

20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of a very productive year where staff and students have worked tirelessly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support of school. I truly believe that we are stronger together and that having a positive relationship with parents and carers is a critical ingredient in successful schools. Much has happened to improve standards, outcomes and extra curricular opportunities to enhance students experience of school life. I also feel very proud that our efforts are being recognised by Ofsted.

### **Staffing**

During this academic year, we have worked tirelessly in improving the provision and the quality of teaching in all areas. These changes will ultimately lead to sustainable and long term improvements which the students will benefit from. To this end, and in preparation for September 2018, we have managed to secure a significant number of high quality appointments. These appointments will compliment and strengthen the high quality practitioners already employed at the school providing consistency and maintaining the high expectations required to raise teaching and learning, standards and outcomes still further.

### **What's new?**

#### **New Website**

You will be delighted to see we now have a new website. All our key information is now available to view on this site. [www.hansonacademy.org.uk](http://www.hansonacademy.org.uk). We hope you find it useful and enjoy browsing.

#### **My Ed**

My Ed is a new communications strategy to keep you fully informed about your child's progress, attendance, achievements, behaviour and any other information about Hanson life. All information will be available from 4<sup>th</sup> September. Step 1: Go to your app store, Step 2: Search for MyEd, Step 3: Download the app. Alternatively visit [www.myedschoolapp.com](http://www.myedschoolapp.com)

#### **ParentPay**

May I remind you that we will be continuing to use ParentPay from 4<sup>th</sup> September and we will no longer accept cash for any canteen money, trips or music lessons. Please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). If you have any problems or queries please email us at [parentpay@hansonacademy.org.uk](mailto:parentpay@hansonacademy.org.uk)

#### **Uniform**

From September our new Year 7 are required to wear the new logo blazer and PE kit. The new blazer and PE kit will be accepted in Year 8 to 11 but it is not an essential requirement. However we will phase out the plain black and swoosh logo blazer and PE kit overtime. Our new blazers and new PE kit can only be purchased from Henry Smiths (Shipley). I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that black trainers and small bags (handbags or man bags) are not allowed in the school.

We feel very strongly that the appearance of the students is vitally important and sets the right tone for learning in school. All details of our high expectations related to uniform can be found in the student planner or on the website [www.hansonacademy.org.uk/uniform-equipment](http://www.hansonacademy.org.uk/uniform-equipment). No student will be allowed to circulate within school wearing the incorrect uniform.

As the school is approaching the end of the academic year, it is important that you are clear about the arrangements for the end of this term and the arrangements for the beginning of the next academic year.

### Arrangements for the end of this term are as follows:

The school breaks up on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018. On this day, students will be dismissed at 12:15pm. Any students who have free school meals will be able to collect these from the canteen. Could I ask you to continue to support the school with regards to ensuring attendance and uniform is kept to its high standards.

### Arrangements for the beginning of next academic year:

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

- Year 7 students will start the new term. We would ask that students arrive in school at 8.15am and follow staff supervising to the main hall for assembly at 8.30am.
- Year 11 students should arrive at 12.50pm and go straight to the main hall for assembly at 1pm. Please ensure that students have had lunch as they will spend the afternoon with their tutor.
- Some Year 12 interviews and enrolment will take place during the week.

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

- Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 students should arrive for 8.30am start. Year 8 should go straight to the main hall for assembly at 8.30am. Year 13 should go straight to the lecture theatre for assembly at 8.30am. All other students should go to their form room period 1.

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

- Normal school day for all students (except Year 12)

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

- Year 12 Induction from 8.30am. Students are required to wear 6<sup>th</sup> Form dress code. Requirements for uniform are outlined in the student planners and on the school website.

### Travelling to school

#### **Dropping off Students:**

- In conjunction with West Yorkshire Police we have been advised to inform parents/carers that it is **crucial** that students are dropped off or picked up from the **GOALS turning circle** (off Kings Road/Swain House Road entrance) at the beginning and end of the school day.
- If you are driving to the school we would ask that you **do not use Sutton Avenue** to drop off or pick up at the main gate entrance as this will be dangerous for students walking to school.
- Exceptions will be made in cases of disability or if you are a visitor to the school.

In closing, I would like to thank you again for your support this year and for your continued support over the new academic year. Together we can continue our drive and determination to make Hanson an outstanding school.

Yours faithfully



Mr Richard Woods  
Headteacher