



## NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Arrangements for the End of Term

As we are into the penultimate week of this school year, we would like to clarify arrangements for the end of term and for the start of the new academic year. It is also important that parents and carers are aware of changes to the school rules from September 2016.

As has become our usual practice, the students may continue to wear their summer uniform for the **first 3 weeks of the Autumn Term**, as the beginning of September is likely to be warm. Please refer to the Student Support Guidance as regards the correct summer uniform, and note that the only item of clothing that may be worn over the polo shirt is the blazer for boys and the jumper for girls; they may not wear non-uniform jackets. Please note that all students will be expected to be in their full winter uniform from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Please may I remind you about school skirts, which must be the Charleston style in *regular or long lengths only*, so that the hem of the skirt sits on or just above the knee. It is also essential that your daughter wears her skirt properly, and does not roll the top over to shorten it.

Please may I also remind you of our rules regarding school shoes, as I am sure a number of families will be shopping for new footwear over the summer break. The following items of footwear are not allowed: canvas shoes; boots; trainers, be they fabric, suede or leather; 'Vans' and similar makes which look like leather plimsolls. Nike, Adidas, Reebok and so on do not make school shoes, so no student should be wearing these or similar brands. Black Dr Marten shoes are perfectly acceptable, sturdy footwear for school; Dr Marten **boots are not allowed**. Please see the school website for illustrations of suitable shoes (Parents and Carers Tab and then select 'School Uniform' from the drop down menu on the left hand side).

For current and New Year 7 students, a reminder that the only bag permitted is the official Nower Hill school bag, available from all of our suppliers. If parents of any other Year groups are school bag shopping over the holidays, may we recommend the bag to you as a cost effective, smart option.

We have recently made some updates to the school's Student Support Guidance; may I please refer you to my letter sent earlier this week about the key changes. This document can be found on the school website under the tab '**Parents and Carers**' then select '**Student Support Guidance**' on the left hand side. Please do take the time to re-read this document through with your child over the summer holidays and remind them of the importance of adhering to the behaviour expectations of the school at all times.

This is also an opportunity to remind you that term ends for students on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15pm**. As usual, 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.

The new term starts for our **new Year 7 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 9.10am**. The rest of the school return on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at our normal time of 8.40am**. In line with government regulations, we cannot authorise any holidays in term time and under Section 444A of the Education Act, the Local Authority can take legal action where it has reason to believe that an unauthorised absence has been taken during term time. This could be in the form of a Penalty fine and/or prosecution; we would of course wish to avoid having to refer any of our families to the Local Authority, so ask your cooperation in ensuring your children are back in school on the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We would like to remind parents that it is essential that **all** lockers are cleared by the end of term and padlocks removed, even if students will continue to use the locker from September. This is partly to ensure perishable items are not left over the summer holidays, but also because there will be some movement of lockers as form rooms may change and it is an opportunity for them to be cleaned.

This is also a good opportunity to remind parents and carers of the need to reapply for Free School Meals. If your child already receives Free School Meals, please reapply during the summer holidays by contacting Harrow Council. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Sarah O'Keefe in Student Services at the school.

The start of the Autumn Term arrangements are as follows:-

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Term commences for the new Year 7 only at 9.10am

Year 12 and 13 subject changes 9am to 11am

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Term commences for Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. School begins at 8.45am sharp and students should be in their form rooms ready to start their day by 8.40am.

Finally, it only remains for me to say on behalf of Mr Livesey and all the staff of Nower Hill, that we thank you for your continued, valued support and wish you all the very best for the forthcoming summer holiday. We have once again raised the bar for the children this year and have been delighted with their usual enthusiastic response. We hope that both you and they will have a very well deserved rest and we look forward to seeing the children safely back in September.

With very best wishes,

Yours faithfully



**Louise Voden**  
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