



10 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope our students and their families are enjoying the onset of sunnier and warmer weather, although Year 11 and 13 students are probably enjoying it less so given the imminent start of their GCSE and A-Level examinations.

### **Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening**

Thank you in advance to parents for their engagement in this Thursday's on-line event. Please see [Y10-Consultation-Evening-Information-2.pdf \(helsbyhigh.org.uk\)](#) for further details.

### **Lunchtimes**

Please note that lunchtimes will be from 12.30pm to 1.05pm from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, with Period 4 moving to after lunch so that GCSE and A-Level examinations can begin at or just after 1pm.

### **A56 Roadworks**

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share the following with parents/carers:

*"As roadworks have now moved over to working on the north (school) side of the A56, the footpath is now closed to pedestrians. We are diverting pedestrians to walk on the opposite side of the A56 along the newly constructed cycleway area. Students should cross over at the new Toucan Crossing facility and walk on the opposite side of the road when going to/from school to Frodsham direction, as the usual footpath route is now closed and is a working area and has been closed for safety reasons. The contractor will place some banksmen at the closure locations at school morning and afternoon peak times to aim to remind students and to stop them from going around the barriers and ignoring footpath-closed signs."*

### **School Uniforms**

Parents/carers may well be aware of the School Uniform Bill, which was introduced by local Weaver Vale MP Mike Amesbury and has been passed in parliament. The Bill requires all schools to review their uniform policy in order to ensure that school uniform is as affordable as possible for parents/carers. As we supply our own uniform, our uniform for September had already been ordered last Autumn and hence any changes will be introduced for September 2023. We have though reviewed the price of all our uniform and where possible have been able to freeze or reduce prices for 2022-23 (with a reduction in cost of school blazers compared to previous years). Full details on our school uniform, including order forms, can be found at [Uniform - Helsby High School](#).

The Bill also requires schools to ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire. Please find a separate letter attached about the Helsby High 'School Uniform Share' scheme being kindly introduced by the Friends of Helsby High School.

### **Senior Leadership Appointments**

Like most schools, we are currently busy recruiting for September and in due course I will update parents/carers on all the colleagues who will be joining us in 2022-23. I did just want to update parents on a couple of senior leadership appointments however, congratulating Dr Pritchard-Roberts and Mr Duffell on their permanent Deputy Headteacher appointments and Mrs Cross on her appointment as our Director of Sixth Form from September. All three will form part of a strengthened Senior Leadership Team, with greater leadership capacity in order that our students can continue to benefit from levels of guidance and support which they most definitely deserve.

Best wishes,

Martin Hill  
Headteacher