



HOUSTONE  
SCHOOL

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Families,

**Re: Principals Newsletter**

I am writing to you at the end of our very first week in operation – what a week it has been! We have welcomed our new Year 7 pupils into secondary school, and become a new home for our Year 8s, 9s and 10s. All of our pupils spent their first three days with their tutors, learning our routines for school including how to line up in the morning, what equipment to have for lessons and how to manage their achievement cards. We have been extremely impressed with the speed in which pupils have taken this new information on board. On Friday, pupils went to their first Houstone lessons and met their new teachers for the year.

**Expectation Reminders**

We appreciate all of your support in keeping our expectations incredibly high for all of our pupils. Our uniform policy is published on our website. In particular, can I please draw your attention to the jewellery, skirt length and footwear section. I am aware there have been delays from the uniform supplier, Bestlook, but I am assured that all uniform has now arrived. If you have anything outstanding, you can pick this up from today. I also thank you for your support when your child is corrected for not meeting our standards - I know you want to ensure our school is incredibly successful.

**Parent Governor Vacancy**

Houstone School is recruiting for the position of Parent Governor. Please see attached further information on the role and how to apply.

**Parent Pay**

Thank you for your patience with our ParentPay set up. This is now fully operational. If you do not have a letter, they are available from our reception, and should be collected as soon as possible.

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### FSM Guidance

Pupils receive £2.50 per day which is automatically allocated to their account. This does not show as a cash balance, but full allocation will be given to each child. A cash balance can be added in addition if you wish. Pupils can choose their items from a range of hot and cold food, and spend their balance as if they were buying items from a shop. A main meal deal, which includes a lunch and a desert, is available daily. Other cold item meal deals are also available. The lunch menu and prices are [listed on our website](#).

### Achievement Cards

Your child will have their achievement card with them at all times – you can check to see how their day has been each evening. On a Thursday night, it is vital you sign this to indicate you are aware of their progress in school for the week. Without a signature, pupils will not achieve their 'Friday Finish', a 3:20PM finish time rather than 4PM. Please ensure you sign the card every Thursday to indicate you have reviewed it.

I have enclosed some dates key dates for this term below, for your information.

Best wishes,



Elizabeth English  
Principal

## Houstone School– Term 1 Key Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022- Bank Holiday (school is closed) for the funeral of the Queen	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 6 Open Evening (2023 Applications) 5pm – 8pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 6 Open Morning- 9:00am-11:00am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 6 Open Morning- 11:00am-1:00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
HALF TERM (school is closed) Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Year 7 Parents Evening- 4:00pm-7:00pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Year 8 Parents Evening- 4:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Concert (TBC)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term- half-day finish.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023	