

## 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable summer. As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited to welcome our pupils back. I am writing to confirm plans for the start of term.

## **School Opening Dates:**

- Tuesday 26th August 2025 We welcome our new Year 7 students and Year 11 students
- Wednesday 27th August 2025 All other year groups return.

To help pupils settle back into routines smoothly, we kindly ask that all students arrive before 8:40am. A prompt start helps set the tone for a successful day and supports a positive start to the term.

**Attendance matters:** We are continuing to place strong emphasis on ensuring the highest possible attendance across the school. Regular attendance is vital not only for academic success, but also for supporting pupil' wellbeing, confidence, and sense of belonging. Your support in ensuring your child attends every day, on time, is greatly appreciated.

**Uniform and equipment checks:** We will be conducting uniform and equipment checks on the first day, and throughout the term. Please visit our school website for full details on equipment.

**New equipment addition:** This year, we are asking all pupils to bring a whiteboard pen as part of their daily equipment. This will be checked on the first day, along with other essentials.

The start of a new school year is a fresh opportunity for every pupil to make a positive first impression through punctuality, readiness, and respectful behaviour. We encourage all pupils to arrive with the right mindset and the right equipment, ready to embrace the year ahead.

We are pleased to share some exciting updates to the Pastoral Team at Heath Lane Academy for the upcoming academic year. As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting every pupil's wellbeing, attendance, and academic success, we have made several strategic enhancements to strengthen our provision.



Please find below the updated Pastoral Heads of Year and Pastoral Leaders structure for 2025–26:

Year Group	Head of Year	Pastoral Leader
Year 7	Miss Jarvis	Ms Dorman
Year 8	Mrs Ley	Ms Parkin
Year 9	Mr Green	Miss Ashworth
Year 10	Miss Chapman	Mrs Brown
Year 11	Mr Richards	Mrs Cummings
Reflection Manager	Miss Thorne	

We're really looking forward to seeing all our students back in school ready to learn, grow, and thrive. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Umar Wazir Vice Principal