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24th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the school year 2018-2019 and thank you to all families for the support which you have given to the school so far – the students have made an excellent start to the Autumn Term and we are currently running at 98% positive on the school's ClassCharts rewards system. I am writing to you to provide you with an update on some key aspects of school life as well as outlining the Important Dates for the full year ahead.

Uniform and Equipment

At Hurworth we are incredibly proud of our student's appearance and standards have been exceptionally high so far this year for the vast majority of students. Can I please remind you that both false nails and false eyelashes are not permitted for any student as we still have a handful of them who are attempting to wear these particularly after a weekend! Students will remain in their Summer uniform until half term and unless there is a drastic downturn in the weather, we are planning on switching to the Winter uniform of school sweatshirt, white shirt and house tie from **Tuesday 6th November 2018** when students return from their half term break.

Holidays and Attendance

Our half term holiday this year runs from **3.30 p.m. on Friday 26th October until 8.50 a.m. on Tuesday 6th November** as outlined on the Important Dates. For the first time in many years Darlington Local Authority has different term dates to some of our neighbouring authorities so please be aware that if you have other children in different schools then their term dates might be different to ours. Under Department for Education guidelines, **any holiday which is taken during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence** so please avoid taking your children out of school if at all possible.

One of the most important things your child can do to ensure maximum progress is to come to school **on time every day**. Saying a pupil has 90% attendance might sound good but in reality this means...

- They have missed half a day of lessons every week
- If you put this over a whole year they'd have missed four weeks
- Over the entire time they've will spend at Hurworth this would be the equivalent of half a school year or one and a half terms!

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Our school target is that all students have **at least** 95% attendance and we know that many of them will be aiming for 100% which would be a fantastic achievement. Whilst we appreciate that it is not always possible to do so, can you please try and ensure that **any medical appointments are after school hours** or as close to the end of the school day as you can arrange them for to ensure that students are missing as little lesson time as possible.

Curriculum and Rewards

Rewards play a large part of school life at Hurworth and you are able to follow your child's individual progress both in and out of lessons throughout the academic year via your parental ClassCharts account. At the time of writing 34% of Year 7, 66% of Year 8, 52% of Year 9, 55% of Year 10 and 38% of Year 11 parental accounts have been accessed. You should have received your login information for ClassCharts via a separate letter but if you have any queries regarding this then please contact **Mrs Gawthorpe** at school.

Student Support Team and Academic Mentors

We have an extensive support system in place to ensure that your child's personal development and welfare is as important as their academic performance and that any barriers to learning which your child is experiencing can be overcome. Your child's form tutor is the first point of contact for them on a daily basis and the Raising Achievement Coordinators are always available to support you with any concerns you may have. The key contacts for this year are:-

Year 11 – Mr Sutherland

Year 10 – Mr Bradnam

Year 9 – Mr Gladstone

Year 8 – Miss Slinger

Year 7 – Mrs Pitchford

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 also have an **academic mentor** to support them specifically with their work so please contact them for any issues arising in this aspect of school life.

If your child is on the SEND register then please contact either **Mrs Lawrence** (SENCO) or **Mrs Whitten** (Resourced Provision Manager) if you require any additional information or support.

Picking up and Dropping off your child at the start and end of the School Day

Can I please remind parents that they should not be dropping or picking their children up from the school grounds as school car parking is extremely limited. On a daily basis we struggle to cope with the demands of staff and school visitors parking and this issue is particularly difficult at the start and end of the school day.



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Please note that all “school organised” taxis will collect students from the school yard and that access to the front of the school building by car is not permitted unless parents have appointments or are collecting students via prior arrangement with the school. I am aware that parking near to the school is extremely limited, but I would urge you wherever possible to also refrain from parking on the main road outside the school. Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support in this matter.

Jeans4Genes

Our non-uniform day raised a magnificent £809.07 for the Jeans4Genes charity which helps children and families affected by genetic disorders – a massive well done to everyone.

Christmas Fair – save the date

We will be holding our biennial Christmas Fair at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28th November. If you wish to have a stall at the Fair then please contact Miss Jameson in the Main Office who will provide you with a booking form. We will be providing much more information about the Christmas Fair nearer the time so please keep an eye out for the invitations!

If you have any queries about the content of this letter then please feel free to contact me at school and thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely



Miss N Peaker
Head of School

Enc. Important Dates

Holiday Dates 2018 ~ 2019

Autumn Term		Return to School Tuesday 4 th September 2018
October Half Term	Break up Friday 26 th October 2018	Return to School Tuesday 6 th November 2018
Christmas Holidays	Break up Friday 21 st December 2018	Return to School Monday 7 th January 2019
February Half Term	Break up Friday 15 th February 2019	Return to School Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter Holidays	Break up Friday 5 th April 2019	Return to School Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Day	Break up Friday 3 rd May 2019	Return to School Tuesday 7 th May 2019
May Half Term	Break up Friday 24 th May 2019	Return to School Monday 3 rd June 2019
INSET Day	Break up Friday 28 th June 2019	Return to School Tuesday 2 nd July 2019
Summer Holidays	Break up Friday 19 th July 2019	

Examination Important Dates - *Please do not book holiday during these periods*

MFL speaking tests must be conducted between 15 th April 2019 and 17 th May 2019	GCSE Modern Foreign Languages
Monday 22 nd October 2018 –Friday 26 th October 2018	Year 9 Exams
Week Commencing Monday 12 th November 2018	Art Mock Exams
Monday 19 th November 2018 – Friday 30 th November 2018	Year 11 Mocks
Monday 4 th February 2019 – Friday 15 th February 2019	Year 10 Exams
Wednesday 6 th February 2019 – Friday 8 th February 2019	GCSE Music Performance Exams
Monday 25 th February 2019 – Friday 1 st March 2019	Year 8 Exams
Monday 4 th March 2019 – Friday 8 th March 2019	Year 11 further Exam Assessment period
Week Commencing Monday 11 th March 2019	GCSE Art Exams
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 – Friday 26 th April 2019	Year 7 Exams
May – June 2019	GCSE Examinations – these exams take place during the period May and June
Tuesday 7 th May 2019 – Friday 10 th May 2019	Year 9 End of Key Stage 3 exams

Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents Information Evening	Thursday 18 th October 2018	5pm with Miss Peaker & Mr Sutherland
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 13 th December 2018	4.30pm
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 6 th December 2018	4.30pm
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 7 th February 2019	5.30pm
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 21 st March 2019	4.30pm
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 28 th March 2019	4.30pm
Year 7 Parents Evening	Thursday 20 th June 2019	4.30pm

Important Dates ** *These events are subject to change*

Year 8 (girls) HPV vaccinations	Tuesday 25 th September 2018	
Year 11 Careers day one	Wednesday 3 rd October 2018	
Year 7 SEAL Day	Friday 5 th October 2018	
Year 10 & Year 11 Women in Engineering (to be confirmed)	Friday 5 th October 2018	
Year 11 Wise Drive Event (25 students)	Tuesday 9 th October 2018	
Year 8 - 11 Evening to Celebrate Achievement Years 8 – Year 11	Thursday 11 th October 2018	6pm
Year 7 Careers day one	Thursday 11 th October 2018	
Year 7 Careers day two	Wednesday 17 th October 2018	
Year 10 Careers Event 'Ready for Work'	Tuesday 6 th November 2018	
Year 10 GCSE/VCert D&T visit to Darlington college	Thursday 8 th November 2018	
Year 10 Health & Social Care Safeguarding training	Monday 12 th November 2018	
Year 7 - 10 School Photograph Day	Tuesday 13 th November 2018	
All students Children in Need	Friday 16 th November 2018	
Year 8 Durham Constabulary visit to school	Tuesday 20 th November 2018	
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 28 th November 2018	5.30pm
Year 11 College Application Day (students complete applications)	Tuesday 4 th December 2018	
Year 10 Catering Darlington College visit	Wednesday 5 th December 2018	
Year 10 RS Mosque visit	Thursday 6 th December 2018	
Year 11 Mock results day	Wednesday 12 th December 2018	
Year 10 GCSE/VCert D&T Catering visit to Darlington College	Wednesday 12 th December 2018	
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh	Monday 17 th December 2018	Friday 21 st December 2018
Year 9 DTP Vaccinations (all)	Tuesday 8 th January 2019	
Year 10 Food & Nutrition and Hospitality & Catering visit to Leeds	Tuesday 15 th January 2019	
Year 11 Careers CV workshops one	Tuesday 15 th January 2019	

Ski visit	Saturday 19 th January 2019	Sunday 27 th January 2019
Year 11 Careers CV workshops two	Tuesday 22 nd January 2019	
Year 11 Mock Interviews	Thursday 24 th January 2019	
Years 7 – 10 Step into College Day	Tuesday 29 th January 2019	
Years 7 – 10 World of Work Day	Wednesday 30 th January 2019	
Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11 UKMT Maths Challenge	Thursday 7 th February 2019	
Year 10 Work Experience week	Monday 11 th March 2019	Friday 15 th March 2019
Year 9 Careers day one	Tuesday 19 th March 2019	
Year 10 GCSE/Vcert Engineering visit to Cummins	Wednesday 20 th March 2019	
Year 11 Photograph day	Wednesday 20 th March 2019	
Year 11 GCSE Food & Nutrition practical	Thursday 21 st March 2019	
Year 9 Careers day two	Tuesday 26 th March 2019	
Year 11 Hospitality & Catering practical	Thursday 28 th March 2019	
Year 7 Careers day 3	Monday 1 st April 2019	
Year 7 Humanities visit around Hurworth Group 1	Tuesday 2 nd April 2019	
Year 9 Careers day three	Wednesday 3 rd April 2019	
Year 7 Humanities visit around Hurworth Group 2	Thursday 4 th April 2019	
Year 7 and Year 8 UKMT Maths Challenge	Tuesday 30 th April 2019	
Year 8 Careers day two	Thursday 2 nd May 2019	
All students Art and D&T Exhibition Evening	Thursday 23 rd May 2019	5pm – 7pm
Year 9 Peer Mentor Training	Thursday 6 th June 2019	Friday 7 th June 2019
Year 10 QE Taster Day	Thursday 13 th June 2019	
Year 10 Geography fieldwork day visits	Monday 17 th June 2019	Friday 21 st June 2019
Year 9 National Schools Sports Week	Tuesday 18 th June 2019	
Year 8 National Schools Sports Week	Wednesday 19 th June 2019	
Year 8 girls HPV vaccination 2	Wednesday 19 th June 2019	

Year 7 National Schools Sports Week	Thursday 20 th June 2019	
Year 9 and Year 10 Women in Engineering event (to be confirmed)	Friday 21 st June 2019	
Town Sports	Monday 24 th June 2019	
Year 8 SMSC Day	Tuesday 25 th June 2019	
Year 9 Teesside University visit	Wednesday 26 th June 2019	
Year 7 and Year 8 Food Technology Roadshow	Wednesday 26 th June 2019	
Year 7 Careers Enterprise Event	Tuesday 2 nd & Wednesday 3 rd July 2019	am only
Year 8 Careers Enterprise Event	Thursday 4 th & Friday 5 th July 2019	am only
Year 10 SMSC Day	Friday 5 th July 2019	
Year 9 Careers Enterprise Event	Monday 8 th July 2019	
Silver Duke of Edinburgh	Monday 8 th July 2019	Wednesday 10 th July 2019
Year 9 SMSC Day	Friday 12 th July 2019	
Year 11 Prom	Friday 12 th July 2019	6.45pm
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh	Monday 15 th July 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019
Silver Duke of Edinburgh	Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Thursday 18 th July 2019

Proposed Holiday Dates 2019 ~ 2020

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