



Hillcrest School & Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the end of yet another busy term and are very appreciative of your support in our many and varied activities.

The term will end on Friday 22nd December at approximately 12.30 pm. Students wishing to have a school lunch will have one provided at morning break.

School will re-open again for students on Tuesday 9th January 2018 with registration at 8.45a.m.

Forthcoming Events:

Teacher Day (Students are not required in school)	-	Monday 8th January
Spring Term begins School Re-opens for all students	-	Tuesday 9 th January at 08.45a.m.
6 th Form Parent's Evening	-	Tuesday 9 th January 4.30pm-6.30pm
Teenage booster injection- Year 9	-	Wednesday 17 th January
Year 9 Parent's Evening	-	Tuesday 23 rd January 4-6pm
PSD Day 3	-	Tuesday 6 th February
Half term starts for students	-	Monday 19 th February – Friday 23 rd February
School Re-opens for all students	-	Monday 26 th February
Year 10 Netball Competition	-	Wednesday 28 th February
HPV Injection Years 8-9	-	Thursday 1 st March
Years 7 Netball Competition	-	Thursday 8 th March
Year 11 Maths and English Mock Exam Week	-	Week beginning 12 th March
PSD Day 4	-	Monday 19 th March
Year 8 Parents/Options Evening	-	Tuesday 20 th March 4pm-6pm
Year 8 and 9 Netball Competition	-	Wednesday 28 th March
Term Ends for students at 12.30p.m.	-	Thursday 29 th March
Summer Term begins	-	Monday 16 th April

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Reminders:

Please see Parent Handbook for further details.

Uniform List - Compulsory for all students Years 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

Gold blouse – button to neck (short or long sleeved)

Green and gold striped tie (clip on)

Plain black or green 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**)

PE Kit

- Gold aertex shirt with a collar
- Green Tracksuit (Tracksuit Top personalised if bought as part of a uniform package)
- White socks
- Trainers

Optional:

- Bottle green jumper with the school crest
- For Religious reasons students may wear the regulation headscarf in green, white or black.
- If students wish to wear extra clothing under their uniform it must not be visible.
- Trainers and boots are not to be worn

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.

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'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.



Reminder: Emergency Closure of School

In extreme weather conditions or other emergencies when it is necessary to close the school, details will be posted on the school website, sent via twitter and text message. The school will always try to give as much notice as possible.

If, for any reason, we were unable to re-open as announced because of secondary factors e.g. burst pipes, heating failure, this will be communicated as above. Please do ensure that students have an alternative place of safety should it become necessary to close the school early in an emergency.

Attendance

Hillcrest School continues to work in partnership with parents to ensure all children have good attendance. We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence. Hillcrest attendance is currently **96.5%** which is a fantastic school effort that we would like to continue throughout the school year. Please continue to support Hillcrest School and Sixth Form Centre in raising attendance levels.

Thank you for your continued support. May I wish you Season's Greetings and a peaceful New Year from the Governor's, staff and myself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ms J A Davies'.

Ms J A Davies
Headteacher

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