



NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the Easter holidays approach, I am writing with a few timely reminders for the forthcoming Summer Term.

Firstly, with regard to uniform, students are invited to wear the summer uniform on their return to school. The school polo shirt in appropriate Year colours may be worn in place of the shirt and tie for boys and the blouse for girls. Please note that if anything is to be worn over the top of the polo shirt, it must only be the blazer for boys and the school jumper for girls – hoodies, cardigans and the like are not permitted and are likely to be confiscated if seen. If any topcoat is to be worn, may I remind you that these are to be dark in colour and without slogans or signs.

May I also bring your attention to the importance of ensuring your child wears the correct skirt or trousers to school. This should be the 'Charleston' school skirt in **regular and long lengths only** or regulation school style black trousers from a school uniform supplier, not skinny fit or fashion trousers. Trainers, even if black, are also not permitted. Please do not allow your child to be embarrassed by being asked to change if they arrive at school inappropriately attired. Please also note that students who continually flout the rules with regard to uniform will be asked to work in the Inclusion Centre until their parents or carers can bring in the correct uniform for them to wear. We are very proud of how smart our children look in the community and continue to insist on high standards with regard to uniform, I am delighted to say, robustly supported by the majority of our parents and carers.

As the GCSE and A level examinations approach, may we ask for your support in ensuring that your child prepares thoroughly for any examinations they may have on their return to school. The Easter break presents an excellent opportunity to begin a thorough programme of preparation for exams and students need to have a detailed revision programme. Your support in ensuring that your child is focused on exam preparation and using this time wisely is much appreciated; in common with you, we want the best possible outcome for every one of our children. Individual exam timetables have been issued to students and you can find the general examinations timetable on the school website – please make a note of these dates to ensure prompt attendance.

We shall be running several GCSE Easter Intervention sessions over the holidays. The Easter Intervention timetable will be posted on the school website for your information, and all students that are required to attend have been or will be sent a separate letter by the Head of Faculty in the relevant subject. We ask for your full support in ensuring that your child attends; students have been targeted where there is a large gap between current performance and target grades. If your child has not been specifically targeted to attend, they should check with their teacher in advance of the holiday whether a particular session is suitable for them to join. (A number of classes have a very specific focus and many will have a limited number of spaces for non-targeted students).

Another issue I wish to bring your attention to is punctuality. We are concerned about the small number of children who are regularly arriving late at school. Punctuality is an incredibly important life skill that if not practised, will have a detrimental effect on your child's education and employment prospects. Next term we will be having a focus on punctuality, and we ask your support in promoting this at home by modelling good punctuality to your children and ensuring that prompt attendance both to school in the mornings and to lessons during the day, becomes one of their core values.



This is also an opportunity to remind you that term ends for students on **Friday 31st March at 3.15pm**. As is our tradition on the final day of term, this will be a mufti day for students, with all monies collected going to our nominated charities. Please can you ensure that your child brings in their £1 for the mufti collection, to keep up our excellent Nower Hill tradition of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. Please can I remind you that mufti dress must be respectable and appropriate for school – we do not allow students to wear any garment which exposes the chest or midriff, or shorts above the knee. To move with the times, we have conceded to allowing ‘ripped jeans’ to be worn, but only if the rips are on or below the knee! Please make sure that your child respects this request to avoid any difficult conversations on the last day of term.

Finally, may I remind you of the following key dates:

Friday 31 st March	Start of Easter holidays - school ends at 3.15pm
Tuesday 18 th April	Summer term starts at 8.45am
Wednesday 26 th April	Year 7 N side Parents’/Carers’ Evening - 4 to 7pm.
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
Thursday 4 th May	Year 7 H side Parents’/Carers’ Evening - 4 to 7pm.
Friday 12 th May	Year 11 Final Assembly 12.50pm early finish for Years 7-10
Tuesday 23 rd May	Inset day – school closed for staff training
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Half Term week
Friday 21 st July	Summer Term finishes for students at 12.15pm

I close by thanking you all for the tremendous support you give the school throughout the year and on behalf of Mr Livesey and all the staff of Nower Hill, may I wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

Yours faithfully



Louise Voden
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