



HARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

26th August 2026

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 for what will be a brilliant year. 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:

- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September - INSET days (school closed to all students)
- Thursday 3rd September - return to school for Years 7 and 8
- Friday 4th September - Year 7, 8 and 11
- Monday 8th September - all year groups in school

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. Our free breakfast club is open as normal and 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 attached with this email. We advise all parents and carers to read it in full. Some *key* reminders are below.

Uniform:

All school branded uniform and PE kit can be purchased from Kitworld. You can access the school shop [here](#) and if you should require support with the cost of uniform please contact the school office on contact@hartlandhigh.co.uk.

Uniform requirements for years 7-11 are detailed in full on pages 37-45 in the Community Guide.

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'

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- trainers or trainer type school shoes (please see the Community Guide for more information on school shoes)

Dress code for sixth form students is business dress. Students should wear:

- Tailored smart trousers or chinos
- Tailored skirts/dresses of an appropriate length at the knee
- Blouse, shirt or smart top
- Smart blazers are optional
- Dark-coloured polishable, leather look or suede shoes/ankle boots

Equipment:

Equipment requirements are detailed in full on pages 46 and 47 of the Community Guide.

All year 7 students will be provided with a new and fully equipped 30cm pencil case on Thursday 3rd September. The only exception is that it will not contain a calculator, which students must bring themselves (Casio fx-83GTCW - model available to buy [here](#)). All other students are expected to come to school on the first day with this equipment. Please email contact@hartlandhigh.co.uk if you require support with this.

Welfare

To ensure students have a successful start to the year, if any family circumstances have changed over the holidays or concerns have arisen, please contact safe@hartlandhigh.co.uk and this will be directed to the relevant member of staff.

We are so excited about welcoming students back to school and looking forward to another successful academic year.

End of half term INSET day

To aid your future planning, please note that there will be INSET days on Friday 23rd October at the end of the first half term, as well as on Monday 2nd November at the start of the second half term.

Yours sincerely,



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