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Dear Parents

I cannot believe that this is the end of the school year! We are hopeful that we are poised to announce an outstanding set of academic results on August 24th. I look forward to celebrating our students' success in August.

We recently held our Prom – this year at Habrough Hotel. This was a truly impressive occasion. Our students walking up a real red carpet to the hotel entrance resembled a Hollywood Oscar Awards Ceremony gathering! Congratulations to every one of them.

School Day

The school day will alter from September 2010. The times are listed below. May I remind parents that students return on Thursday 2nd September at 8.30am.

Before 8:30	Breakfast club
8:30 – 8:50	Tutor Period and Assembly
8:50 – 9:50	Period 1
9:50 – 10:50	Period 2
10:50 – 11:10	Break. Hot and cold food available.
11:10 – 12:10	Period 3
12:10 – 1:10	Period 4
1:10 – 1:55	Lunch
1:55 – 2:55	Period 5

We are going back to a traditional lunchtime, with just one lunch break for all students and staff. There will be sittings for different year groups within the lunch break, but there will be an end to the current arrangements whereby some students are having lunch while others are in lessons.

School Uniform

As you are aware, we have also been discussing our new school uniform. Students have been involved in designing this and parents have had the opportunity to comment on the proposals. All students in years 7-10 must wear the new uniform as from September. Year 11 can wear the “old” or “new” uniform. However, they cannot mix the two. The sew-on blazer badge and the tie and cravat will be sold by Uniform Direct at £3.99 each and parents choosing a blazer can either buy a blazer in the shop of their choice and sew a badge on it, or buy a blazer from Uniform Direct with a badge already on it.

BOYS	GIRLS
<p align="center">Compulsory</p> <p>Black Trousers or Tailored Shorts – knee length, not sport shorts (Summer Term only)</p> <p>White Shirt Hereford School Tie</p>	<p align="center">Compulsory</p> <p>Black Trousers or Tailored Shorts – knee length, not sport shorts (Summer Term only) or Black Skirt – at least knee length White Shirt Hereford School Tie or Hereford Cravat</p>
<p align="center">Optional</p> <p>Black Blazer with Hereford Badge Plain black or grey V-Neck cardigan or black or grey cardigan with red ribbon from Uniform Direct</p>	<p align="center">Optional</p> <p>Black Blazer with Hereford Badge Plain black or grey V-Neck cardigan or black or grey cardigan with red ribbon from Uniform Direct</p>
<p align="center">Footwear (Compulsory)</p> <p>Plain black or brown School Shoes (not trainers or leisure shoes, pumps or plimsolls) Trousers must be worn outside socks</p>	<p align="center">Footwear (Compulsory)</p> <p>Plain low-heeled black or brown School Shoes (not trainers or leisure shoes, pumps or plimsolls) Trousers must be worn outside socks Students may wear neutral/black tights</p>

PE Kit

Trainers, Football boots

New PE kit, compulsory for the Year 7 & 8 of September 2010 and optional for all other students:

Black or red and black (at student's discretion) top with HTS logo

Plain black shorts or black with red flashes and HTS logo

Red socks, three-quarter or full-length plain black bottoms, at student's discretion

Students may wear whatever combination of the new kit they feel most comfortable in.

The old PE kit that students in years 9, 10 and 11 may wear is:

Boys - Hereford yellow top, plain black shorts, yellow socks.

Girls - Hereford yellow top, plain black shorts, yellow socks.

School Dress Code

We believe that the appearance of our students is important and, in line with the Government's wishes, we have a compulsory school uniform. We expect students to follow its spirit and we will not allow extremes of fashion or extreme interpretations of the uniform rules. The Headteacher and Governors have the final say in what students may or may not wear. "Black trousers", for example, means plain black, school style, **without** any extra cargo pockets, buckles, zips, ornaments or anything else that makes them not plain black, school style. "Black or brown shoes" means plain, school style shoes, **not** trainers, skate shoes, canvas shoes, boots, sandals or anything else. Please would you help us by asking your students to comply with the following rules:

Jewellery

We do not like students to wear jewellery to school. We will tolerate:

- one small sleeper or stud in each ear (small means the student cannot get their own little finger through it)
- one small ring on each hand
- one nose pin that is so small it is hard to see. If it can easily be seen it is too big

If students wear any other visible jewellery, any member of staff is entitled to confiscate it or ask the student to remove it and keep it out of sight. If students choose to wear more jewellery than we allow, we reserve the right to ban that individual from wearing any jewellery at all for a period. If students persistently choose to break our jewellery rules we will treat it as any other act of defiance.

Tattoos

Tattoos are not allowed in school. All tattoos if visible must be covered with a plain plaster.

Make-up

Make-up that is discreet and 'barely visible' is tolerated. Students will be asked to remove make-up that is overtly noticeable.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are allowed as long as they are switched off and out of sight in lessons unless otherwise indicated by a member of staff. The school has the right to look after the phone for the student if they fail to follow these instructions.

Equipment

Students are expected to have a suitable bag in which to carry their equipment.

Chewing gum

Our new build is mostly carpeted. We wish it to stay in good condition. Therefore, chewing gum is **banned** from September.

New Build and Extended October Half Term Break

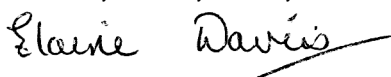
We are still on schedule to open after the October half-term. Many students have visited their new school and are keeping diaries of their visits including photographs.

Plans are underway for 2 celebrations – one to look back on 46 years of learning in the existing building and another for the opening of our new build.

To move into the new build, packing and unpacking a school the size of Hereford, is a mammoth task. We will, therefore, be **extending the October half term break by 4 days for all students**. Staff will use the 4 extra days for practical tasks and for training associated with the new build. This means that school will close on Friday 22nd October 2010 and it will re-open on Friday 5th November for a familiarisation day for students and parents. We require all students to attend the familiarisation day, which counts as part of term, so that they are totally ready for lessons on Monday 8th November and we hope that many parents will be able to come and have a look round too. Before we move out of our existing building, we will be opening the school on the 23rd September from 5.00pm to 8.00pm to give former students, parents, staff and the local community an opportunity to look round the build for the final time. We are asking for memorabilia for this occasion if you have any pictures, photos etc, could we please borrow them for this event? Please send them to school for the attention of Miss R Thomas.

Finally, thank you for your continued support – I hope you and your family have a relaxing summer and a well-deserved break.

All the very best to you and your family



E Davies
Headteacher