you have added money for lunch on Thursday. You can apply for **free school meals** if you believe you are eligible on the City of York Council website <u>Eligibility for free school meals</u> – City of York Council

CLASS CHARTS

We use Class Charts to communicate with parents. This will also be the platform for homework to be recorded for all year groups from September. Further detail regarding this will be communicated to you at the start of term.

Please can I also remind all parents, carers and students that students will receive their new school timetables on the first day of term. The school office is still inputting information and some Heads of department are making changes to groupings. Please do not attempt to look on the school system for timetables before Thursday as the information may be incorrect. Please find below a reminder of the contact details for the key members of the Pastoral Team from September. We welcome close contact with our families.

Year	Head of Year	Student Support Leader
7	Miss Elliott	Miss Tomlinson
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		& Mrs Booth
		I.booth@huntington-ed.org.uk
9	Miss Townsend	Miss Evennett
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10	Mrs Garbett	Mrs Hammell
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11	Mrs Hadcroft	Ms Gledhill
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12	Ms Campbell	Mrs Blunt
	c.campbell@huntington-ed.org.uk	a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk
13	Mrs Hopson	Mrs Blunt
	I.hopson@huntington-ed.org.uk	a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mr Bruce Pastoral Assistant Head Y7 <u>m.bruce@huntington-ed.org.uk</u> Mr Meldrum Pastoral Assistant Head Y8 & Y9 <u>n.meldrum@huntington-ed.org.uk</u> Mr Paley Pastoral Assistant Head Y10 & Y11 <u>t.paley@huntington-ed.org.uk</u> Mr Johnson Assistant Headteacher/Director of Sixth Form <u>m.Johnson@huntington-ed.org.uk</u>

Mr Lowe Assistant Headteacher & SENCO <u>w.Lowe@huntington-ed.org.uk</u> Mrs Naish Deputy Headteacher Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Care <u>g.naish@huntington-ed.org.uk</u>

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best for the end of the summer holiday and the new school year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Gail Naish Deputy Headteacher: Pastoral Lead