

Dear Parents / Carers

We would like to thank you for supporting us in upholding the school uniform policy with respect to school shoes. This has had a hugely positive effect and students now look much smarter. The rules state that shoes must be plain black (no trainers, boots or sports shoes with logos or coloured laces/soles) and clear guidance can be found on the school website. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of any item please contact us before buying. There are changes to the school uniform for September 2011 (not to rules on footwear!) and again, clear guidance is available on the school website. The new uniform items will be available to buy through school from Monkhouse and we will notify you of the dates when they will be in school.

Year 11 are now well into their crucial exam season and lessons will continue after the half term holiday in all subjects which still have exams to complete. At other times they should be at home revising. Normal school rules will apply during this time and any students failing to comply will be dealt with appropriately. When students have completed their examinations they have effectively completed their KS4 studies at Hyde Technology School and can start their summer holidays. Students who successfully complete their full time at Hyde will be invited to a final celebratory Leavers' Assembly on Friday 1st July at 9.30am with refreshments after.

Final exam for:

Business Monday 6th June

History Tuesday 7th June

Maths Friday 10th June

Geography Friday 17th June

GCSE Science Tuesday 28th June

**Please note – (i) some students are still required to complete ICT work after half term
(ii) students re-sitting exams may have later completion dates**

We have increasing concerns about the late arrival to school and to lessons of a number of students and this is obviously detrimental to their learning and to the learning of others. We will be focusing on the issue of punctuality as students return to school after the half term holiday. We would also like to ask for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school each day with basic equipment – all students are expected to have a pen, a pencil and a ruler as a minimum to enable them to partake effectively in classroom activities. Failure to bring these items causes learning to be disrupted whilst teachers issue replacements. Our thanks to those students who demonstrate such a positive attitude to learning by regularly bringing everything they need!

After half term, we will also be reminding students that chewing gum remains strictly forbidden in school. Anyone who has ever been unlucky enough to have chewing gum stuck on their clothes will appreciate the problems it can cause and when we move into our new building, the last thing we want is carpets spoiled by discarded gum!

The new school is still on course for opening in January 2012. A number of students and staff have had the opportunity to visit the new building and have been very impressed. We look forward to moving in – exciting times! Once we are settled into our new building we will arrange opportunities for parents/carers to have a tour around the new school.

And finally ... from September 2011 the school will be known simply as "Hyde" and will be a Community College.

Many thanks for your continued support for the work of the school.

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