

23 August 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a good summer break and that this letter meets you and your family in good health. In this letter please find important information about the change to the school finish time on Thursdays, our expectations regarding the school uniform and a reminder of the staggered return to school times for students in the different year groups.

Change to the time the school day ends on Thursdays

We wrote to parents about the reasons for the school day ending earlier at 2.25pm from September 2023. This is just on Thursdays. To confirm:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: finish time 3.30pm
- Thursday: finish time 2.25pm

You can read the letter [here](#).

School uniform expectations

As we are ready to start the new academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations at Heron Hall Academy. We have **NOT** made any changes to our policy and the expectations this year are the same as they were in previous years and can be found in detail [here](#).

While it has been noted that the uniform standard is generally good at Heron Hall, there were a growing number of uniform infringements prior to the summer that need to be addressed before we return in September. We ask that you support your child in strictly adhering to the expectations set out below in order to avoid any unnecessary sanctions. If students are not adhering to our uniform expectations, then they may be placed in the Reflection Room, the banned items confiscated and a parental meeting may be requested.

Item	Expectation
Jewellery and Piercings	Students are allowed to wear 1 pair of small stud earrings only. We do not permit any more piercings in the ears and do not allow students to wear nose or lip rings. No bracelets, necklaces or beads should be worn on the arm or neck.
Make-up	Students are not allowed to wear make-up (including nail polish) to school. This includes both false nails and eyelashes which are banned items.
Hair	We do not permit students to dye their hair in non-natural hair colours or to wear decorative beads/headbands. There should be no tramlines or patterns shaved into hair or eyebrows.
Blazers	Blazers are NOT optional; however the jumper is. If your child is too hot then the jumper does not have to be worn. It is expected that your child wears their blazer

	when they are on the school site and it is compulsory to wear it around the building.
Skirts and trousers	Skirts should be knee length and not rolled up. Trousers should be worn properly and not below the waist.
Shoes	No boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes are permitted, including branded sports makes including (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse, Stan Smiths and Vans.
Bags	It is expected that all students bring a suitable school bag to school each day. Small satchels and handbags are not permitted
Coats	These should be plain (no denim, leather, quilted shirts or hoodies).
Balaclavas	Banned items and are not permitted to be worn anywhere on school site
Mobile Phones	Smart mobile phones are banned and will be confiscated till the end of the week if seen. 'Brick phones @ are allowed but should not be used during the school day.

Hardship fund

We are aware that these are challenging economic times for our families. If you need of support in purchasing new items of uniform for your child then please contact the office and we will endeavour to support where we can. Please email us [here](#).

Return to school times for the first week - please read

We wrote to you about the staggered return for the year groups [here](#).

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing your child in September. I am sure, working together, that we will all have another very successful year at Heron Hall Academy.

Kind regards

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