



6 February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your efforts to support all students in their learning this term, Year 10 and 11 mocks have gone well and all students are working hard. It is vital that attendance and focus stays strong until the end of term for them to realise their full potential. Every day counts at this stage of the year.

Working with Family Hubs

I have been very aware for some time that families living in rural areas sometimes struggle to get advice and support until an issue becomes a bigger problem, in contrast to the resource and support available in larger towns. Therefore, I have been trying to find ways of bringing the support to us.

On 26 February 2026, during the Year 8 Options Fair, the **Early Help Intervention Team** have agreed to provide support workers to be present in school for the duration of the event. Two practitioners from the **Parenting Team** will be in attendance and one member of the **Team Around the Family** will also be at College.

This will obviously be available to Year 8 parents in attendance on the evening, however, to maximise the opportunity, if parents of other year groups would like to access this open drop-in support, then please let us know and we can judge the space they will need - please do so by going to the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCQ8a_U4TM5VELLIGbqfKfcQv76YTijmWU9pBZEG11NPzFZg/viewform?usp=publish-editor.

A poster for their advice line is attached to this letter to give a flavour of the kind of support available or if you are unable to attend on the night.

Mobile Phones in School

You will no doubt be aware of the debate in the House of Lords this week and the media coverage of this topic. This is a live issue that is being debated in many circles. Our code of conduct for this academic year is attached, we have refreshed it to make the main points clearer but there has been no policy change at this stage.

It is important to note however, that we are reflecting on the ongoing national conversation and cannot rule out further adaptations for September. We will inform parents in good time if there are proposed changes to the current school policy.



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School Uniform 2026

We are very grateful to parents and students for their thoughtful completion of the consultation on school uniform in the Autumn term. The overwhelming consensus was to retain the essence of the current uniform and simply to adapt mainly the PE kit from September to ensure choice, reduce branded items and therefore cost.

We are currently consulting with suppliers and will be analysing samples in the coming weeks. Students and SOHCC will be involved in this process as representative bodies. We will let parents know of any changes as soon as possible for purchase in time for September - however transition arrangements will be in place so that existing items bought will not need to be replaced until outgrown.

All current uniform arrangements for 2025-26 academic year remain the same and no changes will be in place until September 2026.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is appreciated. Please also pass on our thanks and appreciation to your child for their hard work this half term. Headlines will be out next week to celebrate their achievements this term.

Yours sincerely



MS C BARLOW
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Please check Clubs and Interventions by going to the following link on our website:
<https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/news-and-events/extra-curricular-activities>

Monday 9 February - Friday 27 February 2026	Super-Curricular Fortnight
Thursday 12 February 2026	Fundraising Cake Sale
Friday 13 February 2026	End of Term 3
Monday 23 February 2026	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 25 February 2026	Year 9 Vaccinations
Thursday 26 February 2026	Year 8 Options Fair