



The Heys School

July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the welcome that I have received since joining The Heys School prior to Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to share some reflections on our collective journey. It has been a privilege to be a part of your child's educational experience, and I am incredibly proud of the progress that we have made.

I would like to acknowledge the overwhelming majority of students who display the values we expect within The Heys community. Students who are respectful, kind and determined both in lessons and in the community. These values align with the values I would consider to be important for my own children. Students who arrive to school ready to learn, in full school uniform, and participate to the best of their ability in all their lessons.

Our teaching staff have been wholeheartedly dedicated to maximising your child's potential and creating a supportive learning environment and I would like to thank them for providing engaging lessons and ensuring every student receives the attention they deserve.

We have managed to reintroduce rewards, trips, and visits this year and plan to continue this next year. Students have visited Birmingham NEC, STEM projects, field trips, trips to the theatre and visits to Manchester City to mention a few. We have welcomed the Planetarium, hosted Christmas performances, a year 7 activity day, the summer play and a summer talent show allowing students to flourish outside of the classroom. Year 10 have also participated in a successful work experience week.

Our biggest barrier to progress and therefore one of our key priorities for the coming year is attendance. If students are not in front of the experts, they cannot learn. 90% attendance is the equivalent of one full day off every 2 weeks, 5 hours of missed learning. 80% means that students have missed 5 lessons every week. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who continue to support their children by ensuring that they attend school every day and would urge any parents who need support, help and advice with their child's attendance to call our attendance team at the school

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans and initiatives with the aim of further enhancing your child's educational experience. We will continue to maximise our potential, to be the best we can be, every day. From September we will be using a new communication system called Arbor, further information will follow on our return.

Our standards will remain high in and out of lessons with expectations of correct uniform and participation in school life.

I encourage you to take this upcoming break as an opportunity to rest, rejuvenate, and spend time with your loved ones. It is essential to return with renewed enthusiasm for next term

Wishing you a wonderful break and looking forward to another rewarding term ahead.

We look forward to welcoming our students back on **Tuesday 5th September at 8.25am**

Warmest regards

Mr P McKendrick

Headteacher

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Uniform expectations

At The Heys School, we believe strongly that wearing our school uniform well and with pride contributes to the calm learning environment we all want for our children.

In September we will reinforce our high standards of uniform.

Under no circumstances can a student attend school wearing trainers. We will not be flexible on this. Please see the table below and share this crucial information with your child. We appreciate your support with this.

Uniform rules that will be enforced from the start of the next academic year are:

What we expect	Please note the following
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain black tailored trousers (not denim, slim or skinny fit) or a regulation black pleated skirt• School blazer with school badge (compulsory for all years 7-11)• White shirt/blouse with a fastening top button• School Grey V-necked pullover (optional)• Dark plain outdoor coat (a hoody is not an alternative to a coat)• Plain, black formal, sturdy shoe, which can be polished (without clear logos, flashes, tabs, ankle straps, metal and different coloured trimmings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No trainers• No extreme hairstyles• No false/polished nails• No false eyelashes• No jewellery worn (except a wristwatch)• No sunglasses• No hoodies

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen or used in school. If a student has a mobile phone, it must be always switched off and out of sight. Phones that are seen will be confiscated and stored safely in student services until the end of the school day.

Earrings, nose rings etc are not allowed in school. Any jewellery seen will be confiscated and stored safely in student services until the end of the school day. Hairbrushes must be out of sight and must not be used in classrooms or communal areas.

If your child is having a piercing done over summer, ensure that it is done at the start of the holidays so there is enough time for healing. Recent piercings will not be accepted as an excuse to wear jewellery in school.

All the information regarding uniform, jewellery and makeup can be found on the parents' section of the school website and I would encourage you to refer to this. <https://theheys.school/uniform-expectations/>

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Headteacher | **Mr P McKendrick**

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