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Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you to all for another successful few weeks at College, students remain focused and engaged with the College and opportunities available to them. At this point in the year and in the depths of winter this can be among the more challenging times to stay motivated but they are, with your support, doing a fantastic job of staying focused on their goals and understanding the value of hard work. We are proud of them.

Year 7 Matilda Trip

This week, we were delighted to be able to offer all of Year 7 the experience of visiting the Cambridge Theatre in London's West End to watch the production of Matilda. The students were rapt as they watched the show, enjoying the musical numbers and the phenomenal staging. It was a fabulous opportunity for our students to experience the wonders of the theatre and, for some, it was even their first time in London. These cultural enrichment trips are a valuable part of the Heathfield Experience and we are grateful to both parents for their support and staff for their organisation and time.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would also like to thank parents for their support in ensuring the attendance of students at school remains strong this year. This is such a vital pillar of ensuring students succeed and have consistent experiences that build relationships and confidence, we really appreciate the team work that is helping to keep this strong.

The College will be ensuring that we now bring punctuality to lessons in line with other basic expectations. There is and will remain a grace period that allows students to move from one lesson to another and still have a few minutes to use the toilets if needed. However, lateness beyond that grace period of 5 minutes is logged and will now lead to the same sanctions that apply to other basic equipment and expectations. We will ensure that any time bus transport causes lateness to tutor time this does not count in these logs.

For most students this will not make any difference to their day-to-day experience, for those who have shown persistent lateness to lessons, you will receive individual guidance to let you know the current picture. If you are interested, you can see the data for your child on Arbor: Quick Actions/Attendance which will show recent attendance and statistics for the academic year including lates.

This does not affect any of the reasonable adjustments that are already in place:

- Students will still be able to use the toilets between lessons as they do now.
- Students will still be able to use timeout cards and medical cards as they do now.



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As adults we all know that punctuality is an important life skill valued by employers, as educators we know that every moment in lessons and learning is vital; repeated lateness has been shown to lead to significant learning loss.

As always, individual circumstances and reasonable adjustments are taken into account and can be discussed with your pastoral teams if you are concerned.

Support for Exam Year groups

Students in Year 10 and 11 and students in KS5 have mock exams prior to Easter. All exam timetables can be found on [this page](#) under “Information for Candidates” and “Timetables”.

Parents and carers can play an active role in exam preparation in a number of ways:

- Help and guidance relating to effective revision strategies (including how to construct a revision timetable) can be [found here](#)
- KS4 revision resources for each subject (checklists, exam papers and revision resources) can be found here: https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=2837007

College Social Media

The College will no longer be using Twitter as a form of notification. We do not feel this is an appropriate platform to direct our community to in order to find out news and updates. For now, we will continue to use the College website and other platforms (eg Facebook) as long as we believe they are responsibly managed and provide sufficient protections for users. This remains under review as we explore other options.

Thank you to all parents and carers who consistently show their support for the College, its values and community. The reciprocal dialogue and positive engagement is vital to help us in our pursuit to continually improve, thank you.

Yours sincerely



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DIARY DATES

Please check the latest edition of the Club and Intervention Timetable by going to the following link on our website: <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/TERM-3-CLUBS-AND-INTERVENTION-LIST-2024-2025.pdf>

w/b 20 January 2025	Year 10 Classroom Assessments continue Year 13 Mocks continue
27 - 30 January 2025	Harry Potter Trips
27 January 2025	Open Morning - booking is essential