

6th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2021. It is a pleasure to have the students back in the building and back in specialist classrooms for subject teaching.

Uniform is looking very good and the students have returned to school looking very smart. Please can I remind all stakeholders that:

- **Sweatshirts and hoodies are now completely banned** and a coat must be worn instead. If you have any difficulties at all with this, please contact your Year Team and we will support you.
- Hair must be a natural colour and students will be asked to re-dye their hair in a natural shade in order to conform with the uniform rules.
- Facial piercings are not permitted and earrings are limited to small studs.
- Nails should be natural looking in colour (clear or very light pink) and length.

The mobile phone and headphones ban remains in place and has definitely achieved the aim of improving the mental health of our young people by encouraging conversation and interaction at break and lunch time. Thank you for your support in this. Students are very well practised at switching off their phones and taking out their headphones, placing both in their bags, as they cross the *Preparedness Line* at the school gates.

All students are now entering the school from the usual middle gate known as *Student Entrance*.

All students **must have a bag** with them at all times in school in order to take their school books home when necessary. There is no set style or colour for the school bag and we have bags with the HDHS logo in school that we will issue to students without their own one. Additionally, to support students in organising their books and work space at home, all students will receive a **book storage file** this week. Please discuss with your child the best place to keep this file of books (on the kitchen table for example) so that any space at home can become their homework space. If you feel your child is not receiving enough homework, please contact the year team to look into this matter for you.

I look forward to more face to face contact with parents as this academic progresses.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Finch

Headteacher