



# Hillcrest School

A Specialist Maths & Computing College  
and Sixth Form Centre



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Dear Parent/Carer

13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

I am writing to give you details of the arrangements for the end of this term and the start of the next academic year. Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/carers will be invited to come into school for an appointment during the day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September to discuss targets and put in place a plan of action to ensure they achieve the best possible GCSE results. Parent/Carers will receive individual appointment times via a letter during the summer holiday.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 7 start school for 8.45 am</b> <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 attend for *Progress Review Interviews</b> <i>*individual appointment times will sent home during the holiday</i>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	All students return to school for 8.45 am Year 12/13 Induction Day

Throughout their time at Hillcrest, students are preparing for their future and developing the skills needed for success in the world of work. Attendance, punctuality and smart appearance are key aspects of this preparation. May I take this opportunity to remind you of our dress code and jewellery rules which apply to all students.

## Uniform List - Compulsory for all students Years in 7-11

Bottle green blazer with Hillcrest badge  
Bottle green skirt (two styles in 20" or 22" lengths) or ankle length if required  
Or Bottle green trousers (two styles in 48 different length and waist combinations)  
Gold blouse – button to neck (short or long sleeved)  
Green and gold striped tie (clip on)  
Plain tights or socks  
Low heeled black shoes  
For religious reasons students may wear a plain black, bottle green or white headscarf.  
*Bottle green V necked jumper with Hillcrest badge (optional item)*

## Jewellery

The only jewellery to be worn is one pair of small stud earrings. Body piercing, nose studs, eyebrow studs or tongue studs, are not permitted. (Plasters covering piercings are also not permitted). Students will be asked to remove body piercings and will be sent home if they fail to do so. Jewellery, if worn, will be taken and will be returned to students at the end of term, or parents/carers may come in person to collect the item. Make-up should not be worn for school and no unnatural hair colourings should be applied.

'Staff are very caring and students appreciate the support that they receive.'

'The school's 'getting it right' policy is instrumental in managing the positive behaviour seen across school.'

(Ofsted 2013)



Students in the Sixth Form will be sent an additional letter which will include details of their dress code.

**PE Kit** - please refer to the Parents' Handbook which is available on the VLE family page and website or return the reply slip below if you would like a paper copy sent to you. Should you have any difficulties, financial or otherwise regarding uniform, please contact the school during the first week of the holidays and we will do our very best to help.

### **Mobile Phones and other valuable items**

Mobile phones are the responsibility of students if they bring them to school. They are not to be seen, heard or used on the school premises. Phones that are seen, heard or used on the school premises will be confiscated and a parent/carer will be required to collect the phone.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

Any confiscated jewellery will be given out this week as follows:

YEARS 7 and 8 - END OF THE DAY ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY  
YEARS 9 and 10 - END OF THE DAY ON THURSDAY 16TH JULY

Confiscated mobile phones can be collected at Main Reception on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30p.m.

**School will close at 12.30 pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for all students.** Those entitled to a free school meal may collect one at break.

### **'Keeping Safe'**

Please see our website for guidance for parents/carers regarding keeping children safe. By clicking the blue icon on the website you'll find information on health and well-being, relationship education, study skills and online safety, including internet and social media safety and preventing radicalism and extremism.



**Keeping  
Children Safe**



### **'Summer Holiday Work'**

Students will be provided with some 'Summer Holiday Work' to review, revise and consolidate their learning in preparation for next year. Details will be given to students and can also be found on the school website from 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Students can also access SAM Learning throughout the summer to work on all key subjects.

I would like to thank you for your support over the last year. I hope you enjoy the summer break and look forward to seeing you at our many events next term.

Yours sincerely

J A Davies (Ms)  
Headteacher

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Reply Slip:

Parents' Handbook

A copy of the Parents' Handbook will be available on the VLE family page and school website from 1<sup>st</sup> August but if you would like to request a paper copy, please could you sign below.

\*I require a paper copy of the Parents' Handbook.

Signature of Parent/Carer.....

Name of Student .....

Please return to Student Reception by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.