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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the October half term, we wish to share some updates and highlights.

A Flying Start

We began the term by welcoming our new Year 7 cohort and we look forward to seeing the daffodils they planted on their first day at school bloom in the Spring. They have embraced new friendships, routines and opportunities – well done to them!

Building upon our highest ever results achieved in the Summer, Year 11 have also returned with real focus and determination. Thank you for your support at our Aspiration Evening, Careers Event and Year 11 Parents' Evening. This week, they joined our "Big Revise" event where we supported them with strategies in readiness for their November Trial Examinations. Students have been emailed a detailed guide on the upcoming Trial 1 assessments with revision advice and links. For information on how you can support your child please visit [Family Revision Support | Lionheart Educational Trust](#).

Fundraising

The generosity of our students never ceases to amaze us. Our very own Elphis Presley the elephant is now back with us at Humphrey Perkins after its "Have you Herd?" Summer stomp to Leicester City in aid of LOROS. Last academic year, we raised an incredible £1060 for LOROS. This academic year, students raised £220 for Young Minds (supporting positive mental health and wellbeing) during last Friday's Hello Yellow Day and they have decided that the main charity we will be supporting is Rainbows Children's Hospice.

Extra-Curricular

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** was held in the library, our Hogwarts-style haven, with students diving into new books and celebrating the joy of reading. We received £465 in Scholastic Rewards which we can use to supplement our library; thank you for your support.

Well done to our newly appointed **Junior Leadership Team, Year 10 Ambassadors and Tutor Captains**. Working with our Head Students, Phoebe Tew and Luke Millar, we look forward to hearing their ideas to improve the school still further.





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Our **sports teams** have been busy and a special shout-out to our Year 8 Boys Football Team who beat Roundhill Academy 19-2. Our Year 10 netball girls played really well in their tournament and our Year 9 girls play their netball tournament on Thursday 16th. Good luck to them!

We are really looking forward to our school musical, **"Mary Poppins Jnr"**, which will be a February highlight. Well done to all those who auditioned or are supporting the musical in other ways.

We are proud of our extra-curricular offer and further details can be [found here](#).

Attendance Matters

It is imperative that all students attend regularly. This week your child will bring home their attendance certificate: please discuss it with them. The link between attendance and academic performance is clear and recent research from the Department for Education shows:

- Pupils with **95–100% attendance** are **twice as likely** to achieve a **Grade 5** (a strong pass) in **English and Maths GCSE** than those attending 90–95% of the time.
- Missing just **10 days in Year 11** can **halve the chance** of achieving a Grade 5 in these crucial subjects.

These findings are a powerful reminder that **every day counts**. We also know that good attendance is not just about academic progress—it builds confidence, connection and long-term opportunity. Please do not be surprised if your child is absent and you receive an afternoon wellbeing call from us: attendance has a high priority at Humphrey Perkins.

Staffing Updates

We wish to take the opportunity to say a temporary farewell to our Head of Science/SLT Team Leader, Mrs Miller, who starts her maternity leave after the half-term break. As a result of her absence, there will be some changes to Science groups.

Looking Ahead

As we head into the second half of the term, we are excited for more opportunities to celebrate learning, creativity and community. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming all students back on **Monday 27 October**. Please ensure that they are properly equipped (bag, pencil case, 2 black pens, green pen, ruler, rubber, a Scientific Calculator and a reading book at KS3. Equipment checks are undertaken every Period 1, every day with sanctions applied to those who





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are not properly equipped. To support students, we offer a cash only stationery shop which is open every morning (prices can be [found here](#)) with all profits going to charity.

Thank you very much for ensuring that your child comes to school correctly dressed in-line with our [uniform expectations](#). As the weather gets colder, students are welcome to wear an outdoor coat over their blazer. However, coats must be removed indoors and blazers worn at all times unless staff have given permission for them to be removed. Skirts must be knee length. Acrylic nails, facial piercings (other than a single pair of discreet earrings) and extreme hair styles are not part of our uniform and must not be worn to school.

We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely

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