

Dear Student,

I hope this update finds you well and looking forward to joining Hall Cross and the DC6th partnership in September. Although you haven't been able to enjoy what should have been the last few months of your secondary education; your future is bright, the opportunities you will enjoy in the Sixth Form are just around the corner, and we will do everything we can to ensure you have a fantastic time during your Post 16 education.



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SIXTH FORM

I am writing to provide a bit of information about: your enrollment into the Sixth Form; start dates in September; the possibility of taster days; getting to Hall Cross; information about the dress code; and updates on just some of the fantastic successes we've had as a Sixth Form this year.



ENROLMENT ON GCSE RESULTS DAY - 20TH AUGUST

Subject to government guidance at the time, you will enroll in the Sixth Form on GCSE results day once you have picked up your grades from your current school. This year our partnership with the UTC (who are in a trust with Hungerhill School) means you will be able to enrol at Hall Cross Academy or Hungerhill School in Edenthorpe. Students who currently attend Hungerhill are still welcome to enrol at Hall Cross.

Importantly, current Hall Cross students are welcome to enrol from 9am onward and students who will be new to Hall Cross are welcome to arrive and enrol from 11:30am onward. I can reassure you there is no advantage to arriving early so take your time to enjoy picking your GCSE results up.

If you are unable to attend either location on GCSE results day, please email our data manager, Diane Gaunt: dg@hallcrossacademy.co.uk to arrange a convenient time to come and enrol between results day and the start of term.

I will update you on how the process will change should government advice determine that we cannot host a face to face enrolment day in August.



GETTING TO HALL CROSS

Hall Cross' central location means we are very easy to get to. Most students use public transport in their first year and we provide information on how to get a travel pass on GCSE results day.



TASTER DAYS

It looks unlikely that we will be able to offer taster days in the summer term as had been our intention. If government advice changes and we are able to put taster days on we will do so.



INDUCTION DAY(S) - 8TH SEPTEMBER

Hall Cross Sixth Form's induction day is on Tuesday 8th September. Please arrive at the upper school site for 9am where staff will greet you and direct you to the hall. The induction day itself will involve an assembly, some time with your academic tutor and if the weather is good we'll have a BBQ in the sixth form quad.

The majority of students who have applied to Sixth Form have indicated that they want to study courses which are entirely located at Hall Cross Sixth Form. But excitingly, a significant number of you have applied indicating that you want to study UTC courses as well.

Students who have applied to the DC6th partnership and have chosen to do courses across the Hall Cross and UTC sites will need to attend the Hall Cross induction date, even if the bulk of your timetable will be at the UTC. You will become fully aware of your timetable balance on GCSE results day.

Lessons will take place on the 9th and 10th of September but Year 12 will have a day off on Friday 11th of September. This is because the UTC's induction day takes place on Friday 11th and any students who have lessons at the UTC will need to attend the UTC induction day as well.



CHANGING SUBJECT CHOICES

If you have decided you would like to change the courses you said you wanted to study at the interview, you can let us know on GCSE results day. You do not have to do anything now.



TRANSITION WORK

We hope you are benefiting from the transition work on our website ([link address](#)). It is important to engage with these materials as fully as possible. Do please use the email links on the web page if you would like to request more work or if you have any subject specific questions.



DRESS CODE

The dress code for Sixth Form and the UTC is smart casual. Think ‘modern office wear’. You should not wear tracksuits / sportswear to sixth form. So, avoid looking like you are on the way to the gym and you’ll be fine!

Importantly, (and this is usually an issue for girls) crop tops with exposed midriffs and tight fitting leggings are not appropriate. Fitted jeans / trousers / chinos and appropriate length skirts are fine.





A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The academic year 2019 - 2020 will go down in history as the year schools closed to most students. But at Hall Cross we are still really proud of, and will not forget our students' achievements during this academic year. Here are just a few of many signatures of their excellence:

- Nine Year 13 students won Oxford and Cambridge places this year across a range of subjects including mathematics, history and politics, English literature, physics and medicine.
- We had a record number of offers from Imperial College London.
- A significant number of students benefited from our partnership with the NHS; over thirty students enjoyed work placements with local NHS providers and during lock down junior doctors and current medicine students have been running digital workshops to mentor future applicants.
- Hall Cross featured on Look North as a hub school for the Linacre Institute, a project which supports students applying to the most competitive universities
- The musical Sister Act was a fantastic success, selling out across all dates and showcasing the breadth of talent within our performing arts department.
- Our football, rugby, hockey and netball teams thrived with the football team reaching the regional finals.
- The student leadership team oversaw further improvements to our support of students struggling with mental health problems
- Currently we are recruiting our next year's student leadership team whilst in lockdown with digital hustings after half term!

I am really excited about welcoming you to Hall Cross in September and I hope the achievements above give you a flavour of the kind of high achieving sixth form community we are.

If you have any questions about life in the sixth form please email Mr Stewart jst@hallcrossacademy.co.uk and he will direct your enquiry as required.

With very best regards,

Nick Watts

Head of Sixth Form