



SNH/RMT
Headteacher's letter No. 1

Friday 2nd September 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Headteacher's letter to Parent(s)/Carers(s)

A very warm welcome back to the new term from the summer holidays. I hope that you and your families have had a restful and enjoyable break. Every child deserves a great school on the doorstep of their community, and I am delighted to be taking on the leadership of this excellent school and following in the footsteps of Mr Pattar (the former Headmaster) who provided undeniably strong and steadfast leadership over the years.

The new term brings with it lots of excitement and anticipation. As always, here at The Heathland School we continue to be committed to excellence. I would like to start this first letter of the academic year by referring to examination results this summer. At GCSE, BTEC and A Level the school's results maintained our tradition of high aspirations and achievement.

Despite the challenges of recent times and the disruption to learning due to the pandemic over the last few years, our students and staff have shown resilience and strength. The school's GCSE and A Level results show an improving trend and in comparison to results from 2019 (which is when we had the last set of Public Examinations) the students have done very well. We are very proud of the students and I wish to acknowledge and thank the outgoing Headmaster, Mr Pattar, and the staff for all their dedication and hard work in making this possible.

We are especially pleased by the fact that 201 students from Year 13 have secured university places with 92% gaining their first preferences. This year we have seen larger numbers than previously progressing to an apprenticeship after their A Levels. The great majority of Year 11 have decided to continue with courses in Year 12 from September 2022.

I would like to update you on further matters regarding school processes and expectations:

1. First Day Back

- Students who are new to The Heathland should arrive by 8.40am and students who previously attended The Heathland School in Year 11 should arrive at 9.10am.
- Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 start term on Monday 5th September 2022 and they should arrive by 8.30am. The school day will finish as normal at 3.20pm.

2. Dining Hall provision

Parents and carers are asked to ensure that their son/daughter's account has sufficient funds through ParentPay for buying breakfast and/or lunch. Our caterers provide a breakfast service from 8.00am – 8.20am. Please note that we have set a daily limit on spending at the tills of £5.00. Pupils can, of course, continue to bring in a packed lunch if they wish. We encourage students to eat healthily and bring in a bottle of water to stay hydrated throughout the day. Given the challenges of the recent years and changes in people's financial circumstances, we would like to remind parents and carers that they should consider applying for Free School Meals if they meet the criteria. Please visit the following website: https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/61/free_school_meals.

3. Vehicle congestion in Sanders Lane

If you are dropping off or collecting your son/daughter, please do this in a local road avoiding Sanders Lane. This becomes heavily congested in the morning and after school and we are concerned about the likelihood of an accident in this area. For similar reasons parents and carers are not permitted to drive into the school car park. This is strictly for the use of staff and educational partners.

4. Prospective Parents' Evenings for Year 7 admission in 2022

If you have a child in Year 6 and wish to visit the school on an 'Open' Evening, please note the dates/times:

Thursday 29th September 2022 at 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 6.00pm – 8.30pm

We wish for you to gain a great insight into our school and feel informed about your choices. After a tour of the school there will be useful presentations in the Main Hall which should finish by 8.30pm.

5. Staff Inset Day: Wednesday 5th October 2022

We would like to provide parents and carers with as much notice as possible and this is an important reminder. Please note pupils should not attend school on this staff training day

6. List of staff

Headteacher	Mrs S.N. Huxley	Head of Art/Photography	Miss F. Harris
Senior Deputy Head	Mr. S.S. Gill	Head of Computing/ICT	Ms A. Croce
Deputy Head (Sixth Form and Resources)	Mr J.M. Rose	Head of Economics/Business	Miss S. Kaur
Deputy Head (Curriculum)	Mrs M. Sandhu	Head of English	Dr S. Purchase
Assistant Head (Learning & Teaching)	Mr P. Birch	Head of Geography	Miss J. Gidman
Assistant Head (Progress & Intervention)	Ms F. Constandi	Head of History	Mr P. Diaz
Assistant Head (Inclusion)	Mrs E. Turner	Head of Languages	Miss A. Haria
Head of Year 13	Mr E. Spragg	Head of Mathematics	Mrs A. Matthews
Head of Year 12	Miss E. Legg	Head of Performing Arts	Miss E. Evans
Head of Year 11	Mrs R. Lounds	Head of PSHE	Mr C. Walsgrove
Head of Year 10	Ms L. Tavallai	Head of P.E.	Mrs J. Dark
Head of Year 9	Mrs S. Redman	Head of R.E.	Mrs B. Kaur
Head of Year 8	Miss O. Bates	Head of Science	Mr. D. Simon
Head of Year 7	Miss M. Acharya	Head of Social Sciences	Miss H. Lally
		Head of Special Needs	Ms C. Muya
		Head of Technology	Mrs L. Cutts

7. Emergency contact details

It is important for health and safety and for our pastoral care, that we have two telephone contact numbers for every child. Please let us know if you change your home address or telephone numbers so that we can update our records. This can be done by:

- Completing a data collection sheet and handing it to Reception
- Inform us via the Parent App

I wish our students an excellent start to this academic year and I look forward to continuing to work with staff, families and our local community so that our students thrive and succeed.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Huxley
Headteacher