



# HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support so far this term. We have really enjoyed welcoming you back into school for face to face events such as Open Evening, Parents' Evenings, Careers Evening and Year 11 Trial Exam Evening to name a few. We know that for some parents, it has been the first time you have been into Humphrey Perkins to meet with staff face to face given recent Covid-19 restrictions. Staff really value meeting and connecting with parents/carers so they can work with you to support your child to achieve. Speaking of achievement, we are thrilled that we have seen a huge increase in the number of reward points being earned this year in all years.

## Morning Routine

We have welcomed a new routine to our morning by introducing line-ups on the playground in tutor groups once students are welcomed into school by our Leadership Team. This allows Heads of Year to meet and greet their year group everyday supported by Tutors, SEND staff and the Leadership Team. This positive interaction at the start of the day allows for uniform to be checked and key messages/celebrations shared before being calmly led into Tutor time.

## New Maths and English Block

We are delighted to have finally moved into our new English and Maths block! This will also be the Tutor Base for Year 7 and 9 Tutor Groups.

## Internal Exclusion

We are making a subtle change to the opening time of Internal Centre of Exclusion (ICE). Firstly, we are re-naming ICE as 'Reflection'. Students placed in 'Reflection' as a result of their behaviour are expected to reflect on their poor behaviour with the support of Holistic staff. You will be informed if your child is going into Reflection the following day and the times are 10.00am – 4.00pm. Students should arrive on-site no earlier than 9.50am (sign in to main reception) and will finish at 4.00pm. It is important our Holistic staff are freely available to all pupils at the beginning of the day and this change allows us to support a wider cohort of students.





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## After School Detention

Following feedback from our students and Parents/Carers, we are making some changes to the way that after school detentions will take place. When we return after the Christmas holidays, after school detentions will take place in the Hall, staffed by the Senior Leadership Team. Please note:

- The one hour after school detention is being replaced with a 45 minute detention and will start immediately after school at 2.45pm until 3.30pm
- The two hour after school detention is being replaced with a 1 hour and 30 minute detention starting at 2.45pm until 4.15pm

We are aiming on building a restorative element into the detention process, whereby staff and students (as much as possible) will have a restorative conversation following a C2/3 behaviour consequence resulting in a detention.

The Beehive App will automatically notify you via the Beehive App and text message if your child has a detention on the following day. We really value your on-going support with ensuring your child attends their detention to avoid unnecessary upscaling of a missed sanction. As you aware, staff use a system of C points when behaviour is not as we want it to be for all learners. This runs alongside our rewards system that celebrates all those that are getting it right.

## Attendance

The attendance of students is vital. Simply put, if they are not in school, they are missing lessons which will have a huge impact on grades. We monitor attendance carefully and are addressing any poor attendance rapidly. Please ensure that your child has regular attendance and contact your child's Tutor if you have any concerns.

## Anti-bullying Week

Anti-bullying week (14th-18th November) enabled our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (working alongside Mrs Merry, our Anti-Bullying Coordinator) to lead the National campaign themed 'Reach Out'. Assemblies took place for all years and a drama piece performed for Years 7 and 8. Throughout the week chocolate surprises were hidden around the school site as a random act of kindness – students were very excited each time one was found! Our kindness rock painting proved extremely popular as over 50 rocks were decorated during a lunchtime activity in the library. The aim is to hide a rock for someone to find or give one to someone to spread some kindness. Every student was given a postcard in Tutor Time to share a kind thought and reach out to either a friend, family member, staff,





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neighbour etc. We wanted to reach out to all of our students to make them aware that any form of bullying will not be tolerated in our community and their worries should be reported to school.

## Charity Team

The Humphrey Perkins Charity Team have been hard at work this term raising awareness of important issues for World Mental Health Day (#HelloYellow) and Children in Need. The team have raised over £1100 for charities thanks to the generosity of our school community – thank you so much! Our most recent fundraiser was Movember! This charity is changing the face of men's health by using funding to impact men's health both locally and globally. We've had a Movember team of brave volunteer staff who have grown and styled their facial hair for a great cause. Thank you for your donations.

To mark the beginning of December, the Charity Team has launched **HP Reverse Advent Hampers**. Each Tutor Group is asked to decorate a box and for students to bring in items which have been specified by Food Project we are supporting this year. This year we are working with **Soar Valley Community Food Project** who support families in Birstall, Rothley, Mountsorrel, Anstey, Barrow, Sileby, Thurmaston and Syston. Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December we are asking students, if they can, to bring in goodies from a list that have been given to us:

UHT Whole Milk/Semi Skimmed Milk – Biscuits – Coffee – Jams – Pasta Sauces – Squash – Cereals – Christmas Confectionary – Tinned Meat/Beans/Fruit/Vegetables/Tuna/Puddings – Mini Christmas Puddings – Boiled Sweets – Crackers for Cheese – Fancy Biscuits – Small Tinned Food – Mince Pies – Tea Bags – Jellies – Condiments – Microwave Rice – Non Bio Washing Powder/Pods – Nappies – Baby Wipes

During the last week of this term the Charity Team will deliver the hampers to the Food Project for them to distribute to local families. All donations are gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Hurley

Assistant Principal

