



# HOBART HIGH SCHOOL

A guide for new  
Parents/Carers  
2024 - 2025

## **Welcome to Hobart High School**

The aim of this booklet is to provide you with some information, which will help you with your child's transition to Hobart High School.

Moving to a new school is a big step for children and parents, especially in current circumstances. The children are usually excited and nervous about the move, but it can also be a worrying time for parents/carers.

The information in this booklet will hopefully help keep any worries to the minimum and provide you with all the details you need to help your child to get a good start at Hobart.

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## **START OF TERM - 4 September 2025**

Students should arrive at school by 8.30am. Those who walk to school should arrive via the front of the school/through the side gate on the first day, not via the sports hall car park. Students arriving on school buses will be escorted into the building by older students. Any students cycling should arrive at the front car park, walk their bike on to the school site and lock it up at the bike sheds. Cycle helmets can be left in lockers in form rooms.

If you are planning to bring your child to school by car, we would ask that you park away from the school and then walk in through the main entrance or use the sports hall carpark dropping off or picking up from the smaller carpark section to the side of the sports hall building. Please note that this area may become busy. Please do not use the front of school carpark.

All new Year 7 students will gather in the hall on arrival, ready for school to start with a welcome assembly.

Student leaders will be on hand throughout the day to help Year 7 with answering questions, finding toilets and meeting up with friends at break and lunchtime etc.

School will finish at 3.15pm and at the end of the day, staff and student leaders will help our new students leave school and find their way onto their buses.

Those who walk home will leave by the side gate at the front of the school, as will students who have to meet up with parents. Please do not ask your children to leave via or meet you in the sports hall car park. If you do have to park on the sports hall car park, you will be expected to wait until all the buses have left before driving off. Please do not use the front of school carpark.

We will do everything possible to ensure that our new Year 7s have an enjoyable and positive start to their time at Hobart High School.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any issues or concerns.

## **Key Information - At a glance**

### **Contact Information:**

School Number – 01508 520359  
Email – [office@hobart.org.uk](mailto:office@hobart.org.uk)  
Attendance - [attendance @hobart.org.uk](mailto:attendance@hobart.org.uk)

### **Senior Leadership Team:**

Head of School	-	Mr R Li-Rocchi
Assistant Headteachers	-	Miss A Barker
	-	Mr R Greenhalf
	-	Mrs J Wilkinson
	-	Mr A Pritchard

### **Governing Body**

Chair of Governors	-	Mrs Stephanie Day - contact via <a href="mailto:office@hobart.org.uk">office@hobart.org.uk</a>
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### **Other key members of staff:**

Miss N Woods	-	Head of Year 7 - <a href="mailto:nwoods@hobart.org.uk">nwoods@hobart.org.uk</a>
Mr A Tetley	-	Attendance Officer
Mrs H Dawson	-	Pastoral Assistant, Lower School
Mrs M Armitage	-	Pastoral Assistant, Upper School
Mrs L Teng	-	Pastoral Assistant

### **Key Dates for Autumn Term:**

Start of Autumn Term	-	Wednesday 4 September
Half Term	-	Friday 25 October to Friday 1 November
End of Autumn Term	-	Friday 20 December (1.15pm Early Finish)

Full Term dates are available on our school website

School Photos	-	Monday 9 September
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**Communication** - It can be difficult for parents to get used to the change when their children go up to high school. Although it is clearly no longer practical for you all to come in to school each day to talk to us, we still value communication just as highly as our primary colleagues. Research data shows

us that children of parents who take an active interest in their schooling, and show high levels of interest, progress 15% more in Maths and Reading between ages 11 and 16 than other children. Therefore we are always happy to hear from you, whether you have a concern, or simply want to let us know of an important event in your child's life. You can contact your child's form tutor on any matter. If necessary, they will then pass on your query to a Head of Department or Head of Year. We will always aim to get back to you as quickly as possible.



**Telephone** - You can contact us by telephone. When you call the main school number (**01508 520359**) you will be able to select the option you require, for example, to report your child's absence or to speak to a receptionist. The receptionist will then pass you on to the relevant member of staff. If we are teaching, a message will be passed on and we will contact you as soon as possible.



**Email** - Email is the most convenient method of communication. You can contact us via [office@hobart.org.uk](mailto:office@hobart.org.uk) and the office staff will forward your query to the most suitable member of staff. Emails are checked daily and we will aim to respond within 24 hours. Sometimes, however, we may then need a few days to investigate before we can fully answer your query.



**Letters home** - Letters are either emailed or sent home with students to inform you of important events, such as parents' evenings or school trips. A Newsletter will also be sent by email half termly. Some young people seem to become a little unreliable as they get older, so we would recommend that you check regularly with your child as to whether you should have received anything. Information will also be emailed to you.

**GroupCall** - We now use GroupCall to contact parents by e-mail or text. Please make sure you give us current email addresses and mobile phone numbers on the forms you receive on the first day of term and update any details, if they change, during the year.

**Website** - The website can be found at [www.hobart.org.uk](http://www.hobart.org.uk). There is lots of different information about the school under the different headings on the website. All our contact details, letters to parents and newsletters are displayed there. You can check the school calendar for important dates such as Parents' Evenings.

**Go 4 Schools** - Using Go 4 Schools, you will be able to view your child's progress online and access the following information at any time:

- **Real-time attainment information** – marks and target grades for all subjects throughout the year.
- **Timetable** – Your child's daily and weekly timetable
- **Attendance** – Shown from the start of the academic year
- **Progress Reports**
- **Homework** - details of tasks set and hand in dates

Student pages are constantly updated, providing you with the latest information. To access the site, please go to [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com) and click on the Parents icon at the top of the main page to arrive at the log-in screen. The email address you use to enter the site must be the one we have registered in our database for you. **Please ensure we have a current email address for you.**

## The School Day

School starts at 8.40am, but students should arrive by 8.30am. They should use this time to prepare themselves for the day ahead and be in their form room ready for registration at 8.40am.

8.40am – 9.00am	AM Registration/Assembly
9.00am – 10.00am	Period 1
10.00am – 10.15am	Break
10.15am – 11.15am	Period 2
11.15am – 12.15pm	Period 3
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Period 4
2.15pm – 3.15pm	Period 5

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1Mon	French 9ns/Fr1 Mr R Rushton ML1	Maths 9n/Ma1 Mr A Scott ML1	Geography 9n/Gg1 Mr B Thompson ML1	Technology 9a/Te2 Ms K Hall ML2	Religious Education 9ns/Re1 Mrs T Burkert ML1
1Tue	French 9ns/Fr1 Mr R Rushton ML1	PSH/RE/Citizenship 9n/Pe1 Mrs R Wilson ML1	Art 9ns/Ar1 Mrs R Stammers ML1	Science 9n/Sc1 Mr S Brown ML1	Technology 9a/Te2 Ms K Hall ML2
1Wed	Technology 9a/Te2 Ms K Hall ML2	Maths 9n/Ma1 Mr A Scott ML1	History 9n/Hi1 Mr D S Hester ML1	Maths 9n/Ma1 Mr A Scott ML1	English 9n/En1 Mrs N Chadwick E3
1Thu	Physical Education 9a/Pe3 Mr R Greenhalf E3	English 9n/En1 Mrs N Chadwick E3	Science 9n/Sc1 Mr S Brown ML1	Science 9n/Sc1 Mr S Brown ML1	French 9ns/Fr1 Mr R Rushton ML1
1Fri	French 9ns/Fr1 Mr R Rushton ML1	Maths 9n/Ma1 Mr A Scott ML1	English 9n/En1 Mrs N Chadwick E3	Music 9ns/Mu1 Mrs D Wareham MU1	Drama 9n/Dr1 Mrs J J King ML1
2Mon	ICT 9n/It1 Mr A Ball ICT1	English 9n/En1 Mrs N Chadwick E3	Art 9ns/Ar1 Mrs R Stammers ML1	Science 9n/Sc1 Mr R Randall ML1	Physical Education 9a/Pe3 Mrs J Wilkinson ML1
2Tue	Technology 9a/Te2 Ms K Hall ML2	Science 9n/Sc1 Mr S Brown ML1	French 9ns/Fr1 Mr R Rushton ML1	ICT 9n/It1 Mr A Ball ICT1	Science 9n/Sc1 Mr R Randall ML1
2Wed	Geography 9n/Gg1 Mr B Thompson ML1	French 9ns/Fr1 Mr R Rushton ML1	Science 9n/Sc1 Mr R Randall ML1	Technology 9a/Te2 Ms K Hall ML2	History 9n/Hi1 Mr D S Hester ML1
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2Fri	Physical Education 9a/Pe3 Mr R Greenhalf E3	History 9n/Hi1 Mr D S Hester ML1	English 9n/En1 Mrs N Chadwick E3	Maths 9n/Ma1 Mr A Scott ML1	Music 9ns/Mu1 Mrs K Wareham MU1

## Curriculum:

Students in Year 7 access a wide curriculum taught by specialist teachers. We operate a two week timetable and students are taught in two bands, called North and South. Each band consists of 3 groups and both bands offer the full range of subjects.

Students will be given a printed copy of their timetable to stick in to their planner. You will see an example timetable above on the right. Form tutors will explain the detail to students on the first day of term. You may want to make a copy of the timetable to keep somewhere safe at home. You can also access their timetable from their Go4Schools page.

Each year group has one assembly per week, led either by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, or by the Head of Year.

## Equipment



Every student is expected to have a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor, glue stick, scientific calculator, coloured pencils and highlighter pens for each lesson. Round blade scissors may also be useful. Exercise books will be provided and some subjects will issue text books to be brought home to use for homework. Form tutors will regularly check students have the correct equipment.

A sturdy rucksack or bag is essential to carry books and equipment to and from school but students can use their lockers to store belongings which they don't need to carry home. They have time before school and at the end of break and lunch to get things needed for their lessons so that they do not have to carry everything around with them all day. A non-spill water bottle is encouraged for use throughout the day. It can be refilled at the water stations at Break and Lunch times. Water can be drunk during lessons, but squash etc can only be consumed at Break and Lunch time.

## Planner

All Year 7 students are given a homework planner book. They are expected to look after this and bring it to school everyday. If they lose their planner they will need to purchase another one from reception.

## Lockers

Each student will be allocated a locker in or near to their form room. Students will need a sturdy padlock to secure their belongings in their locker. We recommend that you give your child one key on a sturdy key ring and keep the other safe at home. You may want to wait until September to buy an appropriate padlock. The locker can then be used to store coats, books, lunches and valuable items. Students need to be aware that a locker without a padlock is basically a cupboard and it is impossible to ensure that no one else will disturb items in the locker. There is an expectation that the locker is looked after and cleared out on a regular basis.



## Mobile Phones



We understand that parents often want their children to have their phone with them for safety reasons on the journey to and from school. Students may bring their mobile phones into school but the expectations are made very clear. Phones should be switched off and handed in at reception on arrival in the morning. They can then collect the phone at 3.15pm before going to the bus queues or home.

If a student chooses not to hand their phone in to reception, the consequences are very clear; if the phone gets lost or damaged we will not take responsibility for it; if a phone goes off in lessons, has not been handed in and found on a student or is used during the school day, it will be confiscated and on the first occasion the student collects at 3.15pm, any further incidents and the phone will be held in the school safe for 24 hours and then parents/carers are expected to collect it.

We do not encourage students to bring valuable items such as iPods, smart or iatches to school, but if they do need to have them for any reason, they should be offline and also handed in at reception for safe keeping. If a student uses these during the school day they also will be confiscated for 24 hours and parents will be asked to collect them.



## Getting to and from Hobart



### Dropping off and picking up by car:



During term time the entrances to the school are very busy. We ask that you park away from the school and then your child should walk in through the main entrance. For safety reasons, we advise you do not use school car parks, if you do drive into the sports hall car park to meet your child at the end of the day, you will be expected to wait until all the buses have left before driving away. This takes until about 3.35pm. Please do not use the front of school carpark.

### Cyclists:

We are happy for students to cycle to school, but strongly recommend that they wear a cycle helmet. In winter it is also essential that they have effective lights on their bikes. Parents/Carers should talk their children through the journey before the start of term, and highlight any potential risks. All cyclists should be aware that Kittens Lane is a one-way street for all road users. Students are required to 'walk' their bike into school from the gates. Bikes are kept in the bike shed during the day and it is advisable to have a lock for them during this time.



### Walkers:

Walkers should arrive and leave via the front of school side gate. We do not allow students to walk through the sports hall entrance for safety reasons. This area is busy with both cars and buses at both ends of the school day.

### Buses:

School transport is currently provided for students who live in the Norfolk catchment villages. All bus passes are issued by County Hall (Tel: 0344 800 8020) and will be sent to your home address. You may need to look up the bus times on the Norfolk County Council Website ( <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/school-transport>) It is expected that students are at their bus stop at least 10 minutes before the bus is due. Bus passes must be carried every day. Passes are issued for more than one year so students need to take care of them. The bus pass also allows your child transport home where they will be dropped at allocated bus stops. We ensure students get on the correct bus at the end of the day and although this can seem a little daunting at first, they very quickly understand the system.



### Private bus:

If you live in the Blundeston/Fritton area there is a private bus, organised by parents. You would have to pay for this bus, and if you contact the school office, they will be able to give you contact details of the parents who currently organise places for students.

If your child unfortunately misses their bus home, staff will help them to contact you to arrange getting home. However, we do our best to make sure that students do not miss the bus.

**Students are not allowed to travel on any other bus or take friends home on their bus.**





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## **Snacks at Break**

A range of hot and cold snacks are available at break time in the canteen and the quad. However, students have to be careful at first not to spend all their money at break leaving them short at lunch time. All students will have a daily spend limit of £5.00 unless changed by parent/carer.

## **Lunches**

Students have the option to either bring a packed lunch or to buy food in the canteen. We encourage healthy eating. Students can choose from a hot meal, a range of sandwiches and rolls or the pasta bar. There is also a range of salads, fruit, yogurts and cakes. Water is the only drink allowed during lesson time but juice or squash are acceptable for lunch times. Please do not allow your child to bring energy or fizzy drinks to school. We will confiscate any we see, as we feel that they are unsuitable for young people, who need to show high standards of behaviour and concentration during the day.

In fine weather students may choose to eat their lunch in the quad. The "shack" is open throughout lunch time and students can buy sandwiches, hot snacks, cakes and drinks, which they may then eat at the picnic tables outside. Food should not be eaten in classrooms, corridors or toilets.

If you do not have money on your account you may go over drawn once. This will need to be paid off before another purchase can be made.

## **Wisepay**

The canteen operates as a cashless catering system - all food is to be paid for via the student's Wisepay account. Details about registration into the account will be sent separately. Payment can be made online or by loading cash into the cashloader in school.

## **Free School Meals**

A significant amount of school funding is based on the number of students who receive Free School Meals. Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive Income Support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculation by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190 and you are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit. If you think you may be eligible or if your child received free school meals at their primary school or if your child is currently entitled to have free school meals and has moved from a school outside Norfolk, you will need to apply via the Norfolk County Council website.

## **Drinks**

The canteen has water available and a range of drinks on sale including milk, juice and flavoured water. There are water stations in the quad and other areas around the school, where students can refill their water bottles. We recommend that all students bring a water bottle every day. They may drink water during lessons, but may only have fruit drinks etc. in the canteen or courtyard at break or lunch time.

It is important for your child to be aware that they are not allowed to eat in their form rooms or elsewhere around school.

It is important to remember that you/your child are responsible for bringing a drink to school, purchasing a drink at school.

## Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform with its smart blazer and tie. We aim to maintain high standards at Hobart and will regularly check that students are adhering to our policy. Please make sure you know what is expected and please call before you buy if in any doubt.

**Black blazer with school logo:** for all students (available from Screens), sleeves should not be rolled up.

**Shirt:** Long or short sleeved plain white with conventional collar and with buttons to the neck so that a tie can be worn (no tee shirts, no polo/polo necked shirts). **The shirt must be tucked into the waistband of trousers/skirt/shorts so should not be a fitted blouse style.**

**Tie:** School design to be worn (available from screens)

**Jumper:** A black V-neck knitted jumper is optional (no logo).

**Skirt:** School skirt - black woven fabric of the correct style and length. No lycra or stretch fabric. Available from Screens - style Henley, Charleston or Pencil skirt.

**Trousers:** Tailored full-length school trousers in black woven fabric, traditional straight leg style. No jeans, jean style, cords or flares. No decorative stitching, studs, zips etc. no fashion trousers e.g. tight/slim fitting, skinny leg, leggings, jeggings, chinos, harem pants. Trousers should be loose enough to maintain a crease along their entire length and should not be rolled or turned up. Available from Screens or our other recommended suppliers.

**Shorts:** Tailored woven black fabric shorts (which will maintain a crease along the entire length). They may be worn as an alternative to trousers. Short ankle length black school socks and black school shoes to be worn with shorts. Shorts are permitted between the start of June half term, until the end of the October half term. Available from Screens or our other recommended suppliers.

**Tights:** Plain black or flesh coloured.

**Socks:** Black or white

Year 11 – may wear sensible matching socks of a different colour with trousers.

**Footwear:** Hobart wants all children to be safe at school. We believe that it can be dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in the school. Shoes must be black, sensible, and suitable to wear in labs and workshops. Black trainers, trainer style shoes or “Vans” style pumps are not school uniform. Distinguishing features of training shoes are logos, multiple lacing holes, and lack of distinct heel and raised Achilles tendon guard.

We encourage you to add name labels to items of uniform so that it can be returned to the correct owner if lost or misplaced.

## School Uniform Supplier

**Screens embroidery and printing –** [www.screensschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.screensschoolwear.co.uk)  
01502 581010  
Rant Score, Lowestoft, NR32 1TY

## Make-up

No make-up will be allowed on pupils in Years 7-10. Pupils will be asked to remove any make-up in the Guidance Office. Discrete make-up for Year 11 only.

**Coloured nail varnish, any artificial gel, acrylic or false nails are not permitted.**

## Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery except a pair of small ear studs (one per ear), a plain ring and a wristwatch. Please note that we do not allow any facial or other body part piercings. Jewellery must be removed for PE and the PE department will provide a safe place to leave items. If your child were going to have a piercing, we would insist you arrange it at the start of the summer holidays to avoid disruption to PE lessons and keeping to uniform expectations.

Should healing take longer than six weeks, please be aware we will insist on studs being removed whilst in school for health and safety purposes.

## Hair Styles

Students are expected to keep within the appearance standards that we expect at Hobart. Hair should be neat, tidy and not exaggerated. Hair should be of a **natural** colour, not too short or shaved, without 'tram lines' or patterns cut in and not over spiked. Hairstyles must be appropriate for school and not infringe health and safety regulations. Long hair must be tied back for practical lessons such as Technology or Science.

## PE Uniform

We have a broad PE curriculum so students will experience a wide range of activities. Therefore correct kit is very important. It can be purchased from Screens embroidery and printing: [www.screensschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.screensschoolwear.co.uk)

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- Navy blue Hobart logo polo or fitted shirt
- Navy blue Hobart logo shorts or skorts
- Long navy blue socks and white sports socks
- Optional Navy blue Hobart logo sports ¼ zip track top or optional Hobart logo blue hoodie for colder weather/outdoor



Black plain no logo leggings, optional.

Lace up **SPORTS** trainers – proper sports shoes not fashion shoes.

Pupils can have Astro trainers for the all weather pitch but these are not to be worn in the sports hall.

**Football boots** - You may want to wait until the new term to buy; by then you will be aware of when these are needed as PE topics are taught on a rotation and we do not want a student to grow out of uniform before it is worn. The first football rotation is mid-September. Any student who is going to play football for the school team will need football boots. Shin pads must be worn for football. Please ensure once your child is aware of their rotation that football boots are purchased.

Other essential PE kit – one piece swimming costume or swimming trunks, goggles, swimming hat and towel.

The school uniform should be worn by all students in Year 7 through to Year 11. Students who come in repeatedly without the correct school uniform on may be asked to change. Refusal to comply may result in sanctions in line with the school's behaviour policy.

Any borrowed uniform must be returned in a washed condition. Failure to do so may result in the school asking for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the item.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

We are proud of the number of clubs and activities that take place at Hobart. These range from PE clubs, Art, Science, Music and many more. We publish a list of activities on offer for each term and encourage students to try new things during their time at Hobart.

Due to the fact that the majority of our students travel home by bus, most of our extra-curricular activities take place during lunch times. However, there are a number of sports activities and other art clubs which take place after school. If your child stays for these activities, you will need to arrange transport home for them.

### **Library**

The Library is open and supervised some days after school (3.15pm - 4.45pm) for homework/private study. It is also open at lunchtimes for students to read, work or take part in activities. Opening arrangements will be available in September.

As they go through the school your child will have the chance to take part in more activities such as Duke of Edinburgh Award and a number of other trips linked to different departments.

Attending extra-curricular activities is hugely beneficial to your child. It can help them make new friendships with like-minded young people; it broadens their experience of high school and builds positive relationships with both staff and students. The more your child puts into life at Hobart, the more they will get out of it.

We offer a range of opportunities for students to be Student Leaders and take on extra responsibility and support across the school.

**Finally, on behalf of everyone here at Hobart, we welcome you and your child and will do all we can to ensure the transition process is happy and successful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.**