



6 March 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you to all the parents who have engaged with us over the last few school weeks through various evenings and consultations. We do not take for granted the time taken out to visit school, but we do value the face-to-face encounters that help us work so well together. It is much appreciated.

### Change of Road Speed

I am delighted that after years of lobbying and persuasion, the speed limit on the Battle Road (B2096) has now been officially lowered to 40mph. This is a huge success and testament to many people's hard work both current staff and parents and previous. I would particularly credit the efforts of our previous Chair of Governors, Richard Karn, and previous generations of our Eco Reps who were persistent on this matter, to good effect. It is now much safer for students to walk along the road to school.

### Change to dates at the end of Term 6

I give notice of some changes to dates at the end of Term 6 to assist with planning.

- The previously notified INSET Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June has been moved and will run as a normal school day.
- Enrichment Week will run as normal from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July will be a new careers-focused activity for all students, the details of which will follow shortly.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> will now be INSET days, including time granted by the local authority to focus on the forthcoming curriculum changes and Schools White Paper proposals which will impact the College during the next academic year.

### Revision Support for Exam Year Groups

Students are doing well in classes and teachers are encouraged by their effort and work ethic. There are a few key elements which, if in place now will make a big difference in the summer:

- **Good attendance:** students need to be in lessons to benefit from the expertise of their teachers. All our research shows attendance of under 94% (or more than 2 days absence per half term) can result in up to 2 grades lower outcome across their subjects. Do contact us to help if you need to.



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- **A revision timetable:** Having this in place early makes a big difference to managing time, revision content and reducing stress. There is guidance on the website to help: <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Revision-Timetables.pdf>

### A reminder on Mobile Phones

You will be aware there is a strong requirement from all external bodies to ensure school is a phone free place. We understand many parents prefer their children to have access to a phone for travel. **From 8.35 until 15:05 all phones must be switched off and in students' bags. They cannot be in pockets.** We will always confiscate if phones are in pockets or in hand. Repeated confiscation will mean they are handed in or barred from site.

We have been clear with students that if this is adhered to then we save money and confirm our collaborative culture. If it is not then we will have to invest in storage systems that will reduce money available for rewards (such as the end of year inflatables) or extra Enrichment activities. Thank you for your support to reinforce this.

It has been great to see the sun out and students enjoying outside space more this term. We will let them know when the field has dried out enough for use and give guidance for safe sharing of the space nearer the time.

Thank you as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely



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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>

Wednesday 11 March	Year 8 Author Visit
Thursday 19 March	Library Quiz
Wednesday 25 March	Year 12 Wider Curriculum Day
	World Maths Day for KS3 - On-line Maths Competition in lessons