



July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

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 this year and we are fully staffed for the next academic year. This is a particularly good achievement given the current recruitment and retention issues in the teaching profession. I have outlined the leavers and starters below for your information. You will see from the list that we are saying goodbye to some long standing members of staff including Mr Jenks, who unfortunately has been very unwell over recent months and Mr Beck, my Senior Deputy, who has secured a headship position at Testbourne Community School. Mr Beck has been instrumental in our school improvement journey and I am sure you would like to join me in wishing him the very best of luck in his new role. Mrs Cuming is also leaving us and heading further afield to a school in China. We also wish her all the very best for this exciting opportunity.

Leavers

Parent Support Advisor	Mrs Alison Horsley
Head of Year 11 & Teacher – ICT	Mrs Natalie Andrews
Senior Deputy Head	Mr Jon Beck
Raising Standards Co-ordinator	Mrs Michelle Cuming
Teacher – English (NQT)	Miss Belinda Guy
Teacher – Media Studies	Mr Pete Jenks

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.

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Starters

05.06.2017	Subject Leader – Computer Science	Mr Chris Murphy
19.06.2017	Teacher – English & Drama (NQT)	Miss Emma Fitzsimmons
01.09.2017	Head of Year 10 & Teacher - Media Studies	Ms Victoria Georgiou
01.09.2017	Teacher – Maths (NQT)	Ms Katherine Marsden-Broad
01.09.2017	Teacher – Maths	Mr Jon Pitchford
01.09.2017	Teacher – English (NQT)	Ms Susan Roome
01.09.2017	Teacher – Comp Science (NQT)	Mr Neil Tracey

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 Mr Beck has already written to you outlining the key changes and the tutor group list from September 2017 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**. This may mean that a number of you will

need to buy a new school skirt for your child ready for September. Any new skirts purchased should 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 attendance in the region of 94.6%. 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 Start of the Autumn Term – September 2017

The new term begins for all students on Wednesday, 6 September. Year 7 and 11 should arrive at the students' entrance for an 8.30am start. Year 7 will go to the main hall and Year 11 will go to their tutor rooms. Years 8,9,10 should arrive for a 9.00am tutor time. The Xelabus will only do one pick up on this first day back. Here is a link to their website:

<http://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/transport/>

If this means students arrive earlier than their start time, they may wait in the Library.

It has been a very successful year at The Hamble School and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. I hope you and your family have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming your son or daughter back in September.

With my best wishes,

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

L Croke (Ms)
Headteacher
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