



July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Important information

As the summer term draws to a close I am writing to provide you with useful information regarding the next academic year.

Staffing Changes

As always at this time of year we have members of staff leaving us. I am pleased to say, however, that the number of staff moving to pastures new is low again this year. We are fully staffed for the next academic year and have also introduced some new posts of responsibility in order to build our capacity for further school development particularly around the Arts and PE. This is an excellent achievement given the current recruitment and retention issues in the teaching profession. I have outlined the leavers and starters below for your information.

Leavers

31.08. 2018	Ms Lisa Croke	Headteacher
31.08.2018	Mrs Westcott-Hayes	Senior Deputy Headteacher
31.08. 2018	Mr Neil Cleaver	Assistant Headteacher
31.08. 2018	Mrs Jacqueline Grinsell	Inclusion Manager
31.08. 2018	Mr Christopher Murphy	Head of Computer Science
31.08. 2018	Mr Marc Edmonds	Science Teacher
31.08. 2018	Miss Emma Fitzsimmons	Teacher- English
31.08. 2018	Mr Jon Pitchford	Teacher – Mathematics

We will also say a temporary goodbye to Ms Wesson – Lead Practitioner Mathematics at the end of this term as she goes on maternity leave. We wish her well for her new arrival.

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Starters

01.09.2018	Mr Alaric Govan	Headteacher
01.09.2018	Mr Sam Medhurst	Teacher – Physical Education
01.09.2018	Mrs Aniela Bowman	Head of Creative & Performing Arts
01.09.2018	Miss Rebekah Robinson	Learning Support Assistant
01.09.2018	Mrs Ciara Maxwell	Assistant Director of Learning - Science
01.09.2018	Mr Sheldon Ford	Teacher - Science
01.09.2018	Miss Leanne Harris	Teacher - English
01.09.2018	Mrs Laura Holborow	Head of Computer Science
01.09.2018	Mr Luke Wood	Teacher - Mathematics
01.09.2018	Mrs Megan Sargent	Assistant Director of Learning – Humanities
01.09.2018	Mr Dylan Dalli	Cover Supervisor
03.09.2018	Mrs Pip Hart	School Counsellor
01.09.2018	Mr Stephen Donaldson	Teacher- Science/Physical Education
01.09.2018	Mr Dave Launder	Teacher - Mathematics

Changes to Staffing

01.09 2018	Miss Emma Savins	Associate Assistant Head in charge of SEND and Inclusion
01.09 2018	Mrs Lorraine Barkshire	Head of Year 10
01.09 2018	Mrs Trish Wheeler	Assistant Year Leader – Yr 7
01.09 2018	Ms Susan Roome	Assistant Year Leader – Yr 8
01.09 2018	Mrs Jes Muddle	Assistant Year Leader – Yr 9
01.09 2018	Mr Adam Burton	Assistant Year Leader – Yr 10
01.09 2018	Ms Hayley West	Assistant Year Leader – Yr 11

Tutor Groups

We do try and keep your son's or daughter's tutor as stable as possible, but inevitably some changes are necessary each year. As you are aware Ms Pennington has already written to you outlining the key changes and the tutor group list from September 2018 can be found on our website using the following link:

<http://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/pastoral-care/> - under **Featured Content** in the sidebar.

Uniform

I have been extremely pleased about the standards of uniform this year and I would like to thank you for your support in enabling us to maintain such a smart uniform. The students are clearly taking pride in their appearance and our mantra of 'be smart, think smart' continues to be an important part of the ethos of high expectations at Hamble. As the summer holiday is often the time when many of you are buying new school uniform, I thought it would be useful to remind you of some of the key uniform requirements.

- Trousers should be the tailored type with no skinny style or chino type material.
- Shoes should be plain black leather style, polishable, smart school shoes with no sports logos or stripes. There should be no 'pump style' shoes.
- Socks should be plain black.

Skirts

In recent months I have noticed that the skirts of some of the older students (Years 9 and 10) have become unreasonably short. From September we will be strictly enforcing that skirts should be **no shorter than 1 inch above the knee**. In addition all skirts from September should now be the Thornton style skirt which is available from Skoolkit.

Attendance

As you are aware, there is a very strong link between attendance and academic achievement. I am pleased to say that attendance at The Hamble School has been steadily rising over the last few years. However, the recent Ofsted inspection did pick attendance out as one of the remaining few weaknesses at the school. We will finish the year with a rise in our attendance to 94.8%. This is slightly below the national average. I am therefore asking for your support in the coming academic year to ensure that we improve this figure to above the national average and give all our students the opportunity to achieve their potential.

The End of Term – 20 July 2018 at 12.50pm

As you are aware this will be my last letter to you as Headteacher of The Hamble School as I am leaving the school on 31 August 2018. The year has ended with a variety of really successful activities including our Prize-giving at St Mary's Stadium, Sports Day and the hosting of our partner school in Shanghai. We are certainly very proud of all that has been achieved this year.

I would particularly like to thank you for all the support you have given me during my time as Headteacher and wish your child(ren) every success for the future. I look forward to hearing about the school continuing to go from strength to strength over the coming years. I hope you and your family have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming your son or daughter back in September.

The Start of the Autumn Term – September 2018

The new term begins for all students on Wednesday, 5 September at 8.30am. Year 7 students should go to the main hall. Years 8-11 should go to their tutor rooms.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Croke', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

L Croke (Ms)
Headteacher
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If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.