



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As I write this letter, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and there is a real spring in our steps as at last we have navigated through the miserable weather and dark mornings and evenings. Whilst we are always of a very optimistic disposition at HGS, this is never more so than when we get to Easter.

Whilst very stressful for those involved with GCSE and A levels, we are really excited to be in the final push towards the May/June exams. Everything is going really well for the 2 year groups and the recent mock examination results showed we are on track for some excellent results this summer. The students have had excellent preparation so far and the final responsibility is now for the individual students and the hard graft that will inevitably be involved.

Following covid, we have had a real push to get our extra-curricular provision to the highest standard of provision and this has really paid off. We now have over 100 clubs, typically at lunch times. Many are led by staff, but increasing numbers are being led by students which was always the plan. What better thing to put on a CV or UCAS application than you set up and ran an extra-curricular club at HGS? Similarly, we have had myriad of school trips of all descriptions. Indeed, we have trips to Iceland and Italy next week, at the same time as the ever-popular Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, next week, the Gold award expedition, in the Lake District. I would like to publicly note my thanks to the staff and indeed students who have facilitated this excellent school provision.

As you are aware, the school is significantly oversubscribed for places in year 7 and year 12 and competition is very visibly increasing each year. With this in mind, a couple of parents recently asked for clarification about our admissions policy and specifically the "sibling rule". For clarification, the sibling rule applies if on admission into year 7 in September, the student has an elder sibling on role in the school, in any one of the year groups, including the sixth form. This can make a big difference to children/families in this situation.

Whatever your plans for the Easter period, on behalf of the whole school, we wish you an enjoyable and restful time and hope you can get some time together as families. Friday will be a normal school day, and we will finish for the Easter break at the usual time of 3.15pm. My best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully

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