



Hall Green School An Academy

4 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well as we settle into the school year. Below, I outline some key messages for this coming half term.

Year 11 mock exams

The mock exams continue this week with excellent conduct and attitude displayed by Year 11 throughout. We are certain the hard work they have been putting in will pay off not just for the mock exams, but for the real exams in the summer. Revision resources can be found in the latest newsletter and on our website: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/jzam9EehUotBFP1H?ref=email>

Punctuality to Lessons

We are placing an increased focus on ensuring that all pupils arrive punctually to lessons. Regular attendance and timeliness not only support academic progress but also foster a positive learning environment for everyone. Pupils are expected to move to lessons as quickly as possible. The expectation is that pupils should arrive to lessons within 3 minutes of the start of the lesson and they are likely to be considered late after this time. Staff will use their professional judgement. If they arrive after a second bell, they will always get a late mark. Please encourage your child to arrive to school promptly each day (by 8.40 am) as well as arriving promptly to all lessons to make the most of their learning opportunities.

Reading programme Years 7-10

In exciting literacy developments, we launched our form time reading programme today. Research shows that regularly reading age-appropriate material improves attainment at GCSE. For this reason, we now undertake reading within form time. Please do encourage your child to talk about the book they are reading as a form group.

Communication with School

While we are always committed to addressing concerns and questions as quickly as possible, please note that it is not always possible for staff to be available if parents/carers arrive unannounced. We would ask, where possible, that parents and carers make appointments if they wish to meet with specific staff. This ensures we can dedicate the necessary time to each family's needs without interrupting the school's daily operations. If you arrive without an appointment, we will do our best to have someone speak with you or arrange a follow-up conversation at the earliest opportunity. For email enquiries, please allow up to 48 working hours for a response.

Equipment reminder

A reminder that pupils should come to school fully equipped each day. If for any reason, they arrive to school without the correct equipment they can borrow from the Pastoral Office before school each

morning, with no penalty/sanction. For health and safety reasons, please do ensure your child does not bring glass bottles/containers to school. The equipment list can be found at the bottom of the uniform page on the website: <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/uniform/>

Book of Excellence Initiative

We are thrilled to announce our new “Book of Excellence” initiative, which celebrates pupils’ achievements outside of school. We invite parents and carers to nominate pupils whose efforts, talents, or contributions shine beyond the classroom. Whether it's excelling in sports, arts, community service, or any area of personal growth, we look forward to recognising and sharing these successes within our school community. Please send any nominations through using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/g4e4kYYgK5>

Extended Senior Leadership Team

We welcomed Mrs Ziebeck on to the Extended Senior Leadership Team this term, where she will be focusing on raising attainment, particularly for pupils facing challenges beyond their control. Mrs Ziebeck brings a wealth of expertise and a dedication to helping each pupil overcome barriers to success, and we are excited to see the positive impact of her work.

West Midlands Academy Trust update

In line with our vision for long-term development, we are on track to join the West Midlands Academy Trust as a founding member in January 2025. Forming and becoming part of the Trust will allow us to strengthen our collaboration with other schools and enhance the resources available to our pupils and staff. I want to assure you that while we embrace this partnership, we will retain our unique school identity, including our CARE values, uniform, school day timings, and more. These exciting developments aim to create even better opportunities for our school community.

School newsletter

Please do take a moment to read our latest newsletter which highlights the fantastic work and achievements from this term so far. We are particularly proud of our new Ambassador team and the positive impact they are already having. <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/izam9EehUotBFP1H?ref=email>

Parent survey

A big thank you to those who completed the parent survey earlier this term. We will be in touch with those who offered their skills and time to support the school. Your contributions are greatly valued.

Road safety

Thank you also for supporting our efforts to keep Southam Road safe by not parking close to school during drop-off and pick-up times. Your cooperation helps us reduce congestion and improve safety. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to park considerately, avoid blocking driveways, and refrain from idling engines.

Key dates

Thursday 14 November 2024 – Certificate Evening

Thursday 21 November 2024 – Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 29 November 2024 – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Monday 2 December 2024 – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Thursday 5 December 2024 – Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 20 December 2024 – End of Term for Christmas break (timings to be confirmed)

Monday 6 January 2025 – Term starts, pupils return (timings to be confirmed)

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us create a compassionate and ambitious learning environment for all.

Yours faithfully



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