

Welcome

Dear Parent,

As we near the end of what has been another difficult year for us all I wanted to publish a short newsletter to let you know about some of the developments that will be taking place next year.

Despite everything this year, we feel that as a community we have become stronger, our students have become more motivated to succeed, with many developing a real resilience. Their ability to work remotely will stand them in good stead when they move onto work or university.

We are very proud of our students, they show pride in the school and enjoy being part of a very large family. We continue to strive to ensure that both staff and students recognise that being at Hall Cross involves having respect for each other; we all have a job to do and we work together to be as successful as possible.

I hope as parents you feel that we do our best to communicate with you, ensuring that any decisions are explained and that feedback is welcomed. I appreciate that not all decisions are welcomed unanimously but that all are taken with the best interests of the students in mind.

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer and look forward to (hopefully) seeing you again in person at the autumn term Parents' Evenings.

Kind regards,
Simon Swain

Improving Facilities

As always, this summer we are looking forward to making improvements to the learning and social environment. We are also improving the dining facilities and modernising the swimming pool. This follows a year in which the lower school roof has been replaced following the expansion of the canteen.

School Day

From September, timings within the school day will be changing. School will still start at 8:40am and end at 3:05pm. The lesson and social times are as follows:

- Period 1 08:55- 09:55
- Period 2 09:55- 10:55
- Break 10:55- 11:25
- Period 3 11:25- 12:25
- Period 4 12:25- 13:25
- Lunch 13:25- 14:05
- Period 5 14:05- 15:05

School Catering

Following a review of our catering services involving student voice activity across key stages, we have gone out to tender for a new service provider. With the help of Governors and the student leadership team, a company called Mellors have been awarded the contract. We are excited about the changes that are going to take place, both in terms of choice and quality. The price will rise slightly by 10p to £2.30 (after not changing for 10 years) to bring Hall Cross in line with other schools' catering prices.

Calendar

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| 16 July | School closes at 12:00pm for summer (non-uniform day) |
| 10 August | A-Level Results Day at 8:00am |
| 12 August | GCSE Results Day / 6th Form Enrolment at 8:00am |
| 6 September | School Re-opens for Y7 and Y12 at 8:40am |
| 7 September | School Re-opens for all years at 8:40am |

All holidays and training days are published on our website. Please note that these may vary from the school holiday pattern on the Council website.

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