



HAMSTEAD HALL ACADEMY



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of an exceptionally positive and productive first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

The start of a new academic year is always an important time, setting the tone for the months ahead, and I am delighted to report that our students have made an outstanding start. Across the academy, we have seen students demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning, high standards of behaviour, outstanding attendance and a genuine commitment to making the most of every opportunity available to them.

I have been particularly impressed by the way our students have embodied our academy values through their kindness, resilience, ambition and respect for one another. They continue to be outstanding ambassadors for Hamstead Hall Academy, and I am immensely proud of all they have achieved this half term.

Two-Week Autumn Break

As many of you will be aware, this year we are trialling a two-week October half-term break. This decision was made carefully and with the wellbeing of both students and staff in mind. The autumn term is often the longest and most demanding period of the school year. We hope that this extended break provides students with an opportunity to rest, recharge and spend quality time with family and friends, returning on Monday 2nd November 2026, refreshed and ready to continue the excellent start they have made.

Keeping Safe During the Holiday

As we enter the half-term break, I would like to share some important safety messages and information in collaboration with West Midlands Police.

In previous years, significant numbers of young people have travelled into Birmingham city centre at the start of the half-term holiday. Whilst most young people behave responsibly, large gatherings can sometimes create safeguarding concerns and contribute to anti-social behaviour.

West Midlands Police, British Transport Police, Birmingham City Council and other partners will be working together throughout the holiday period to help keep young people safe. There will be an increased and visible police presence within Birmingham city centre.

We ask that students:

- Make safe and sensible plans before going out.
- Consider meeting friends closer to home where possible.
- Avoid travelling in large groups.
- Stay with friends and look out for one another.
- Ensure parents or carers know where they are, who they are with and how they intend to get home.
- Show respect for members of the public, local businesses, transport staff and public spaces.
- Follow the advice of police officers, transport staff and other officials.



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We would be grateful if parents and carers could discuss holiday plans with their children and ensure they know where they are going, who they are meeting and how they will travel safely. Young people visiting Birmingham city centre can also access the Young Futures Hub, located at 11 Cannon Street, which provides a safe and welcoming environment where they can access support, advice and information about opportunities available to them.

Halloween and Bonfire Night Safety

As we approach Halloween and Bonfire Night we ask all families to support us in reminding students that these events must remain safe and respectful.

Please encourage your child to:

- Respect neighbours, property and the wider community.
- Avoid behaviour that may cause alarm, distress or damage.
- Remain with trusted friends and stay in familiar, well-lit areas.
- Never carry, misuse or throw fireworks.
- Attend organised and supervised fireworks displays wherever possible.
- Follow the instructions of responsible adults and event organisers.
- Keep a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks at all times.
- Report any concerns immediately to a trusted adult.

Online Safety

As always, we would also encourage families to maintain regular conversations about online safety, particularly as young people often spend more time online during school holidays. Reminding children about responsible social media use, privacy settings and safe online interactions can help protect them from unnecessary risk.

Looking Ahead

When we return after the break, we will enter a busy and important period leading towards Christmas. For all students, and particularly those in examination year groups, attendance, punctuality and consistent effort will remain essential. Every lesson matters, and we look forward to building on the momentum established during this successful first half term.

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. The success of our academy is built upon the strong relationships between school and home, and I am grateful for the role you play in helping our students thrive.

On behalf of everyone at Hamstead Hall Academy, I would like to wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable and restful extended holiday.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Carla Tranter
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