



# HAMSTEAD HALL ACADEMY



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Dear Parents / Carers

As we complete our first full week of the new academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate what has been an exceptionally positive start to the term at Hamstead Hall Academy.

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school. They have returned with enthusiasm, maturity and a strong commitment to their learning. The atmosphere around the Academy has been calm, purposeful and productive. Students have adapted extremely well to the new shape of the school day. Lessons have started positively, attendance has been encouraging and students have settled quickly into their routines.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students on the excellent examination results they achieved this summer. Their success is the result of years of hard work, determination and resilience, supported by their families and our dedicated staff. These outcomes have placed our young people in strong positions to access the very best life chances and opportunities available to them. We are incredibly proud of the destinations they have secured, including prestigious universities, high-quality apprenticeships, further education courses and employment opportunities. Their achievements are a testament to what can be accomplished through ambition, hard work and perseverance.

As we look ahead to the rest of this Autumn term, I would like to remind everyone of a number of key expectations that are helping us maintain the high standards that we expect.

### Uniform and Equipment

One of the most pleasing aspects of our return has been the exceptionally high standard of uniform. Students have taken pride in their appearance and have represented the Academy well. We ask all parents and carers to continue supporting us by ensuring that students arrive each day in full Academy uniform and equipped with the resources they need for learning. These high expectations help to create a culture of pride, professionalism and success and ensure that students are ready to learn from the moment they arrive.

### Punctuality

Punctuality remains a key priority for the Academy. Students should be arriving through the school gates by 8.40am to ensure they are ready for a prompt start to Period 1 at 8.45am. Being punctual is an important life skill. By consistently reinforcing these expectations now, we are helping students develop habits that will serve them well throughout their lives. Where students arrive late to school, they will receive a 30-minute same-day detention. Whilst the consequence is important, our ultimate aim is to help students establish positive routines



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and habits that contribute to long-term success. We appreciate your support in ensuring that students leave home with sufficient time to arrive at the Academy promptly each morning.

## **Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices**

Hamstead Hall Academy operates a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding mobile phones and electronic devices. Mobile phones significantly distract learning and can disrupt the calm and focused environment that students need in order to succeed. The Government has recently strengthened its support for schools taking robust action to restrict mobile phone use during the school day, recognising the impact devices can have on behaviour, concentration and learning. Students who bring a mobile phone or electronic device to school must ensure that it remains always switched off and out of sight. Any device that is seen, heard or used during the school day will be confiscated. To act as an effective deterrent, confiscated items can only be collected by a parent or carer on the next working day. Whilst we appreciate that this may be inconvenient, the policy is intentionally designed to reinforce the importance of complying with our expectations and maintaining an environment where learning remains the priority. It is really important that we work together and support this policy.

## **Key Dates This Half-Term**

Please make a note of the following important dates:

- Monday 21 September 2026 - Early closure of the school day (13:20pm) to facilitate staff professional development.
- Thursday 8 October 2026 - Early closure of the school day (13:20pm) to facilitate preparations for our annual Year 6 Open Evening.

## **Year 6 Open Evening**

We would also be grateful if you could share details of our Open Evening with any family members, friends or neighbours who may have children due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027.

Hamstead Hall Academy Open Evening  
Thursday 8 October 2026  
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Prospective parents and carers will have the opportunity to tour the Academy, meet staff and students, learn about our curriculum and enrichment offer and discover why so many families choose Hamstead Hall Academy for their child's secondary education.

## **Keeping Our Community Safe**

Finally, I would like to ask for your continued support in helping us keep our students, families and local residents safe at the beginning and end of the school day. Please park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting students. In particular, we ask that drivers do not:

- Park across residents' driveways;
- Stop on double yellow lines or zig zag lines;
- Block pavements;
- Obstruct the main school entrance or gates.

Our priority must always be the safety of our children. Thoughtful and considerate parking helps protect students, supports positive relationships with our neighbours and ensures that the local area remains safe and accessible for everyone.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. The successful start to this academic year reflects the strength of the relationship between home and school. Together, we can ensure that every child benefits from an excellent education, high expectations and the opportunities they deserve.

I look forward to another successful year for the entire Hamstead Hall family.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CT' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Mrs Carla Tranter  
Headteacher