

# HOUSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 20 October 2023

## MESSAGE FROM MS ENGLISH

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the October edition of the Houston School Parent Newsletter. As we approach the end of the half term, I am proud of the progress that our pupils have made. They are working hard in their classes, participating in their electives, and making a positive contribution to our school community.

### Tours

We were delighted to welcome over 1000 people to our Y6 Open Evening. Our pupil tour guides were fantastic and we thank them for all of their hard work. Families had the opportunity to hear from the Principal and also see the new facilities on offer. We are mindful that existing families have not had the chance to visit us in action.

We would like to offer you the chance to come and see the school one of our upcoming tours:

- Wednesday 8th November- 9:15am
- Thursday 16th November- 11:00am
- Monday 27th November- 2:00pm
- Tuesday 5th November- 9:15am



To book a tour, please email [info@houstoneschool.co.uk](mailto:info@houstoneschool.co.uk) and state which tour you would like to join.

### Uniform Guide

We would like to remind all pupils of the importance of following the school uniform guide. **After half term, we will be placing a particular focus on skirt length. Please ensure that your child's skirt is no shorter than knee length as per our uniform guide.** Pupils who cannot fix their uniform will work in our Base Camp provision and every effort should be made to ensure this does not happen. Trousers can also be worn as an alternative.

We would also like to draw your attention to the following common errors in uniform:

- Pupils should wear their PE socks with shorts/skorts, and not alternative sports socks
- Pupils are permitted one simple stud in each ear- Please see image.
- Pupils should not have false nails or eye lashes of any kind. Nail polish should be natural (clear) only
- Pupils should wear black socks only (no coloured/white socks over these)
- Hoodies should not be brought into school – a proper coat should be worn if required



We encourage parents to use the half term break to address any uniform issues. The uniform guide can be found on the school website <https://www.houstoneschool.co.uk/uniform/>



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## Year 11 Intervention

We would like to remind parents of Year 11 pupils that there will be a two-day intervention during the half term break. This intervention will provide pupils with additional support in preparation for their GCSE exams.

The intervention will take place on Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November from 9:00am to 3pm- pupils should arrive via the main reception. We encourage all Year 11 pupils to attend the intervention. It is a valuable opportunity to get extra help and support from external tutors that have been booked to boost their grades.

## Black History Month

We celebrated Black History Month with a series of assemblies and a Black History Month Trail. The winners of the competition were Faith in 7P and Holly in 8C. Congratulations to all who took part in the challenge.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd October to Friday 3rd November- 2 Week Half Term

Monday 6th November- Pupils return to school

Wednesday 20th December to Tuesday 2nd January - Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January- Staff Training Day

Thursday 4 January- Pupils return to School

## Parents Evening

- Year 9 Parents Evening- Tuesday 5th December 2023
- Year 9 into Year 10 Options Evening- Tuesday 27 February 2024
- Year 11 Parents Evening- Tuesday 6 February 2024
- Year 8 Parents Evening- Tuesday 12 March 2024
- Year 10 Parents Evening- Tuesday 11 June 2024
- Year 7 Parents Evening- Tuesday 25 June 2024

Wishing you all a restful break.

Best Wishes

Ms English | Principal

