

July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are well and looking forward to the 'new normal' as we approach the end of this unprecedented lockdown period. We would like to start with expressing our gratitude to all those who have played a part in supporting our students during these uncertain times. Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the important role that you have played in encouraging your children to engage with remote learning under challenging circumstances. Finally, we would like to thank our incredible students for their resilience, hard work and good humour; upholding all the values of our Sixth Form community.

We are extremely proud of the way in which we have minimised any gaps in our students' learning during lockdown by our timely approach to remote learning. We would also like to thank our Year 12 students for their excellent engagement in Teams lessons, face-to-face lessons with subject teachers and with the Sixth Form team's work on the Futures' Programme. We look forward to continuing this work ahead of their final examinations and their applications to University and apprenticeships.

### **The Sixth Form Centre**

The Sixth Form Centre is having some new windows and is being redecorated. Students will notice improved ICT facilities and an updated futures library. The whole centre has had a deep clean in preparation for your return and we must thank our support staff and site staff for all their efforts in improving your common room and work spaces.

### **Students Return date**

Year 12 and 13 students will start the new term on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 8:45am. Both year groups are to attend at the start of the day where students will be greeted by their Form Tutor. Students will spend the first two hours with their Form Tutor before starting their A Level and BTEC courses. New student timetables will be given out in September.

It will be important for your child to come equipped for Sixth Form lessons including, for example: writing equipment, A4 lined paper, folders for different subjects, highlighting pens and post-it notes as we may not be able to share these items due to social distancing. An increasing number of students bring laptops for use in lessons and in the Sixth Form Centre.

### **Use of Medication in school**

Students are reminded that any prescription medication must be kept with our First Aid team, except for students who have asthma, diabetes or allergies who need to carry with them preventative medicines and equipment. Please remember to update the school if there have been any changes to medication or health issues over the last few months.

### **Personal Information:**

Please remember to update the school with any changes to address or living arrangements and any changes to emergency contact details.

## **Mental Health:**

We are aware that students have reacted to the lockdown period in lots of different ways. If you feel that your child's mental health has suffered in the last few months, please get in touch with us to discuss. We recommend a conversation with your GP and NHS Healthy Young Minds at [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk).

## **Uniform Update**

Hazel Grove Sixth Form wants to present a professional image to the school body and the wider school community in line with that of the Laurus Trust. As a result, students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to what they might wear in employment. Please see the attached dress code which explains, 'appropriate dress'.

Students are expected to exercise a mature approach to their dress with regards to changes in fashion. Sixth Form tutors reserve the right to send students home if clothing is deemed inappropriate. We also respectfully remind students that outdoor coats are not to be worn inside buildings and that they are not to use their mobile phones around the school site or during lessons; students are free to use their mobile phones in the Sixth Form common room and work spaces.

## **A final farewell to Year 13**

We would like to finish by wishing a fond farewell to all our Year 13 students as they embark on the next stage of their education. Many of our students have university places at prestigious universities for a range of traditional courses like medicine, natural sciences and engineering and for a range of specialist degree courses in nursing, interior design and automotive engineering. A few students also secured apprenticeships in industry and employment in local businesses. We are very proud of all our students' achievements and hope to be able to celebrate their successes in the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the school year and during lockdown and we hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We look forward to 2020-2021 and supporting our students to achieve their goals and make meaningful decisions about their futures.

Yours faithfully



Mr Ben Vickers  
Director of Sixth Form

## **SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE**

### **The following items are deemed as appropriate dress for Sixth Form:**

- Trousers, dress and/or skirt.
- Smart chino or dark denim.
- A smart shirt / blouse and / or smart jumper may be worn.
- Long or short sleeve shirts. These can be worn with a tie (a tie is not compulsory).
- V-neck sweaters / jumper
- Smart collared polo shirt / tops
- Appropriate shoes / footwear, Low heeled or flat shoes/boots.

### **The following items would be considered inappropriate for Sixth Form dress:**

- Ripped or bright / multi-coloured jeans.
- Blue jeans / denim
- Tracksuits, hoodies and casual sports T-shirts. No collarless shirts.
- Shorts, combat trousers, sweatshirts and ripped trousers.
- Baseball caps / hats
- Clothing bearing slogans.
- Plimsolls, flip-flops, pumps (leather and canvas), sneakers.
- Items of clothing that expose the shoulders, including 'cold shoulder' tops or midriff.
- Length of skirt needs to be appropriate for a work environment – on or just above the knee.

### **In order for students to act as good role models for the younger student body, we remind students of the following:**

- Facial piercings are not allowed.
- Hair colour needs to be a natural colour.
- Lanyards must be worn while on site for security reasons.