

July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this academic year draws to a close I would like to congratulate our amazing pupils on a very successful year. So many of their end of year reports have shown excellent progress and many have shone in extracurricular activities too - the Green Car Challenge, university visits, writing competitions, maths challenges, programming workshops, Activities Days and innumerable sporting events to name but a few. We also have a record number of pupils with 100% attendance which is a real achievement! This letter includes some important information regarding next term along with key dates for your diary for next year. I would like to thank all those parents who have kindly taken the time recently to send us positive messages about their child's experience of school this year including the Activities Days, the Music Trip to London and Prize Evening - these are very much appreciated by the staff who work so hard to deliver such positive provision for our pupils. I must also commend the pupils themselves as we have received so much praise for their outstanding attitudes and behaviour from external providers - even the coach drivers on our Activities Days made a point of telling staff how impressed they were!

Thank you to all our parents, carers and families for your continued support for our school and for your children.

### Important – school uniform for September

Please remember to check guidance on our website when buying new uniform this summer. The main issues arise around trousers and skirts which may be sold in the 'School Uniform' section of a store but are not in line with our rules. As a reminder:

Black tailored trousers only - no skinny trousers, jeans, jeans-style trousers or lycra.

Black skirts - no clinging lycra skirts and must be of an appropriate length for school.

**PLEASE NOTE** - as of September 2018 canvas shoes will NOT be accepted for school. Plain black shoes only which fit below the ankle - no trainers, no boots, no sports logos; as a rule of thumb 'if you can't polish it, it's not a shoe'.

All Year 9 pupils moving into Year 10 will be issued with a new tie on the first day of term in September.

School uniform will be on sale in school during the holidays on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** and **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August** between **10.00am and 3.00pm**

### Student Leadership 2018-19



I am delighted to inform you that two of our fabulous pupils, Lauren and Ellie, will take on the joint role of co-Head Girl with immediate effect. Their applications and interviews for the post were so impressive that we simply could not miss the opportunity to appoint both and so they will team up to steer our Student Leadership Team throughout the next academic year. I would like to congratulate both girls and look forward to working with them in their new roles.

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School reopens to pupils. Year 7 at 10.00am; Years 8 – 11 at 11.00am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed to pupils – INSET Day
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Half term holiday
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 7 PGL trip
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' Evening
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas holiday
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed to pupils – INSET Day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Easter holiday
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term holiday
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends.

## Changes to our pastoral care team

There are some changes to our pastoral structure for September and these are shown below to ensure that you know who to refer to as your first point of contact:

### Lower School Team:

- Head of Lower School - Mr S Broderick
- Head of Year 7 - Mrs D Millington
- Head of Year 8 - Mr P Jones
- Head of Year 9 - Mrs E Etches

### Upper School Team:

- Head of Upper School - Mr M Leadbeater
- Head of Year 10 - Mr S Buckley
- Head of Year 11 - Mrs R Addison

## Congratulations ...

Monday night saw our annual Prize Evening and we were filled to the rafters with families who endured the very warm conditions to support our 120 fabulous prize winners - congratulations to each one of these for their award-winning performance this year. Last year we had the inaugural presentation of our 'Chris Daly Award for Outstanding Contribution to the School' which is given to a staff member and a student member of our school community based on open nominations. Our staff winner this year is Mrs Ford who is based in the school office and turns her hand to anything and everything for the benefit of our school and is one of the most positive people I know - finance, school trips, photos, nurses, rewards and so on and so on; she puts up with all our random requests and always does her utmost to help everyone - she is a huge asset to our team and we appreciate all she does for us.

Our pupil winner is Shuhaney Lad in Year - this young lady personifies growth mindset and positivity. She has been part of team Hyde for three years now and has involved herself in school life wholeheartedly. She is such a fabulous role model and has gained the absolute respect of our whole school community – staff and students alike. Shuhaney has a medical condition which means that she struggles to walk unaided and she uses a motorised wheelchair to move around school. She never ever lets this hold her back and she is endlessly positive. In September, Shuhaney is due to have major surgery in an attempt to improve her ability to walk unaided, however this treatment is not available on the NHS. Her family and friends have been fundraising over a long period of time and to raise the last part of the funding herself, Shuhaney is bravely being sponsored to have her lovely long hair cut this week and she is donating her shorn locks to a company who make wigs for XX.

## End of term arrangements

This Friday is a free non-uniform day for pupils however if anyone would like to take the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to Shuhaney's fund we will collect these on Friday morning at the door. Please note that despite the warm weather, all clothes must be appropriate for the school environment and none must display images or slogans which others might find offensive.

School will finish at the end of lesson 3 (12.20pm) and all pupils will then make their way home.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. On behalf of all the staff at Hyde CC, I wish you an enjoyable summer break; we look forward to working with you next term.

Yours sincerely,

*Andrea Radcliffe*  
Headteacher