



Dear parents / carers

Now that the first half term is behind us, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Heron Hall's new Head of Sixth Form, something I am proud of and excited by.

This year marks my 28th year in teaching and my 23rd year teaching in Enfield. I am therefore fully aware but also understanding of the challenges that face our young people. My role is to ensure that your child is given the best possible opportunity to succeed in Year 12 and Year 13 and already we have done plenty including taking the whole of the Sixth Form to a Careers Fair and Year 12 benefiting from one-to-one careers advice from an external expert.

The Sixth Form team is dedicated and motivated to give your child the best possible opportunities to succeed while at Heron Hall, but I would like to take a moment to outline what you can do to help your child succeed.

Attendance and Punctuality

First and foremost, attendance and punctuality to school and to lessons must be as close to 100% as possible. Data tells us that students who have 90% attendance could end up missing up to 100 lessons.

It is therefore very clear that *being in school every day and being on time is crucial to academic success* and I urge you encourage your child to attend school every day and on time. Moreover, please ensure that appointments, where possible, are made outside of school hours.

To incentivise our Sixth Form students to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality, as of this half term, students who are never late to school and lessons, who attend school every day and have zero negative behaviour points **will be permitted to leave school after lunch if they do not have lessons in the afternoon.** Please do let your child's form tutor know if this is something you don't want for your child should they meet the criteria.

Home Learning

Life in the Sixth Form is busy, and all students have to develop independence and good organisational skills in order to succeed. Students are ably supported by an experienced team of passionate subject specialists and our dedicated Sixth Form pastoral team who are here to support each student to fulfil their unique potential. At home your child would benefit from time and space to complete their home learning.

Communication

Finally, I want to state that I want the Sixth Form team to have a positive working relationship with all our students and their parents / carers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Form Tutor, their Head of Year or indeed to me to discuss your child. As a team and as a school we strive to ensure that all our students are safe and happy at school and that they are in the best position possible to ensure that their Sixth Form experience with us is a positive one.

I wish your child a positive and successful year.

Yours sincerely

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