



July 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer

With the end of this academic year, I thought I would write to update you on useful information for next year:

Staffing Changes:

It is always sad to lose good members of staff and, sadly, a number are moving on next year. In particular, I would like to congratulate Mr Pranker, Deputy Headteacher, who is taking on a new challenge as Headteacher at Fareham Academy this September. Mr Knight, Miss Twining and Mrs Loveday should also be congratulated on securing Assistant Headteacher positions in new schools and Mr Whitworth has been promoted to Head of Humanities. I wish all of our outgoing staff success in their new roles. We are fully staffed for the next academic year and we are looking to recruit further staff in the Autumn to build additional capacity. I have outlined the leavers and starters below for your information.

Leavers:

31.08.19	Mr Chris Pranker	Deputy Headteacher
31.08.19	Miss Nicola Twining	Head of Maths
31.08.19	Mr Simon Knight	Associate Assistant Headteacher
31.08.19	Mrs Helen Loveday	Head of Year
31.08.19	Mrs Carmit Levita	Teacher of Science
31.08.19	Mrs Ciara Maxwell	Assistant Head of Science
31.08.19	Mr Sam Medhurst	Teacher of PE
31.08.19	Miss Sarah Burn	Head of English
31.08.19	Mr Stephen Donaldson	Teacher of PE/ Science

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31.08.19	Mr Gavin Whitworth	Head of Geography
31.08.19	Mrs Vicki Brunnink	Teacher of Maths
31.08.19	Miss Lucy Mills	Teacher of MFL
31.08.19	Mrs Claire Powell	Teacher of PE

Starters:

01.09.19	Mrs Jemma Morgan	Assistant Headteacher
01.09.19	Mrs Aimee Collins	Assistant Head of English
01.09.19	Miss Lisa Evans	Teacher of Maths
01.09.19	Mr Matt Davey	Teacher of Maths
01.09.19	Mr Luke Duckworth	Teacher of Science
01.09.19	Mr Joe Holley	Teacher of MFL
01.09.19	Miss Katharina Leak	Head of Geography
01.09.19	Miss Sarah King	Teacher of PE
01.09.19	Miss Joanne Edwards	Teacher of Science
01.09.19	Mr Milo Taylor	Teacher of PE
01.09.19	Miss Lisa Valettini	Teacher of MFL
01.09.19	Mr Jason Spencer	Head of RE
01.09.19	Mrs Chanel Draga-Williams	Teacher of Science
01.09.19	Mrs Elinor Smith	Assistant Head of Science
01.09.19	Mr Bradshaw	Teacher of PE/ Science

We also welcome back Miss Becky Wesson (Lead Practitioner in Maths) and Mrs Sam Ballanger (Head of Year 7) who both return after maternity leave.

Changes:

01.09.19	Mrs Sarah Valleley	Assistant Headteacher
01.09.19	Mrs Megan Sargent	Teaching and Learning Lead
01.09.19	Mr Luke Wood	Acting Head of Maths
01.09.19	Mrs Sonia Vincent	Head of Media Studies

Tutor Groups:

We try to keep your son or daughter's tutor group as stable as possible but some changes inevitably have to be made. Mrs Pennington-Chick, Deputy Headteacher, has written a separate letter to you explaining the changes that are happening in September. A copy of the tutor group list from September 2019 can be found on our website under 'Our School – Pastoral Care' or by [clicking here](#).

Uniform:

When I first visited this school, one of the many things that impressed me was the standard of uniform at this school. The vast majority of students at The Hamble School are very smart and I firmly believe that dressing smartly encourages a sense of purpose around the school. It is always a proud moment when a visitor or guest comments on the students' appearance and I would like to thank all parents/carers for supporting the school in ensuring that everyone upholds the high expectations we have at the school. I am sure many of you will be buying new uniform over the summer holiday so I thought it would be useful to remind you of some key uniform requirements:

- Trousers should be tailored with no skinny style or chino-style material.
- Shoes should be plain black leather style and polishable, smart school shoes with no sports logos or stripes. There should be no 'pump style' shoes or shoes with a rubber toe.
- Socks should be plain black.
- Skirts should be no shorter than 1 inch above the knee and should be the Thornton style skirt which is available from Skoolkit. They should not be rolled up.

Behaviour:

The behaviour of the vast majority of students this year has been exemplary. They turn up on time, work to the best of their ability, and are a delight to be around. It's always a proud moment when members of the public comment on how well-behaved and helpful our students are and there have been many occasions this year when this has happened.

The Hamble School is, and will always continue to be, an inclusive school but I have a duty of care to the majority of students who come in each day ready to learn and the behaviour of a small number of students has become a concern for me. This cannot continue next year. To address this, we have just rewritten our Behaviour policy, which will be launched in September. Using the simple rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe', we will be focussing on positive behaviour and emphasising the high expectations I believe are needed to help all students learn in a calm and orderly manner. I trust that I will have your support in this. We will also be using ClassCharts to record this behaviour. Once we have trialled this over the Autumn term, I hope to share behaviour information with parents and carers from January 2020 by giving you log-in details via either a website or mobile phone app.

Communication:

We are very proud of 'The Voice', which captures school life and is sent to all parents and carers twice a year. However, I am also aware that some parents would like more communication from the school about what is happening, as well as an opportunity to speak to the school on issues of interest. Next term, I will be running a Headteacher clinic on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00-6.00pm. These will run for the first half-term. The aim of these clinics is not to come in and discuss your own child - these meetings are better held with a class teacher or Head of Year who will know your son/daughter much better - but to come in and raise an issue or put forward an idea that you think might make our school even better. If you wish to take up this opportunity, please email the school at general@thehambleschool.co.uk to make a 30 minute appointment.

Additionally, I will be writing to parents on a more regular basis to share events that are taking place in school as well as raising any issues of relevance. I hope that this helps improve communication and allows you all to understand any changes that are made and why they are happening.

The Start of the Autumn Term- September 2019:

The new term begins for all students on Thursday 5th September at 8.30am. All students should go straight to their tutor rooms.

I hope that all of you have very good holidays and I look forward to seeing all of your children back in school in September.

Yours faithfully



ALARIC GOVAN
Headteacher