

Newsletter

Friday 24 September 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a good week and that all is well with you and your families.

Open Evening 2021

Next week sees an extremely important event in our calendar – Open Evening on 29 September. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the students who have offered to support departments with their planned activities, and families who will be giving lifts to their children. We look forward to welcoming Year 6 youngsters and their families to Hobart.

To provide the time needed to prepare for our Open Evening, the school day finishes at 1.15pm on 29 September. Buses have been rearranged to accommodate this. If you need your child to remain in school until our usual finishing time, please email us: mbillington@hobart.org.uk





Open Evening
HOBART
HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday 29 September 2021
6.30pm to 8.30pm

An evening to explore our school and discover how we can support your child at the next stage of their educational journey. The evening will include:

- Presentation by Mr Li-Rocchi, Head of School
- Presentations from current students
- Tour of the school - guided by students on request
- A wide range of activities and demonstrations in departments
- Opportunities to speak to our staff and students

Please email office@hobart.org.uk or call 01508 520359 with any questions / queries or if you would like to book a tour of the school.

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Further Extra-curricular & Enrichment Opportunities – Hideaway Club & Games Club

Something we aim to achieve with our extra-curricular programme is having a wide variety of opportunities on offer. It is brilliant to see us quickly getting back to so many lunchtime activities this year! There are three further additions to our offer:

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Hideaway club takes place every lunchtime in H7, and provides a place for youngsters to read or use ICT in a quiet environment. Games club, which takes place in E1, provides a space for students to play card/board games with friends or staff.

It has been fantastic to see so many youngsters getting involved in the lunchtime sports activities mentioned in one of my previous newsletters. Some of the sessions have featured over 50 student participants!

Private Study / Homework Club

We appreciate that some students need the support of a space to complete homework at school due to their individual circumstances. From next week, the library/ICT 2 will be staffed and open two days a week after school (Tuesday and Thursday) to support students with homework or revision. Sessions will run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and students will need to 'book' their place through reception the day before if they wish to attend. For the sessions themselves, students report to Mr Armitage to register at 3.15pm. Computers will be available and it is useful if they bring any learning resources they need such as exercise books or study guides. Parents/Carers collecting their children can do so from the main reception car park.

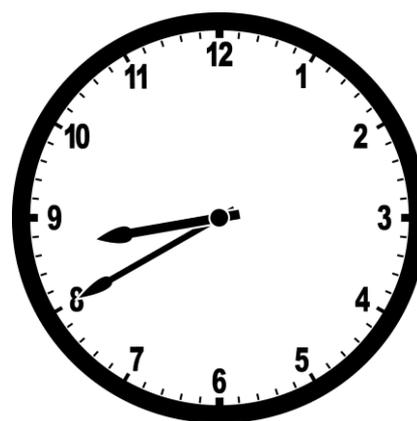
Ball Games in School

It has been lovely to see students enjoying their social times by playing ball games. If your child is bringing a ball to school, please can you encourage and remind them to have it in a bag so that taking it through corridors is as easy as possible!

Student Punctuality

Starting the school day by being on time is an important routine for students to get into, and will obviously remain important as they enter adult life. In addition to the taking of registers, form time is vital for conveying messages about school life, including clubs taking place, leadership opportunities and details of forthcoming events.

A reminder that we are no longer operating a staggered start. Students should be sat in their form groups for the start of the day at 8.40am. We keep a log of students arriving late, which includes reasons given. For those frequently late without an appropriate reason, further actions will be put in place that could include sanctions.



School Uniform Update

Our latest governors meeting took place this week, and one of the discussion themes was our uniform, including the addition of shorts as an item that can be worn by students. The governors have agreed to a review of uniform that will involve consultations with students, staff and parents/carers, which will take place during the coming months. This consultation will include the

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option of wearing shorts. We are awaiting updated guidance from the Department for Education on uniform, and will obviously have to follow any statutory elements within it.

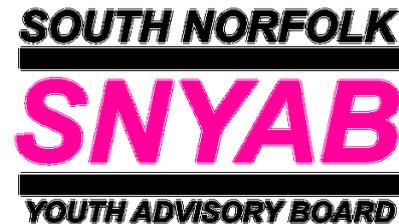
A reminder that while the review and consultations are taking place, the current uniform expectations as detailed on our website remain in place. Families and students will be updated in due course once any changes have been decided.

Parent/Carer Voice

A very big thank you to the parents/carers that attended our 'voice' meeting this week. We greatly appreciate the time you gave up to participate and, of course, your feedback and contributions.

South Norfolk Youth Advisory Board – Opportunities

This week, there are two attachments accompanying the newsletter detailing forthcoming opportunities organised by the South Norfolk Youth Advisory Board. Contact details feature on the two flyers. There are outdoor learning opportunities for those interested in animals/conservation, and a workshop on how the mind works.



Post 16 Evening

Thank you to all Year 11 families and students who managed to attend the Post 16 evening this week. We hope you found it useful learning about the application process and meeting representatives from the colleges, sixth forms and other providers.

Food Availability in the Canteen

Please be aware that our canteen menu, including the drinks on offer, has been subject to recent changes due to supply issues beyond our control.

Kind regards and have a super weekend

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School