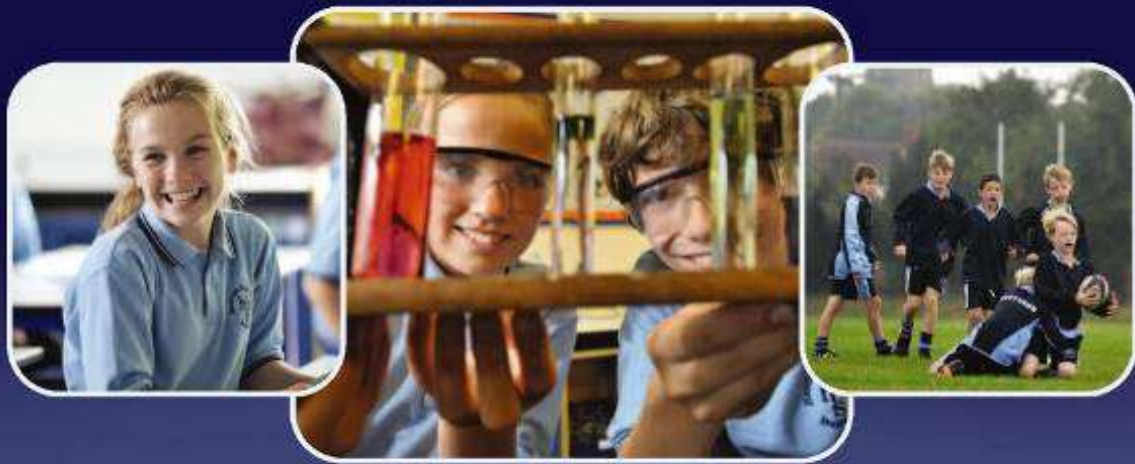




HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

2017-18





WELCOME TO HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to 2017-18, our second year as a full 11-16 school.

I am pleased to tell you that 2016/17 was a very successful year for the school. Our pupils achieved a great set of GCSE results in our first ever exam season:

- Maths 9-4 (Grade A*-C equiv.) – 86%
- English 9-4 (Grade A*-C equiv.) – 90%
- 41 pupils achieved 5+ A*-A grades

These results are amongst the best in the county and are testament to the hard work that the pupils and their teachers put in over the years.

We have continued to invest in our site this year. In 2016, we added a new maths block, two new science labs, a new computing suite, a fitness room, a new serving area for the dining facilities and a new PE classroom. This investment continued over this summer with a further round of site developments. These improvements included:

- A new much larger library
- Better facilities for art and design technology
- A wide range of new computer equipment
- A refresh of the reception
- A new student support hub
- New offices for pastoral staff
- A new website

Another focus for 2017/18 will be to further develop our curriculum. We will be introducing more of the new 9-1 graded GCSEs, a new enrichment programme for year 7 (Pixl Edge) and adding in more GCSE content to the lower school curriculum.

Throughout all these improvements, though, Hastings will remain the caring and supportive school it has always been.

If you want to find out more about our school, please visit our website or contact the relevant tutor / head of year.

Yours faithfully

N A Goforth BSc (Hons) NPQH



SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

- 8.25** Pupils arrive at school. Pupils arriving after this time will be classified as late.
- 8.30** Registration
- 8.50** Period 1
- 9.50** Period 2
- 10.50** Break
- 11.15** Period 3
- 12.15** Period 4
- 13.15** Lunch
- 14.00** Period 5
- 15.00** School ends

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME

The school cannot authorise holidays for pupils during term time. However, we will consider authorising absence where the event is a critical family occasion, is medical or educational in nature. Please ask for an application form from your child's tutor.



WEEK A / B FOR 2017/18

AUTUMN TERM	
21 Aug	Staff only
Tue 29 Aug	A
04 Sep	B
11 Sep	A
18 Sep	B
25 Sep	A
02 Oct	B
09 Oct	A
16 Oct	Holiday
23 Oct	B
30 Oct	A
06 Nov	B
13 Nov	A
20 Nov	B
27 Nov	A
04 Dec	B
11 Dec	A
18 Dec	B
25 Dec	Holiday
1 Jan	Holiday

SPRING TERM	
Tues 09 Jan	B
15 Jan	A
22 Jan	B
29 Jan	A
05 Feb	B
12 Feb	Holiday
19 Feb	A
26 Feb	B
05 Mar	A
12 Mar	B
19 Mar	A
26 Mar	Holiday
02 Apr	Holiday

SUMMER TERM	
09 Apr	B
16 Apr	A
23 Apr	B
30 Apr	A
07 May	B
14 May	A
21 May	B
28 May	Holiday
04 Jun	A
11 Jun	B
18 Jun	A
25 Jun	B
02 Jul	A
09 Jul	B
16 Jul	Holiday

Please note the following:

- The school timetable stretches over two weeks – week A then week B
- The last school day of the Autumn term is Wednesday 20th December.
- After the Christmas holidays, the pupils return on Tuesday 9th January and it is a week B.



PARENT CALENDAR 2017-18

AUTUMN TERM

<i>School closed for staff training</i>	<i>Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th and Fri 25th August</i>
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 28th August 2017</i>
School Opens	Tuesday 29th August 2017
Year 10 information evening	6pm / 7pm Thursday 14 September
Year 7 information evening	6pm / 7pm Wednesday 20 September
Year 11 information evening	6pm / 7pm Thursday 21 September
Year 6 Open Evening	6.30pm Thursday 28 September
JC6 Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 11 October
Personal Development Day 1	Friday 13 October
Mid-Term Break	Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2017
Year 7 Disco	7pm Wednesday 25 th October
w/b 13 & 20 November	Year 7 Tutor / Parent meetings
Personal Development Day 2	Friday 17 November
Year 10 Parents Evening	4pm Thursday 23 November
School Closes	Wednesday 20th December 2017



PARENT CALENDAR 2017-18

SPRING TERM

<i>School closed for staff training</i>	<i>Monday 8th January 2018</i>
School Opens	Tuesday 9th January 2018
Year 9 GCSE Options Evening	6pm / 7pm Thursday 25 January
Year 11 Parents Evening	4pm Thursday 2 February
Personal Development Day 3	Tuesday 6 February
Year 9 Parents Evening	4pm Thursday 8 February
Mid-Term Break	Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2018
Year 7 Parents Evening	4pm Thursday 1 March
Personal Development Day 4	Wednesday 14 March
School Closes	Friday 23rd March 2018

SUMMER TERM

School Opens	Monday 9th April 2018
Personal Development Day 6	Thursday 26 April
Year 8 Parents Evening	4pm Thursday 3 May
<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 7th May 2018</i>
GCSE Exams Start	Monday 14 May
Year 11 Study Leave Starts	Friday 25 May
Mid-Term Break	Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018
GCSE Exams End	Friday 22 June
Personal Development Day 6	Friday 29 June
School Closes	Friday 13th July 2018



LOWER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform plays a vital role in setting the tone of the school and we appreciate the support of parents in this important area. **We strongly recommend that uniform is purchased from Swifts or from Hole in the Wall.**

We expect all pupils at all times to wear their uniform in a smart and dignified manner signifying their readiness to learn and to excel. Please note this list is not exhaustive. All items worn must be appropriate to a formal, educational environment. Casual/fashion clothes are not acceptable.

<p>Girls' Lower School (Y7-9) Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black blazer (with badge) • Blue school polo shirt • Black skirt of standard school style (NOT Lycra) and near knee length of the pencil or pleated style available from our recommended suppliers. Or • Black smart trousers of standard school style that break at the shoe and cover socks (<i>not skin tight leggings, jeans, denims, chinos, cords or combats, joggers or have rivets etc.. – there should be a zip fly on the front middle of the trouser, not buttons</i>). The trousers must not be designed to fade. We strongly suggest the styles within our school section at Hole in the Wall or Swifts. • Plain Navy/black tights or Navy/white/black socks • 100% Completely black sensible shoes (not boots or high tops) • (Optional) Smart black belt • (Optional) Plain navy v neck school jumper with school logo • Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn in school. • Hair colouring should be natural and not extreme. 	<p>Girls' P.E. Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shin pads (essential) • PE polo shirt • PE shorts • Hastings PE Hoodie • Trainers • Hastings football socks • Hair bobble <p><i>We would encourage parents to purchase kit which is already labelled with your child's name by the supplier. Both of our main uniform suppliers offer this service.</i></p>
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Piercings should be limited to the ears only for safety reasons. Ear rings must be small studs only. No spikes, hoops or stretch earrings are permitted for Health and Safety reasons.



UPPER SCHOOL UNIFORM

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<p>Girls' Upper School (Y10-11) Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black blazer (with badge)• Year 10 & 11 – White shirt with formal collar and school tie or white blouse with Rever collar. Shirts should be of sufficient length to be tucked in• Black skirt of standard school style (Not Lycra) and near knee length of the pencil or pleated style available from our recommended suppliers <i>Or</i>• Black smart trousers of standard school style that break at the shoe and cover socks (<i>not skin tight leggings, jeans, denims, chinos, cords or combats, joggers or have rivets etc.. – there should be a zip fly on the front middle of the trouser, not buttons</i>). The trousers must not be designed to fade. We strongly suggest the styles within our school section at Hole in the Wall or Swifts.• Plain Navy/black tights or Navy /white/black socks• 100% Completely black sensible shoes (not boots or high tops)• (Optional) Smart black belt• (Optional) Plain navy v neck school jumper with school logo	<p>Girls' P.E. Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shin pads (essential)• PE polo shirt• PE shorts• Hastings PE Hoodie• Trainers• Hastings football socks• Hair bobble <p><i>We would encourage parents to purchase kit which is already labelled with your child's name by the supplier. Both of our uniform suppliers offer this service.</i></p>
<p>Boys' Upper School (Y10-11) Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black blazer (with badge)• Smart white shirt and school tie• Black smart trousers of standard school style that break at the shoe and cover socks (<i>not skin tight leggings, jeans, denims, chinos, cords or combats, joggers or have rivets etc.. – there should be a zip fly on the front middle of the trouser, not buttons</i>). The trousers must not be designed to fade. We strongly suggest the styles within our school section in Hole in the Wall or Swifts.• Plain Navy/white/black socks• 100% Completely black sensible shoes (not boots or high tops)• (Optional) Smart black belt• (Optional) Plain navy v neck school jumper with school logo	<p>Boys' P.E. Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shin pads (essential)• PE polo shirt• PE shorts• Rugby shirt• Trainers• Football boots• Hastings football socks• Gum shield (essential) <p><i>We would encourage parents to purchase kit which is already labelled with your child's name by the supplier. Both of our uniform suppliers offer this service.</i></p>

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LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Hastings operates a two-week cycle of 50 periods of 1 hour each. Some classes are in sets and some are mixed ability. Please note that setting is constantly under review and pupils do change sets over the year to ensure the topics taught match their ability and attitude.

Subject	Hours per fortnight	Set/mixed ability	Other information
English	8	In sets	
Mathematics	8	In sets	
Science	6	In sets	
Art/Design Technology	4	Mixed ability - smaller sets	Pupils follow a rotation of modules through the year
French	6	In sets	In tutor groups for year 7
Geography	4	In sets	In tutor groups for year 7
History	4	In sets	In tutor groups for year 7
RE	2	In sets	In tutor groups for year 7
PE	3	Mixed ability forms	Classes are split by gender
Computing	2	In sets	In tutor groups for year 7
Drama	1	In sets	In tutor groups for year 7
Music	1	In sets	In tutor groups for year 7
Tutorial	1	Mixed ability forms	A range of PSHE topics are covered in tutorial sessions



UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Subject	Lessons per fortnight	Set/mixed ability	Other information
GCSE English	9	In sets	
GCSE Mathematics	9	In sets	
GCSE Science	9	In sets	3 each for Physics, Chemistry & Biology Pupils taking triple science have an additional 5 lessons in place of one of their options
Core PE	2	Mixed ability	Classes are split by gender
Tutorial	1	Mixed ability	A range of PSHE topics are covered in tutorial sessions
GCSE Options Subjects	5	Mixed ability	There are 4 options

Pupils choose 4 optional subjects in year 9 to start in year 10. All pupils must choose at least 1 EBacc subject and we recommend that pupils choose at least one practical subject too. The list of options can be found in the options booklet on the school website and it can change slightly year to year.

Foundation Pathway

We also offer a foundation pathway for pupils who need extra maths and English support. This is in place of one of the 4 options.

Duke of Edinburgh

We offer the Duke of Edinburgh award in year 10 as an extracurricular activity. Please note that there is an extra cost for this course and it takes place after school.



ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM

At Hastings, we recognise and value the importance of the wider curriculum of enrichment activities. We cover this through our personal development days, enrichment studies week, the assembly and tutorial programme and through extracurricular activities.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

We hold one PD day each half term where the whole school is off timetable. Each class group follows a programme addressing a key topic area which rotates over the year. As there are no other subjects being taught on these days, all staff are available and typically specialise in a single area.

The following areas are addressed in each year:

- Year 7 – Oracy, Bullying, Diversity, Smoking, Learning to Learn and Sex and Relationships Education
- Year 8 – Sex and Relationships Education, Money Matters, Alcohol and Drugs Education, Careers, Current Affairs, Enterprise
- Year 9 – Justice and Democracy, Alcohol and Drugs Education, Sex and Relationships Education, First Aid, Health and Wellbeing, GCSE Options
- Year 10 & 11 – RE, Study skills, Post 16 links, SRE, drugs awareness, careers guidance

TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

The tutorial and assembly programme also contributes to PSHE & Citizenship. The topics covered include Diversity, Friendship, Healthy Relationships, Dealing with Change, Peer Pressure, Target Setting and Learning Goals, Internet Safety Raising Awareness, Form Challenges, Careers and Revision Skills.

ENRICHMENT STUDIES WEEK

We introduced a new enrichment programme in 2016/17 which has been bought in partly based on parental feedback and partly to enhance the educational aspects of our enrichment programme. Pupils have the opportunity to explore for 3 days, in depth, a wide range of engaging topics such as creative writing, problem solving, engineering, media studies, cultural studies etc.. The style of these days is different to academic lessons with a more informal setting and much more emphasis on teamwork and independent learning which are important career skills.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Our enrichment programme also includes a wide range of trips and events which run throughout the year. In 2016/17, we had trips to China, Normandy, Berlin, Iceland, Austria and a PGL Pursuits centre amongst others, along with a range of more local trips. In future, we will also be running trips to Barcelona and New York.



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