



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PDR/JDN

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we rattle through our first half-term, I'm delighted to report, we have had a fantastic start to the year. Our new students in Year 7 and Year 12 have very quickly got into the swing of things and are now enjoying the fast-paced learning environment we pride ourselves on. Indeed, all our students have thrown themselves in to the demands of an academic curriculum and are progressing at a rapid rate.

However, of equal importance is our non-Latin motto, of working hard and playing hard, and it has been wonderful to see the vast majority of our students taking part in the myriads of extra-curricular opportunities we have. This year there are nearly 100 clubs and societies, covering almost any area we can think of, and our students are thriving in school by being very busy.

You may be aware we have recently been undertaking a lot of construction work; this has included a £2.2m extension to house our economics and business department. Whilst we have been let down several times by the main contractor, this is nearing completion and will be a great asset to the school. We have also completely remodelled the middle yard which now has tiered seating and a soon to be installed catering facility and will emulate a university style quadrangle which will facilitate outdoor performances in drama, music and sport. We also now proudly own a fantastic new gym/fitness suite which will be used in PE lessons and enrichment opportunity for our sixth form students and indeed staff. Additionally, we have had a number of maintenance programs largely associated with roofing to continue to protect the school estate.

In other news, on 14 of October we will be having a whole school photograph and the following day year group ones. As you can imagine, with over 1500 students and 150 staff this is quite a feat of organisation and we are really crossing our fingers for good weather. The photographs will be available for sale to families, should you wish to avail yourself of a keepsake. We hope all students will participate, however, if you would prefer your child not to be involved, please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/WLraAPY0BU>.

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Please can I remind you on Thursday 23 October we will be finishing school early at 2.25pm to fully prepare the school for the Post 16 Open Evening. You are all very welcome to attend and we are very grateful to the many student volunteers who act as excellent ambassadors on the night. And then on Friday 24 October, the school is closed to students as we are holding a staff training day.

The success of the school has always been built on the foundations of the teamwork between, school, students and parents and once again, I would like to thank you all for your unflinching support. It is invaluable and always very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Mr Peter Roberts

Headteacher