



19 July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy year but have really enjoyed teaching our students and have worked hard to try to give them lots of other wider opportunities.

We were delighted with the outcome of our OFSTED in February. From that report we have 2 key areas to work on which we will continue to address next year.

1. Homework
2. Bringing teaching and learning up to the standard of the very best teachers in the school

The launch of the House System has brought about a buzz round the school and we continue to live by our values of 'Strong Work Ethic and Kindness and Decency.'

Next year the school day will change as follows as my previous letter stated.

08.40 Registration  
08.50 Lesson 1  
09.50 Lesson 2  
10.50 Break (20 mins)  
11.10 Lesson 3  
12.10 Lunch (35 mins)  
12.45 Lesson 4  
1.45 Lesson 5  
2.45 Finish/Extra Curricular programme starts

Please see the website for details and updates on School Buses.

### Teaching, Learning, Curriculum and Assessment

'Pre-Season Training' for Y9 was launched in June. The purpose of this was to ensure that Y9 are focused on starting on their GCSE courses and fully understand the work ethic that is required. The programme was greatly received by students and they are equipped with their pre-season training blue folder with some holiday work.

From September Y9 will experience a new approach to Drama/Music as we launch our Create and Perform Curriculum. We have worked hard to ensure we engage all students so that they have the opportunity to explore their own strengths and areas to develop in these areas. We have talked to the students about this and they have provided some valuable feedback. More information will follow next term.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that student targets are accurate, realistic and challenging. We are reviewing our reporting system so this will be tweaked for next year.

We are proud to say that we continue to be fully staffed with specialist teachers next year.

### Personal Development, Behaviour, Safety and Welfare (Standards and Expectations)

Due to the retirement of 3 long serving Heads of Year we have made some changes. The new structure is as follows:

	Raising Standards Leaders	
	Character and Culture	Progress and Achievement
Y7	Mrs Emma Lowe	Mrs Andrea Maddock
Y8	Miss Cassie Watson	Mrs Amy Spotswood
Y9	Miss Rachel Neale	
Y10	Mrs Emma Conroy (girls)	Ms Jo Whetstone
Y11	Mrs Chris Barnes (boys)	

### **Wider Curriculum/House System**

This continues to be a great area of strength. The twitter account is used to update everyone (@hayfield\_school). It seems really popular with over 565 followers. We recommend that parents refer to the site to keep updated. It can be accessed through twitter or our website. Y7 really enjoyed "I'm a Year 7 Camper Get Me Out Of Here!" They had a fantastic time staying over on the school fields. A great success and one to be continued next year.

Two House Leaders for Endeavour and Wisdom will be 'sworn in' at the final assembly.

### **Charity**

Staff and students have embraced our approach to fundraising, currently standing at £7,171. This does not include funds raised from the Young Minds concert, Sports Day or House Activity Day. We are so close to our target of £10,000. Well done everyone.

I know that parents, families, staff and governors were really proud of the students who were involved in the very moving Young Minds Concert. Well done to the team of staff who helped provide this wonderful experience for many young people. We definitely have something to build on from this.

### **Student Leadership Team**

We have a new team. These will be introduced on the final day of the term to the whole school. It is the first time that we have Y11 in these positions.

### **Sport**

Our annual sports presentation evening was held last week with over 300 people attending. Our guest speaker Matthew Hoggard, ex international and Yorkshire cricketer, presented the prizes.

You may have seen on twitter that we had a great sports day on Tuesday. Lots of school records were broken and so many students took part. The mascots enjoyed themselves too although Lesley the Lion seemed to thrive on having the 'lighter costume.'

In September a Leeds Rhinos Netball Development Hub will be launched on Friday evenings (4.00 to 9.00 pm depending on age.) More news will follow next term. We hope to see some of our girls sign up.

### **Standards and Expectations**

The Behaviour Policy has been reviewed. The mobile phone policy for students was reviewed last year and has been very effective.

The new Raising Standards Leaders have impressed us all by having a strong presence since their appointments. They are actively out and about at social times and visiting lessons.

### **Uniform**

From September all students except Y11 must wear the new uniform and PE kit.

### **Policies**

We remind you to familiarise yourself with the following policies which can be found on the school website:

- Uniform
- Behaviour
- Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

### **Keeping us informed**

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to keep personal information updated e.g. change of address, mobile phone number and change in medical details.

A calendar is attached to this letter.

Have a wonderful summer, look after each other, be safe. We will see the students on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

Kind regards, on behalf of the staff at The Hayfield School

Lisa Fox  
Headteacher

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