



# HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the term draws to a close, we wish to give you some final updates and information about the new academic year. Please use the headings to guide you to the information relevant to you.

## Student Success

Once again, our students have made us incredibly proud this year. Our sporting teams have enjoyed another successful year and we are particularly proud of our **Year 8 Dodgeball Team who finished 2nd in the National Dodgeball Tournament**. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the commitment, resilience and teamwork shown by the students involved. Well done to them!

## Staffing News

We are incredibly proud of our staff and wish them all a well-deserved break over the summer. At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to our Executive Principal **Dr Pye**. Dr Pye has provided outstanding leadership and support to Humphrey Perkins School and the wider Lionheart Educational Trust. His commitment to ensuring the very best opportunities for students has had a significant impact on our school community and we would like to place on record our sincere thanks for everything he has achieved. We wish him well as he embarks on a senior role with another multi-academy trust. For the new academic year, **Mrs Piper-Gale** will return as Executive Principal.

We also say farewell to **Mrs Lockton, Miss Dhameja and Mr Savjani**. Mrs Lockton has expertly led our creative subjects for 7 years and is taking up a new post nearer to her home in Nottingham. Our literacy lead, Miss Dhameja, although leaving Humphrey Perkins, will continue to support the Lionheart Educational Trust as the new Head of English at Mercia Academy in Derbyshire. Mr Savjani has provided fantastic support to the school over the past year, adding capacity to the senior leadership team, leading the science faculty and spear-heading our work in personal development and careers. He leaves us to take up the role of Head of Science at a neighbouring school in Leicestershire. We thank all our departing colleagues for their service to Humphrey Perkins School and wish them every success in the future.

We will also be saying a temporary farewell to **Miss Mee** who will be starting her maternity leave. We send our warmest congratulations and very best wishes to her and her family.

Despite well-documented teaching staff shortages, we are fully staffed for the new year and look forward to welcoming our new staff: **Mr Pillau** to the English Department, **Mrs Grant** to Languages, **Mrs Miller** will return from maternity leave to be Head of Science and part of our Senior Leadership Team, **Mrs Mowat** will be our new Head of Design, **Mrs Payne** will be our new Head of Performing Arts and **Mr Esat** and **Mr Jabbar** who are both Trust leaders for Computing will support us with this subject.





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## Year 10 Summer Learning

As we approach the summer break, we would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of continued study and retrieval practice in preparation for the challenges of Year 11. Year 11 is a pivotal year in your child's academic journey, culminating in their GCSE examinations. To support a smooth transition and ensure students retain key knowledge from Year 10, we will be setting structured summer homework tasks. These tasks are designed to reinforce learning, build confidence, and develop effective study habits. Summer Learning will be set in partnership with Lionheart Educational Trust and by Humphrey Perkins staff. Whilst bespoke Humphrey Perkins Summer Learning will be available throughout the Summer, students will also receive additional tasks from their subjects on the following dates:

- **Monday 20th July**
- **Monday 3rd August**
- **Monday 17th August**

These tasks will range from 20–40 minutes per subject and will take the form of retrieval practice and consolidation activities. Subject leaders will be taking into account learning gaps and areas for improvement from the Year 10 trial examinations to support closing these gaps. All homework will be set via **Beehive** and completed using **Microsoft Teams**.

## Year 11

Year 11 Results will be available from the Anniversary Hall on Thursday, 20th August 9–10am. They have worked incredibly hard – we were particularly proud of the introduction of our immersion programme – and received a glorious send-off with our Leavers' Assembly (complete with a guard of honour exit from the whole school) and Prom.

## Changes to the School Day

As you may be aware, Government guidance is that all state-funded schools provide a minimum school week of **32.5 hours**. Following a review of our school day, we will be making some slight adjustments from the start of the new academic year.

From August:

- The school day will **start at 8.20am**. The timings of buses have been altered to accommodate this change and you will receive notification of this. Students who walk/cycle to school, take the train or a lift to school must be on site ready at start for 8.20am. The school gate will **close at 8.17am** and students will be marked late after this point, unless there is a valid reason **for their late arrival**.
- The **end of the school day will remain unchanged**.





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- **Tutor time will move to after lunch.**

These changes will ensure that we continue to provide a high-quality educational experience whilst meeting national expectations regarding the length of the school week.

## Start of the New Academic Year

Following a staff training day, there will be a phased return for students to ensure that, in particular, our new Year 7 cohort are fully settled:

- **Monday 24th August**  
**Years 7 and 11** will return to school. Online core work will be set for Years 8, 9 and 10 and must be completed.
- **Tuesday 25th August**  
All year groups on site.

For those year groups who are not required to attend on site during the phased return, **core online work will be set and must be completed.**

Heads of Years will be as follows: Mrs Black, Year 7; Miss Mason, Year 8; Mr Matts, Year 9; Mr Holmes, Year 10; and Mr Buck, Year 11. The Heads of Years will be supported by our Student Managers, Mr Hammond and Mrs Chapman.

## Advance Notice – Lionheart Educational Trust INSET Day

Please make a note that **Friday 25th September** is a **Lionheart Educational Trust INSET Day**. School will be **closed to students** on this day whilst staff undertake professional development and training activities.

## Uniform and Equipment

As you are aware, we have very high expectations for our uniform policy/equipment requirements, and a link can be found here: <https://www.humphreyperkins.org.uk/about-us/general/uniform-and-equipment/>.

To ensure they are ready for learning, students should return to school with:

- Full school uniform.
- A suitable school bag.
- A pencil case containing the required learning equipment: 2 black pens, 1 green pen, 1 pencil, 1 ruler, 1 rubber, a scientific calculator and a reading book for KS3 students. It is also helpful if students have a highlighter and a whiteboard pen.
- Appropriate PE kit where applicable.





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In readiness for next term, students may need to replace items of uniform that have become too small or worn out. Skirts must be worn at **knee length**; please ensure that a suitable length of skirt is purchased. Similarly, only black, v-necked jumpers are permitted in school. Should students wish to wear a jumper, it must be worn under their blazer rather than instead of it. Some students may choose to wear acrylic nails during the summer holidays or have braids attached to their hair. It is important that items like these are removed before the start of next term.

Your support in maintaining our high standards is greatly appreciated and helps ensure that all students are ready to learn from the moment they arrive at school.

## A Final Thank You

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our students achieve success, and we are grateful for everything you do to support your children and our school community. Most importantly, thank you to our students, who continue to impress us with their achievements, kindness and determination. They are excellent ambassadors for Humphrey Perkins School and we are incredibly proud of them.

We wish all students, parents, carers and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in August.

Whilst our school and admin. office will be closed over the Summer, should you wish to contact us, please email [office@humphreyperkins.org.uk](mailto:office@humphreyperkins.org.uk) and we will reply to you as soon as we can, although the email will not be checked regularly. In the event of a **safeguarding emergency**, please contact the emergency services or social care. You may also wish to email [dsl@humphreyperkins.org.uk](mailto:dsl@humphreyperkins.org.uk) and one of our team will respond as soon as they are able.

Yours sincerely

*D. J. Bartram*

Mrs D. Bartram  
Associate Principal

