



# Hillcrest School

A Specialist Maths & Computing College  
and Sixth Form Centre



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the summer term, which will be a busy term with examinations for all students.

## Examination Dates

**External examinations for Years 10, 11 & 13 begin the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May and finish the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

*Please note that examinations in subjects with practical element have already started.*

## Internal Examinations

Year 7 – w/c 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Year 8 – w/c 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Year 9 – w/c 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Year 10 – w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding examinations.

## Homework Club

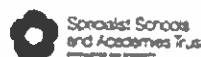
Room 9 is available until 4.15pm every Tuesday and Thursday for those students who would like to complete homework after school. This room will be supervised by members of staff should students need any help or support during these sessions.



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## Forthcoming Events:

- Year 11 Progress Review Week - Week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- INSET/Teacher Day - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Years 7-10 are not required to Attend school)  
**Year 11 students must attend for English Revision Day.**  
**Year 12/13 Students attend according to the arrangements with their individual subject teachers.**
- Parking during road works - We have been advised that there will be road works on Stonehouse Lane for several days during the week ending 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016. During this time, access to school should be as normal in the mornings but access to parking will not be available at the end of the School day.

## Reminders:

Students must be in school by 8.40am and seated in registration when the bell rings at 8.45am. Students who arrive after this time will receive a late mark.

## Safety around the school premises

We would be grateful if you could take care not to block the driveway to the Fire Station, Den Caney Coaches or Swallow Foods. Please consider the safety of students when parking on the school grounds and do not block pavements and walkways. At the end of the school day, please take care not to block the entrance to the drop off car park as this causes danger for students using the crossing and other motorists. We are lucky to have off road parking as many schools do not have this facility. As always, we advise that if the car park is full, the safest place to park is on Stonehouse Lane beyond the school bus stop.



## Healthy eating in school

Government and school guidelines are to encourage students to eat healthily and to live a healthy lifestyle. We encourage healthy eating as a balanced lunch improves concentration, attention, energy levels and academic performance. Recently we've seen an increase in students purchasing family sized bottles of fizzy drink, multipacks of sweets and large packets of biscuits/crisps on the way to school. College leaders have spoken to students in assembly asking that they do not bring such food items to school. Students who wish to bring a packed lunch should do so in a suitable container or bag that can be stored in their locker or in their school bag until lunchtime. If students are carrying large quantities of food or drink, it will be collected from them and stored in student reception for collection at the end of the day.

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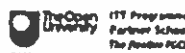
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## ParentPay - our online payment service- Visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Just a reminder that we now accept payments for dinner money and school trips online!! Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7.
  - The technology used is of the highest internet security available, ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind.
  - Payments can be made by credit/debit card.
  - Full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at any time.
  - **Your children won't have to worry about losing money at school.**
  - Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text.
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- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage (***this is on the letter we sent you, if you need another copy please contact the school.***)
  - Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders.
  - Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.

## Mobile phones in school

Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones at any stage during the school day. Although mobile phones are not encouraged, we understand that some students may want them as a safety measure on the way to and from school. Therefore, if a mobile phone is brought into school, it must be switched off and kept in a bag or locker, out of sight and not used in school (including at break or lunch time). Any student found using a mobile during the school day will have their mobile taken from them and parents/carers will be asked to collect them in person from the school. Students are issued with a locker, and should bring a small padlock to safeguard their belongings.



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## Uniform and Jewellery

We expect our students to take pride in their appearance and we believe that the wearing of school uniform fosters a sense of identity. If students attend school inappropriately dressed their parents will be contacted. Students are not allowed to attend lessons out of uniform.

### Students must wear:

- Bottle green blazer with Hillcrest Badge
- Bottle green skirt or trousers of regulation style and length.
- Plain black tights, or plain dark or white socks
- Gold school blouse (not a polo shirt)
- Black shoes of plain style, well-fitting and FLAT HEELED, but not sling backs.
- School tie (correctly worn to the neck).
  
- **Optional:**
- Bottle green jumper with the school crest
- For Religious reasons students may wear the regulation headscarf in bottle green, white or black plain material.

### Additional information:

If students wish to wear extra clothing under their uniform it must not be visible.  
Trainers and boots are not to be worn.  
Nail varnish is not permitted.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



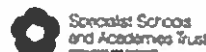
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