



12 June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

We would like to particularly applaud our exam year groups - they have done exceptionally well this term. Their focus and hard work have been noted by staff and invigilators - they are nearly there, keep going right to the end of the last exam - every answer counts! Thank you to parents for the support given to them, it is appreciated.

Attendance and Rewards in Term 6

Term 6 is always a fantastic time of year, celebrating a culmination of our students' hard work and achievement alongside a variety of enriching and fun activities. We have a wide range of exciting rewards lined up for this term, and strong school attendance will play a key role in how these are awarded. This includes students who have made significant efforts to improve their attendance, have continued to attend despite their own personal challenges, as well as those who have had consistently high attendance throughout.

We all know that consistent attendance, from the very first day of term to the last, is vital. Every single day missed can impact a student's academic progress, their confidence and their social bonds with friendship groups.

Mobile Phone Statutory Guidance

The Department for Education have recently updated their guidance regarding mobile phones. Up until recently it has been focused on prohibiting the use of phones in schools, a policy that we already fully comply with and have regularly communicated to students, parents and carers.

A recent update states *"The Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to implement a policy whereby pupils do not have access to their mobile phone throughout the school day including during lessons, the time between lessons, breaktimes and lunchtime"*.

Whilst we believe the vast majority of students are fully in line with this approach and our policy, leaving their phones switched off and in their bags all day, we also know a small amount sometimes forget.

Due to the statutory change regarding "access to phones", we will be reconsidering our practice for September 2026. We are currently exploring a range of options and will communicate, as soon as possible, with students, parents and carers the decisions we make which will take effect from September.



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Uniform for 2026

We will shortly be listing the specific items and pricings of uniform for 2026-27 from recommended suppliers. We have previously indicated the direction of travel for this in my letter dated 8 May www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/Parent-Carer-Update-Letter-8-May-2026.

The new policy and all details will be released in early July. The aim is to further reduce cost to parents while still protecting students from inequality and peer pressure - it will be important that any changes are noted and careful attention is paid before any new items are purchased. SOHCC will also be able to inform and provide suitable stock.

Raising Funds for SOHCC

Please do support the customer vote campaign running in Tesco stores locally. The opportunity runs until the end of July and if successful will raise funds to allow SOHCC to further support low-cost uniform and equipment to parents.

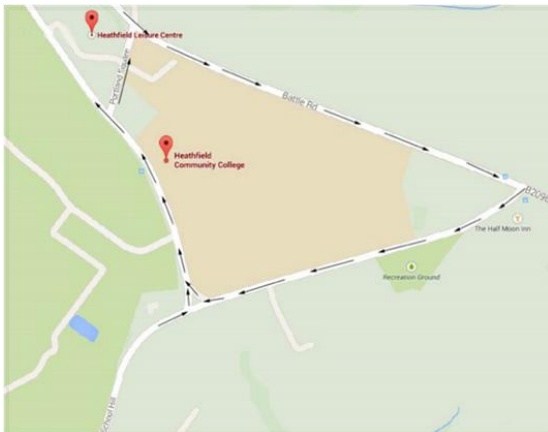
The stores participating are:

Heathfield Station Road Express Express TN21 8LB
Uckfield Superstore TN22 1BA
Uckfield Browns Lane Express Express TN22 1UN

Please visit, cast your vote and support SOHCC to do more of their fabulous work.

Parking around the College

Could we please ask all parents and carers to be mindful of our neighbors when collecting children from the College? We have had a number of complaints regarding cars blocking local driveways and restricting residents' access. Please ensure you park considerately and continue to follow our **voluntary one-way system** during peak drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for helping us keep the roads safe and clear for everyone.



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend, thank you for your continued support. It is always appreciated.

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>

w/b 15 June 2026	Final week of GCSE/A Level Exams
18 June 2026	Year 7 Subject Feedback Evening
	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
	Cream Teas
23 June 2026	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
25 June 2026	Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day
6 July 2026	HCC Art & Photography Exhibition (4.30-6.30pm), Sports Hall
9 July 2026	Heathfield Awards Evening - more details to follow