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Principal: **Dr L Newman**

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued support this first half-term. The school has been operating in very different circumstances, but our pupils have shown resilience and an ability to grow through struggle in the way that they have adapted across this autumn half term. As a school we are very proud of them.

Following half-term, we are pleased to be able to return to a full expectation regarding student uniform and a greater level of 'normality' within the school's daily operations.

All students will be expected to attend school wearing:

- The Hartshill School Blazer
- School trousers (which are not a canvas, chino or jean material) or a Hartshill School skirt
- A Hartshill School tie in their appropriate colour (colour tie worn in previous year)
- Plain black school shoes (not canvas logoed plimsolls or black trainers)
- A plain face mask

The pupils will need to be in their full school uniform for every day except their PE day.

In the next half term, we have been able to create additional classroom time which enables us to have a focused session to close gaps in knowledge that have emerged over the Covid lockdown. We are also creating additional time in order to develop pupil vocabulary through class reading. In addition, we now have an opportunity for us to utilise our successful 'Ready for Life' programme which would typically be covered within tutor time. As a result, from next term pupils will **only have PE once a week**. Those pupils that are completing GCSE or OCR PE will be using classroom time to complete the theoretical elements of the curriculum.

Pupil's will receive a new timetable which identifies when their PE sessions will take place.

In addition, we would like to remind everyone that when they return to school they should not have:

- Piercings in their face or nose (one small stud is permitted in each ear)
- Gel nails / Nail extensions
- Hair that is dyed an unnatural colour

Within the autumn 2 half-term, we will be returning to our practices of running a seclusion area within the school. Pupils who attend and who are not in correct school uniform will be asked to return home to change or they will be required to work in seclusion until their uniform issues can be corrected.

.Furthermore, as it becomes colder, we would like to stress that pupils should not be wearing a hoodie or sports top as a school coat. A school coat should be one that is rainproof/waterproof, and which can be worn in a formal manner. Please see FAQ's September 2020 Version 2 on the website.

We have been working hard to ensure that the school has been a Covid-Secure environment, all students have a Microsoft Teams password so that they can access their home and remote learning as required.

However, school attendance has never been as important as it is now following the enforced absence last summer. Pupils must make every effort to attend school every day. **Pupils who maintain an attendance of 97% or above achieve on average 2 GCSE grades higher than other pupils with lower attendance**

Pupils can also access work on Microsoft Teams as additional learning over half-term

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Nealon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Peter Nealon MA NPQH  
Vice Principal – School Culture and Ethos