

HAYES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Return To School

As they were last year, students will be issued with a new Learner Handbook and timetable when they return to school on Wednesday 4th September. All students have now made their language choices, so these classes will be new, as will some of their other classes. This will give students the chance for a fresh start. We would really encourage students to make the most of this opportunity as the start of Year 9 marks a real transition point for students. They are coming to the end of their time as Key Stage 3 students and are making their way to become GCSE learners. This will inevitably come with a raising of expectations in terms of behaviour and classwork, but I have every confidence that students are ready for this challenge.

Students can arrive at school from 8.15am and should be **in** their form rooms at 8.30am. The form rooms are as follows:

Tutor Group	Room	Notes
9CAT	LCG	Mr Gordon will be covering Ms Tyler until she returns from maternity leave.
9CUB	L1C	Mrs Foster on Thursday and Friday
9FZA	D1F	Was SRH but has been taken over by Mr Ahmad
9TJA	M1L	Ms Whittaker on Monday and Tuesday
9BGW	BGF	
9LWF	A2F	Was SUP but has been taken over by Mr Fortt
9SMC	M1T	
9MLJ	MGP	Mr Brown on Wednesday and Friday

The day will run as normal, with students spending period 1 with their tutors and then going to their timetabled lessons from period 2. Break time and lunchtime will be on the field, as we were doing at the end of the last academic year and the restaurant will be available as normal. Thursday 5th and Friday 6th will be full days, and we will start on Week A. Satchel One will have updated so students can access their timetable there too. Please be aware that there may be changes up until students return. If there are issues with accessing Satchel One, please contact your child's form tutor.

Uniform and Stationary

We are expecting students to return to school in full school uniform. This will include blazers and correct footwear. We now have a stock of spare shoes, which students will be issued should they not wear correct footwear. Students are expected to wear blazers around school with shirts tucked in. Our year braid will continue to be purple, and your child's house will stay the same as it was last year. Further information can be found on our school website.



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Jewellery of any kind is not permitted at school and will need to be removed before returning. This includes any new piercings. Students will not be permitted to cover these with plasters, but clear sleepers can be used. These are available on Amazon. All jewellery will be confiscated and returned on Friday. Make up is also not permitted in Year 9. Students will be asked to remove this by their tutors. This includes false eyelashes and nails. Again, these need to be removed before returning to school on Wednesday 4th September. Fake tan is also not permitted.

Students should be arriving to school fully equipped for their lessons. They will be issued with new exercise books and Learner Handbooks, but they should have all other required stationary so they can engage in their new lessons. This should include:

Pens and pencils (HB and 2B) – students require a blue or black, red* and green* pen. Pencil sharpener and rubber. Ruler, protractor and compass. Scientific calculator (Casio fx-83 recommended if one needs purchasing). Bilingual dictionary (French, German/Spanish). Colouring pencils, glue stick and scissors (optional, but useful).

Failure to bring these will result in equipment detentions. These things need to be in a pencil case, not in blazer pockets as pens often leak and things get lost. Bags should be big enough to carry all belongings and books.

<u>Contact</u>

Should you need to contact the school, you should contact your child's tutor in the first instance. They see them every day and are best placed to help with any issues or concerns. We ask that parents do not contact students during the school day via mobile phones. Should you need to contact your child in the case of an emergency, please contact the school office who will then relay any messages to them quickly and safely. Students should not be making contact home during the day. This should be done through student reception, especially in cases of illness. We are grateful for your support in this.

We hope that you have had a restful summer, and we look forward to welcoming students back to us on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely

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