



July 2019

Dear parents/carers

As the academic year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, our fantastic community, for your ongoing support. Having started my teaching career at Harrogate High School thirteen years ago, I feel privileged to be able to influence the lives of young people on a scale like no other, in my role as Academy Head. Whilst the leadership of the academy has changed, please be reassured that what we stand for, the culture, ethos and values remain.

Safety message

We would like to wish all our students a safe, enjoyable and active summer. It is important to us to promote water safety, with the 'Float to Live' safety message from the Royal National Life Saving Institute (RNLI) and advice from the West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. There are two links to YouTube videos which we recommend watching with your child. They can be a little uncomfortable to watch, however they contain some very useful information:

- #FloatToLive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OBCFEEZe1U>
- #coldwaterkills <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lle-FwNEafk>

GCSE and A-Level/BTEC results

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students for your commitment to learning and preparation throughout the exam season. We are extremely proud of you and hope that you have an enjoyable and restful summer break. We look forward to celebrating with you on the below results days:

- **Year 13 results: Learning Resource Centre - Thursday 15 August, 9.00-11.00**
- **Year 11 results: Learning Resource Centre - Thursday 22 August, 9.00-11.00**

Welcome to Year 7

Following a successful transition process, we are delighted to welcome our Year 7 students to the academy in September. Due to parental request and a significant increase in first choice places, we have taken over our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for a second year and welcome around 150 students into Year 7. Students enjoyed familiarising themselves with the staff, students and academy building over three transition days in July. All Year 7 students are invited to attend the summer Sports Camp on Wednesday 28/Thursday 29 August from 10.00-2.00. The cost is £15 for one day or £25 for both days. If you have not signed up, but are interested, please contact Sue Wilkinson, Assistant Head: swi@harrogatehighschool.co.uk.

Training Days

We have two training days in September (Monday 2-Tuesday 3 September) and look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 4 September, by 8.20.

We are delighted to host a Conference on the first training day for staff from all academies in the Northern Star Academies Trust (NSAT). This includes; Skipton Girls' High School, Starbeck Primary School, Hookstone Chase Primary School, New Park Primary Academy, Eastwood Community Primary School and Holycroft Primary School.

Sixth Form

We have been informed of some inaccurate information on social media regarding our Sixth Form closing. You may well be aware that we have much larger year groups in the lower years, compared to for example, Year 11. Recruitment to our Sixth Form is a key priority so that we can support our students in preparing effectively for their future. Unfortunately, this year with a small Year 11 cohort, our recruitment was not sufficient in enabling us to provide a broad and balanced Sixth Form





curriculum. As such, we worked closely with our Year 11 students and the Sixth Form leaders at other schools/colleges, to ensure that all students were enabled to secure places to study their preferred courses. Throughout this year, we will work hard to redevelop our Sixth Form offer. I would like to reassure you that we have not taken the decision to permanently close the Sixth Form.

Future events

- Year 11 Information Evening - Thursday 19 September, 6.00-7.00
- Open Evening - Wednesday 11 September, 6.00-7.00
- Open Day - Saturday 14 September, 9.30-1.30

New staff

Whilst we have experienced some staff absence this year, we have worked hard to secure specialists to cover lessons and to ensure that successful learning has continued. I am delighted to inform you that we are fully staffed from September. The appointments can be seen below:

- Miss Claughton - Deputy Head
- Mr Carne - Lead Practitioner for Maths (across Skipton Girls' High School and Harrogate High School)
- Mrs Fox - Lead Practitioner for English (across Skipton Girls' High School and Harrogate High School)
- Miss Condon - Teacher of Science
- Mr Coleman - Teacher of English and Humanities
- Mr Hayes - Teacher of English
- Mr Noland - Teacher of Maths
- Mrs Tabor - appointed as Acting Head of English
- Mr Cutler - Teacher of PE and Geography
- Mrs Reid - Attendance Manager
- Mr I Wilson - Exams and Cover Manager
- Mrs Freak - Receptionist
- Mrs Kingston - HR advisor

From September, Learning Managers will be called Student Support Officers and they will lead the following year groups:

- Year 7 & 8 Mrs McWilliams
- Year 9 Miss Smith
- Year 11 Mr Shattock

There is currently a vacancy for a Student Support Officer who will support Years 10 and 13. This post has come available as Mrs Reeve leaves us at the end of the summer holiday. We wish Mrs Reeve and all other staff leavers the very best for the future.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for General Teaching Assistant posts, an Administrative Support Officer and a Student Support Officer. Please see our website or social media sites (Facebook or Twitter) for more details.





Uniform

We expect that our students take pride in their presentation; how they wear their uniform, to and from the academy and throughout the day. Rawcliffes are the sole provider of our uniform and their address, contact details and price list are attached.

Students are expected to wear the full uniform from Rawcliffes (including HHS black trousers/skirt) and this will be insisted upon from September. We have consulted students on the uniform which has resulted in Rawcliffes providing an additional style of girls' trousers, which is a slimmer fit. The boot cut trousers will still be available at a reduced price. A revised PE kit will also be introduced in September, which includes HHS black leggings, HHS black tracksuit bottoms and a new t-shirt. There is no need to change to this immediately, as we expect that it will be introduced gradually, as and when students need new kit. The old PE kit is still acceptable and has discount offers on the polo and rugby shirt.

Please note, smart shoes only are to be worn and trainer brands are not permitted from September. Images of acceptable shoes can be seen below:



The below shoes are not permitted at the academy from September. Although Nike market these as school appropriate footwear, we are wanting students to wear more traditional school shoes and would appreciate your support in this matter.





Lost property will be available in the school reception area in the week beginning Monday 2 September.

Bank Holiday Change May 2020

Please note that there has been a change to the 2019-20 school calendar following the recent Government announcement that the Early May Bank Holiday will be moved back by four days to Friday 8 May 2020 (from Monday 4 May) to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. A copy of the amended school calendar can be found on our website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your ongoing support and to wish you a wonderful summer with your family.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Clarke
Head of Academy