



HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the October half-term break, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on a busy and successful start to the academic year and to thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Welcome Back

We have been delighted with the positive start made by our students across all year groups. Our new Year 7 students have settled quickly into life at Humphrey Perkins, embracing new friendships, routines and opportunities with enthusiasm and maturity: they have planted their day one daffodils and their photos are on display as per our traditions! It has been wonderful to see them already becoming fully involved in school life and demonstrating our values of **Be Brave, Be Kind and Be the Best You Can Be**.

Our Year 11 students have returned with real determination and focus as they begin the final year of their secondary education. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported our recent Aspiration and Careers Evenings. Last week we held our "Big Revise" event where Year 11 received tips about how to revise and were served pizza as a reward for their hard work by me, Mr Khakhar and Mr Buck.

Following half term, Year 11 students will receive detailed information about their upcoming trial examinations, together with revision resources and guidance to help them prepare effectively. We are committed to supporting them every step of the way as they work towards achieving their aspirations. Trials begin on the 23rd November – additional support can be found here: [Family Revision Support | Lionheart Educational Trust](#). This is in addition to the Big Revise resources which have been shared with students and parents – it is essential that students are planning their revision during the school week and crucially during the half-term break.

Celebrating Success

This week marks our half-termly **Celebration Assemblies**, where we recognise students for their achievements, effort, attendance, positive conduct and contributions to school life. These events are always a highlight of the term and provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate those students who consistently demonstrate our school values. In particular, we recognise those students who day in,





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day out, have impeccable uniform and conduct – there will be a prize draw for those students with zero signatures on their Conduct Cards.

We are incredibly proud of all that our students have achieved so far this term and look forward to recognising their successes throughout the week.

Fundraising and Community

Our students continue to demonstrate tremendous generosity and a desire to support others. Last year we raised an incredible £2765 which was shared between:

- Rainbows – £785 including an additional donation of £65 from the “profits” of our Stationery Shop sales
- Children in Need – £945
- Comic Relief – £815
- Young Minds – £220

To date, this half-term, we have raised £665 for “Just One Tree” which will help to plant 665 tree seedlings across the world and help to combat climate change and biodiversity loss. We have also raised £60 for Young Minds.

Congratulations, also, to our newly appointed Tutor Captains, Year 11 Junior Leadership Team and Year 10 Ambassadors who even undertook a litter pick of King George Park last week – such is their desire to help our community. Our Head Students are Esme Norton and Noah Ferguson – I look forward to hearing their ideas about how we can improve Humphrey Perkins.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Learning extends far beyond the classroom at Humphrey Perkins and we are proud of the wide range of extra-curricular activities available to students. Our Library is always one of my favourite areas of the school and we recently had a Scholastic Book Fair which saw students diving into new books and celebrating the joys of reading. We received £318 in Scholastic Rewards which we can use to supplement our library; thank you for your support.

Our PE Department is always busy: we have successfully launched our extra-curricular programme, offering a range of activities including football, basketball, pickleball and badminton. A new addition this year, darts, has proved incredibly popular across all year groups after school, with Mr Buck also running dedicated lunchtime sessions for Year 11 students, which have been particularly well





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attended. Football fixtures begin this week, with the majority of competitive matches scheduled for next term. Indoor athletics trials will take place during the first week back after the October half-term break as we begin preparations for the upcoming competition season.

Our new school musical, **"Annie"**, 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 programme and further details can be found [here](#).

Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance remains one of the most important factors in student success. 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.

Every lesson counts and even small amounts of absence can have a significant impact on learning and progress. Students who attend regularly not only achieve better academically, but also benefit from stronger relationships, increased confidence and greater participation in the wider life of the school.

This week your child will bring home their attendance certificate: please discuss it with them. **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.

Looking Ahead

Following the half-term break, we look forward to another busy and exciting period of learning. Students will continue to build on the excellent foundations established this term as we move towards the end of the autumn term.

A reminder that all students should return after half term fully equipped for learning with:





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- A school bag
- A pencil case
- Two black pens
- A green pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A rubber
- A Scientific calculator
- A reading book (Years 7-9)

Equipment checks continue to take place daily during Period 1. To support students, our cash-only stationery shop is open each morning and all profits are donated to charity.

Thank you also for your continued support with our uniform expectations. As the weather becomes colder, students may wear an outdoor coat over their blazers. Please also remember that skirts should be towards the knee and that facial piercings (other than a single pair of discreet earrings), acrylic/long BIAB nails and extreme hairstyles are not permitted under our school uniform policy which can be found [here](#).

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is essential in helping our young people flourish, and we are grateful for the role you play in supporting their success.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on **Monday, 26th October**.

Yours sincerely,

D. J. Bartram

Mrs D Bartram

Associate Principal

