

# Haywire

*The information bulletin for the community of the Hayfield School*

## **It's a rollover!**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> July all of our students moved up a year and began their "new lessons". This also included Year 6 students coming up to the school to form our new Year 7. In all they stayed with us for seven days and initial feedback has been very positive. It means that they are now familiar with the school, their classes, their fellow students and our staff and we hope that this will help to reduce any anxiety they may have had about starting at a new school in September. For the rest of our students, it has meant that they can use the last few weeks of term to adjust to their new timetables and it also means that any issues linked to the timetable can be resolved before we restart in September. All students have a copy of their timetable and have been issued with planners.

The new term will start on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 and students should note that this day will be a Thursday Week A. The day will be exactly as it is on their timetable and therefore they should come prepared for a normal school day – if they have PE on that day they will need to bring their PE kit.

## **Uniform and Equipment**

The clip-on ties that were introduced at the beginning of the year have undoubtedly improved the appearance of students, but some issues remain. A full comprehensive guide to uniform is available on our website or via request from the school, but a few points of particular concern are:

**Boys:** Shoes should be black, and not of a trainer or canvas style. Trousers should not be of a denim style cut i.e. they should not have stitched back pockets and the front pockets should be akin to those found on suit trousers, as opposed to those found on jeans etc. Short-sleeved shirts are permitted, rolled up sleeves are not.

**Girls:** Skirts should be worn from the waist to the knee. Belts are not permitted and the skirt should be of a standard cut i.e. gypsy / rah rah / high-waisted / stretch-pencil skirts are not allowed. Similarly trousers should be standard school trousers – stretch / boot leg / hipster / casual linen / leggings are not allowed. Shoes should be full shoes –

sandals and backless shoes will not be allowed and neither are trainers or boots permitted around school. A minority of girls are arriving at school in shoes which are so flimsy that they offer no protection and quite simply disintegrate in wet weather. Canvas shoes and stiletto or high heels are also not permitted.

For both boys and girls excessive hair styles are not permitted – and by this we mean no shaved / grade ones / patterns / stripes / beaded styles etc. Similarly, "unnatural" colours will not be permitted.

This year we have also made a detailed record of students that repeatedly forget their ties. It is somewhat surprising that they manage to leave the house with their mobile telephone and yet they manage to forget their tie. In the coming year repeat offenders will be dealt with severely. Please note that any school is allowed to send students home for uniform infringements.

On a related note, students should also come to school with appropriate equipment – an astonishing number arrive to school without so much as a pen! The summer break provides plenty of time for the purchase of pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, calculators etc.

We believe that the uniform plays a vital role in setting the standards and ethos of the school. Some might view this as perhaps old-fashioned, but we remain resolute in our belief that the correct uniform sets the foundation for the rest of school life. Furthermore, in the world of work uniform is prevalent and part of our role is to prepare students for life. We would value your support on this issue.

## **Timings within the school day**

Following consultation the school has decided to move the time of tutor period within the day. From the beginning of the year it was held at 2.55-3.15pm each day and it has now been moved to 10.45-11.05am each day. We feel that this is a more opportune time to hold tutor period and this change took effect from 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010. A knock-on effect of this is that lunches have been moved to a slightly later time (12.25-1.15pm for Years 7,9,11, and 13, and 1.25-2.15pm for Years 8,10 and 12). We appreciate that for some students this can

mean a long time from leaving the house to having lunch. They are allowed to eat snacks at break (albeit not crisps or fruit due to litter issues) and the school now offers toast and fruit at break times in the main hall. We will monitor this change over the coming year.

## Changes to bus times

Note that there will be some changes to the pick-up times and bus numbers and these will take effect from September 2010. All students have been issued with a new timetable, please refer to it prior to the start of term.

## Meet the Head

There will be another surgery held by the headteacher on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 between 3.30p.m. and 5 p.m. If you intend to attend a surgery, please could you inform the school and, wherever possible, provide details of your

concerns, thus allowing us time to investigate. Of course, should you have a pressing matter then please telephone the school to make an appointment either with the headteacher or another member of the Leadership Team in the usual way. Please note, however, that due to other commitments we may be unable to meet with you on the same day. Further details about the school's complaints policy are available on our website or upon request.

## And finally.....

A huge thanks to all of the students and staff for their hard work throughout the year. There has been a lot of change, but all of it has been made with students in mind and we hope that everyone can begin to see the benefits. The wider curriculum in particular has proved to be exceptionally popular and we will be continuing with this in the coming year, and as ever, we will make it even better.

## Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Wednesday	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Training Day
Thursday	September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Term for all students
Monday	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 French Trip Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September)
Monday	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Field Week (Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September)
Wednesday	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Enhancement Day
Wednesday	October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored Walk
Thursday	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 German and French Speaking Tests (Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> October)
Friday	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Disco
Friday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Training Day : School closed for students
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half Term : Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Thursday	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day
Monday	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Parents' Evening : Group Tutors only
Monday	November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11-6 <sup>th</sup> Form Information Evening
Wednesday	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Training Day : School closed for students
Friday	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Fayre
Monday	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Parents' Evening : Group Tutors only
Tuesday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert
Wednesday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert
Wednesday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 German and French Speaking Tests (Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> -Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December)
Wednesday	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Monday	December 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Holidays : Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January inclusive</b>