



# Headlines@ Hewett ACADEMY

## House Points for Autumn 1



3007



2837



2263

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

We are now into October and the first term is now in full swing. There is little doubt that the school is starting to settle into our “new normal” and I’d like to thank all those students and parents who have been so considerate in making our covid plan a success. The school has a faint whiff of hand sanitizer at all times, but this is a small price to pay for ensuring that our students, staff and the wider community is safe. So far we have not had any positive cases at Hewett Academy and long may that be the case.

What has been striking this year is the calm and purposeful attitude in classes. Students are working hard and staff have been impressive when teaching. I think there are two key areas that we still need to work on, as a community:

Attendance; it is crucial that students attend school every day when they can. With the exception of covid-related issues and genuine medical issues / appointments, we expect every student in, every day. Years 7 & 8 are leading the way on this, but we still have further to go. Students have had six months of remote learning and every day, every lesson counts. The best way you, as parents and carers, can support us is by ensuring that students attend every day and on time.

Engagement with google classrooms; the vast majority of students are now signed up. Tonight ask your son/daughter if they are. We will be following up with the small minority who haven’t yet done this. This is crucial because this is the

method of remote learning should we need to have any closures in the future.

Although clearly the 20-21 academic year will be different, some things remain the same and that is our goal of achieving great educational outcomes. There are several ways you can support this at home:

1. Encourage them to use the online tools to review, revise or practice at home. The google classrooms and programmes such as HegartyMaths are there for this.
2. Ask if they've done their homework, each day. There is *\*always\** something to do. Don't fall for the old lines of "nothing has been set" or "nobody is doing this"! Thanks to the online tools, there is always work they can do at home.
3. If your son/daughter is in year 11 we have a programme of after-school revision activities Monday-Thursday; how many have they attended?
4. If in years 7-10 there is a homework club on Tuesday and Thursdays. You can book them into this 3.50-5pm by emailing the school.
5. Ask you son/daughter for something definitive they have learnt today. With our focus on knowledge, you should be able to recall for you what they have done in school!

School life is always varied and fun, and our "family meal" on Thursday was much appreciated by all. Big thanks to Jackie, Amy & Bev in the kitchen for their work. The gratitude postcards that we've done for the first time last week were very special indeed. Many students agonised over who to send them to - and they were much appreciated by the staff who received them. In the middle of a long half term, such things make all the difference! And finally a huge well done to the 13 year 7s who got the gold prizes for attendance at the summer school in August - amazing commitment that saw them all rewarded with a £300 bike voucher each!



have been privileged to have spent some time in both year 10 & year 11 GCSE Art classes in the last week and have been so impressed with the work being produced. There is a simple equation here, though. Those who have spent the longest amount of time on their work have produced the best results. It is true in art, but also across all academic subjects. If you want a great grade, you have to work for it. No shortcuts!

My final thank you is to all those involved in the "Back Together Stronger" campaign which we launched in school, including our "big rig" outdoor gym and the rather spectacular smoothie bike. Thanks to the Friends of Hewett and the PE team, it was quite a week to remind students of the importance of healthy living.



It is fantastic to be back into the swing of learning at Hewett - we all have a role to play in making our school great!

Best wishes  
Mr A Little  
Principal

## Library News

We are pleased to announce our new library will be opened on Friday 6th November at 1.30pm by a mystery guest!. Our students will be invited to join in with the opening ceremony so they can browse our extensive old and new collection of books and take their choice of book out to take home at the same time. Photographs of the opening ceremony will be in our next newsletter.

## Attendance

It has been tremendous having all of our students back in school after last year's disruption. Please remember that we expect your child in school every day.

Attendance in school is very important, particularly in the current situation. Missing just two days of school a month is 10% of a school year. Lateness also contributes to this figure and is not acceptable.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to Mr Baker.

## House Board Help!

Our Head of Houses are decorating their boards and need students to help with taking pictures of objects that are their house colour and send them to the Head of that House.

More details on the poster attached.

## Halloween Competitions

### Halloween Competition

Create a spooky Halloween outfit from the mystery box. The form with the most creative costume will receive 5 House Points each and a chance for a TRICK or TREAT!



When will it happen?

Form time: Tuesday 20th October

Winner Announced: Thursday 22nd October

For Halloween the pastoral team is planning an interform Halloween dress up competition. We will provide each form with a box of objects and craft materials, and we are going to ask each group to nominate a model for their outfit, and create a Halloween costume from the box of resources we give them. Each participant will receive a house point reward, and the form that makes the best costume will be given Halloween treats! We are also running a spooky writing competition, where students can enter a Halloween story or rhyme. Each student that enters will receive 5 house points, and we will make a booklet out of all the entries!

## Instrumental Lessons

6% of all students now take 1 to 1 instrumental lessons at the Hewett Academy.



Alongside all Year 7 to 9 students now undertaking regular keyboard learning in their classroom music lessons 6% of all students now take 1 to 1 instrumental lessons. Lessons are taken in Piano, Guitar, Drum-kit and Violin. The academy has had to employ an additional piano teacher from Norfolk Music Service in order to meet the higher number of students wanting instrumental lessons. Following the appointment of our new music teacher Mr Mason, who is a pianist and vocal coach, all students in Year 7s to 9s are now undertaking a rigorous music programme with advanced and supportive classroom and online learning that will make all our students competent musicians and keyboard players by the end of Year 9.

## Half Term

Please note that the half term break commences on Friday 23rd. We will therefore close at the usual time of 3.50pm on Thursday 22nd October with students returning to school on Monday 2nd November.

## Student House Leadership

Letters regarding our student leadership applications were emailed home last week and applications have been submitted to Mr Little. When the decision has been made who the new Student Leadership Team are, it will be announced as soon as possible.

## Homework

We set homework regularly every week via one of the following platforms: Google Classroom, Hegarty maths, Seneca, MyGCSE Science or Kerboodle. The platform we use differs between subjects and year groups depending on what we believe is the best approach for the subject. Students have had a lesson to get logged onto to these various platforms and details of how much homework is expected and for which subjects can be found on our website at:

<https://www.thehewettacademy.org/269/homework>



## Year 11 Raising Achievement

### Revision

There is MFL revision for Y11 this Saturday 17th October:

10:00-11:00 French

11:00-12:00 Spanish

Please enter through the West reception door

There are Y11 after school revision sessions running, currently:

Tuesdays 15:50-16:50 Maths

Wednesdays 15:50-16:50 English

Thursdays 15:50-16:50 Science

There will be more sessions in half term:

Wednesday 10:00-12:00 Maths

Wednesday 12:30-14:30 RS

Thursday 10:00-12:00 English

Thursday 12:30-14:30 Science

Friday 10:00-12:00 Health and Fitness

Friday 12:30-14:30 French/Spanish

### Mock Exams

Y11 mock exams will be starting straight after half term. The timetable is here →

### Leadership Programme

All of our year 11s have been signed up to the Rugby Centurions Leadership Programme. This is a great opportunity to develop skills and will look really good on their CVs in the future. There are six modules each containing several topics, with videos and worksheets for each. The more effort students put into this programme, the more they will get out of it.

	Thursday 22nd October	Monday 2nd November	Tuesday 3rd November	Wednesday 4th November	Thursday 5th November	Friday 6th November
Form + P5/6	Health and Fitness Mock A12	Maths Walk Through Mock F	English Literature Walk Through Mock	English Literature - P1	English Language Walk Through Mock	English Language P1
Week 1		Maths Walk Through Mock H	Maths P1 (Non Calculator)	Science Walk Through Mock (Biology/Chemistry/Physics)		Early Lunch 12:30
P1/2						Maths P2 Exam starts at 1pm
P3/4						
Form + P5/6						
Week 2						
P1/2	Humanities Walk Through Mock- separate History & Geography sessions	Geography Paper History Paper	MFL Reading and Listening H/F & Health and SocialCare Exam	Maths Paper 3	Art Mock A11	Art Mock cont A11
P3/4	Early Lunch 12:30	MFL Walk Through Mock	RS Walk Through Mock	RS Exam Art Mock cont A11	MFL Writing H/F Early Lunch 12:30	Science P1 Physics Exam starts at 1pm
Form + P5/6	Science P1 Chemistry Exam starts at 1pm					

