



## HARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

29th August 2025

Dear Hartland High School Families,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school next week.

I am writing to remind you of some key information ahead of the start of term.

### **Return to school dates**

As per the school website ([here](#)), the dates for returning to school are:

- Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September - INSET days (school closed to all students)
- Friday 5th September - return to school for Years 7, 11 and 12
- Monday 8th September - all year groups in school

On Friday 5th and Monday 8th all students will have assemblies and inductions, in which we will teach or reteach students our core routines, expectations and systems.

The school gates on Hartland Road open at 8:20am. Students arriving after 8:30am will be marked late and will receive a 30 minute same day detention. Period 6 will begin for Year 11 from Friday 5th, meaning school will finish at 4pm. Breakfast club is open as normal from 8am, via the Northumberland Avenue entrance. We hope to see lots of students there!

### **Preparation for school**

Everything you need to know for years 7-11 is available in our Community Guide on the school website, [here](#). We advise all parents and carers to read it in full. Some *key* reminders are below.

#### **Uniform:**

Uniform requirements for years 7-11 are detailed in full on pages 24, 25 and 28 of the Community Guide, and in the uniform policy on the school website [here](#).

All students in years 7-11 will be provided with a free clip-on tie on their first day back. Students are therefore not required to come to school wearing one of the old ties on their first day back at school.

Please note that we do not permit:

- nail polish, gel nails or acrylic nails
- facial piercings or multiple ear piercings. These must be removed, not covered with plasters.
- lines or patterns cut into hair or eyebrows
- 'non-natural' hair colours (such as bright colours)
- false lashes or make-up that is not 'natural looking'
- trainers

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Dress code for sixth form students is business dress. Details are available on the school website, [here](#). Support is available in buying uniform for those that need it. Please email [contact@hartlandhigh.co.uk](mailto:contact@hartlandhigh.co.uk) to enquire.

### **School skirts:**

For students in years 8-11 who want to wear the new school skirt, these have been offered free of charge. Thank you to those who have already been into school to collect their school skirt. For those who still need to arrange collection, school will be open Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September, from 8.30am to 3.30pm. No appointment is required. Alternatively, skirts can be collected on the Inset Days (Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th), between 11.30am and 12.30pm or between 1.15 and 3.30pm.

Year 7 students will need to purchase a skirt through our suppliers, SWI. If you haven't yet ordered a skirt and would like one for the start of term, please contact the school office.

### **Equipment:**

Equipment requirements are detailed in full on pages 26 and 27 of the Community Guide.

All students are required to have a casio scientific calculator.

All year 7 students will be provided with a new and fully equipped 30cm pencil case on Friday 5th September. The only exception is that it will not contain a calculator.

All other students are expected to come to school on the first day with this equipment. Please email [contact@hartlandhigh.co.uk](mailto:contact@hartlandhigh.co.uk) if you require support with this.

### **Upgrades to the school site**

Over the summer, our site team have been working incredibly hard to update our school site, ready for the new academic year. This has included:

- complete overhaul of two of the toilet blocks, with brand new, hotel-standard toilets for students
- conversion of unused science labs into larger, better classrooms. (We have of course kept sufficient science labs for practical science lessons.)
- installation of new blinds in all classrooms
- installation of three water fountains that students can use to fill up bottles during transitions and social times
- upgrades to our wifi systems
- upgrades to several electronic boards in our classrooms
- a large scale tidy up and removal of three skips' worth of clutter

We are also in the process of upgrading the security of the site through installation of controlled access vehicle and pedestrian gates on Hartland Road.

We are so excited about welcoming students into our new and improved buildings. These physical changes reflect our commitment to providing a world-class school, for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Davey (Headteacher) and the Senior Team

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