

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

As we get closer to the end of another busy school year. It is worth reflecting on the past few weeks. Every year group has been through the examination cycle now and it has been really encouraging to see how seriously students have taken their assessments. For Year 10 it was their first experience of sitting examinations in the Sports Hall under GCSE conditions and their attitudes and behaviour were excellent. We hope that the feedback they receive from their teachers encourages them to work even harder next year. Year 7, 8 and 9 have also taken their examinations during lessons in recent months and should have a clear picture of what areas they need to focus on going forward.

It has been lovely to return to face-to-face parents' evenings and we have recently held meetings with Year 10 and Year 8. Year 9 attended the GCSE Information Evening in large numbers and we have also held the Higher Education Day for Year 12 students, and the Information Evening for our new Year 7 cohort who will be joining the Heathland in September. We had a team of Year 9 pupils who helped the younger children throughout the day and who did a fantastic job of supporting them on their 'first day' at secondary school.

There are still plenty of trips, rewards assemblies and Sports Day to look forward to this term, but I would like to particular draw your attention to this year's Charity Week, and in particular the arrangements for our non-uniform day.

Charity Week

This year's Charity Week takes place the week beginning Monday 14th July. Mr Rivers and his colleagues have some exciting plans for the week and students have heard all about these plans in special assemblies. I would like to draw your attention to one particular event.

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 18th July 2025 (Charity Week Fundraiser)

As part of our annual Charity week, which runs for one week each academic year, we are pleased to announce a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 18th July 2025. On this day, students are invited to come to school dressed in clothes of their own choice instead of their usual school uniform. Participation is completely optional, and students are welcome to wear their school uniform if they wish.

To take part, we kindly ask for a minimum donation of £2, which will go towards supporting the following three charities, selected by staff and students:



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



- Save the Children
- Hounslow Community Food box
- Kids Out

All funds raised will go directly to these important causes, and we appreciate your support in helping us to make a positive impact.

Please note that this will be a normal school day, and students are expected to attend as usual and follow their full timetable.

Students must bring all necessary equipment and books to school, including their PE kit should they have PE timetabled.

It is important to remind students that all school rules will remain in place, and any negative behaviour will not be tolerated. Sanctions will be applied as appropriate.

In line with our Health and Safety policies, we kindly ask that students do not attend school wearing the following:

- High heeled shoes
- Jewellery, including earrings, facial or body piercings
- Hair decorations
- Any indecent or inappropriate clothing

Please take a moment to reinforce the importance of being sensible, respectful and well-behaved during this special day, so that we can continue offer such events in the future.

New School Reception

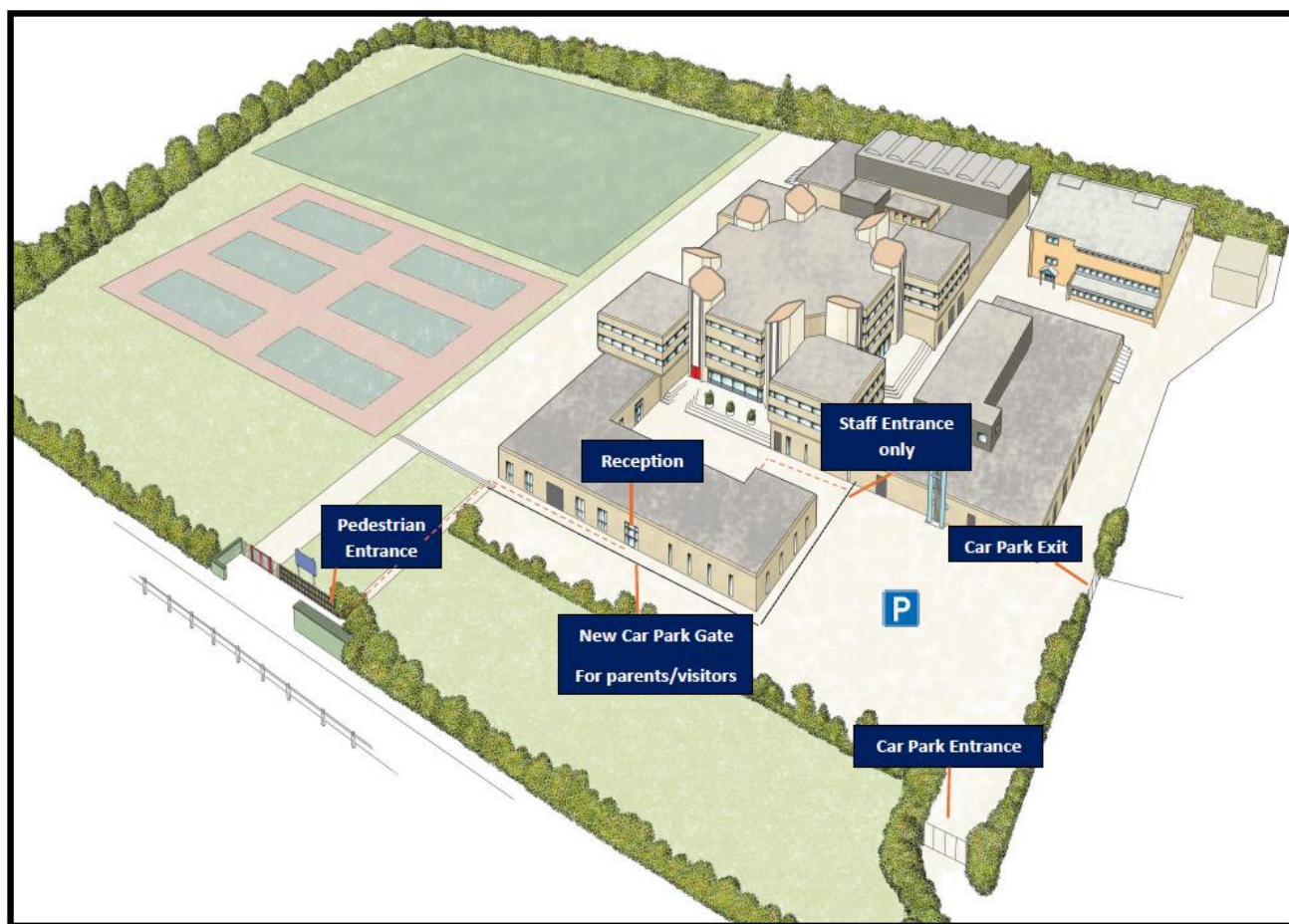
I am pleased to be able to inform you that this project is almost complete – we just have some decoration and signage to put in place.

If you need to visit the school for an appointment, you should enter through the single pedestrian gate to the right of the double gates as you face the school. Press the buzzer to speak to Reception staff and when the gate is released, walk towards the school along the path, go down the steps and then go right, following the sign to Reception. The door to Reception is about 50m along the path between the building and the car park.

Arrangements if you arrive by car have now changed. If you arrive by car, there is a new gate near the Reception area. Press the button as before to speak to Reception staff. Once admitted, Reception is opposite you, slightly to the left.

Please note that the 'old' entrance from the car park is now for staff use only. These arrangements have been put in place so that all visitors to the school have to sign-in at Reception in line with our safeguarding policy.

The map below shows where the new entrance is located.



Pupil Interviews with Senior Staff

Each year a member of The Heathland Leadership Team has a 1:1 meeting with every pupil in Years 7-11. This gives us the opportunity to celebrate how well pupils are doing, listen to their concerns and to ask them questions about aspects of school life which gives us valuable insight and feedback.

Over the next two weeks we will hold Year 10 Pupil Interviews, which start from Monday 7th July. This will enable us to discuss the first year of pupils' GCSE courses and help pupils think about targets for Year 11.

Dates and Holidays 2025-2026 for your information

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 1 September - Friday 19 December 2025

Half Term: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22 December - Friday 2 January 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5 January - Friday 27 March 2026

Half Term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13 April – Wednesday 22 July 2026

May Day Holiday: Monday 4 May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday: 25 May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026

Total : 195 Days

Inset Training Days

The above schedule sets out 195 days in total, providing a framework for schools from which five days should be selected as inset training days for teachers, set by the Headteacher in consultation with their staff.

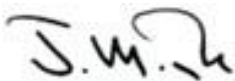
Please note that the total number of working days for teachers is 195 and for pupils is 190.

INSET Days (school closed for students)

1. Monday 1 September 2025
2. Tuesday 2 September 2025
3. Wednesday 22 October 2025
4. Monday 5 January 2026
5. Monday 13 April 2026

Wellbeing weekend 21 – 24 November 2025 (school closed)

Yours faithfully,



J.M Rose
Headteacher