



HEADMASTER'S END OF TERM LETTER

JULY 2011

Once again we have reached the end of an extremely busy year. Many Hymers children will be representing the school in the holidays as our Intermediate and Junior Girls Athletics teams compete at the National Finals on 9th July at Abingdon. I am sure we all wish them every success. In August our drama department is taking a production of Berkoff's 'The Trial' to the Edinburgh Fringe. I know they would love to see some familiar faces if you happen to be visiting Edinburgh between 8th and 13th August.

The end of the holidays will see many staff back in to help pupils through the results days at A Level, AS and GCSE, after which our focus will turn to the new academic year with various hockey and rugby training camps taking place before our official return on 7th September.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight one or two bits of business.

➤ **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Attached to this correspondence is a new medical information sheet. **It is imperative that parents complete this sheet and return it to school for September.** This provides me with the ideal opportunity to keep you informed as to the improvements we have made to our medical facilities. As you will know we appointed two excellent nurses, Mary Sutton and Kate Wilkin earlier this year. Over the Summer holidays we are turning the Drama Storage area into a Medical Centre.

➤ **HOMEWORK CLUB**

As from September we will be changing our charges for both the Senior and Junior School Homework Clubs. I am afraid that a number of parents have been abusing the current service and leaving their children well beyond the 6pm deadline. Clearly, this is grossly unfair on the staff who oversee the clubs so the new charges are designed to deter parents using the facility as a cheap form of childcare. The new charges for late pick-up are: £5 at 5:30pm; £10 at 5:45pm and £15 at 6pm.

➤ **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

I am taking this opportunity to remind parents of the one-way traffic system that operates in the school and that we politely request parents not to drop children off in the East Car Park. Related to traffic issues we are undertaking a major traffic survey and I would be very grateful if parents might complete a survey which can be found at the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hymerscollege_pupilsurvey

➤ **SPEECH DAY**

Speech Day will be held on Thursday 22nd September with our guest of honour being the former 400 metre runner, Derek Redmond. The evening is an important date in the school calendar and all pupils in Years 8 – 13 are expected to attend.

In response to the Parents' Questionnaire we will be making a number of changes to the ceremony in an attempt to shorten proceedings. The major change will be that Year 11 pupils who gain seven or more A Grades at GCSE will not receive their certificate from Mr. Redmond. Instead, their names will be read out and the certificate will be given to them at school.

➤ **HULL TRUCK THEATRE**

This summer Hull Truck Youth Theatre performs an unforgettable open air production of Lewis Carroll's classic 'Alice in Wonderland', set against the beautiful backdrop of Hymers College. It promises to be a great family day out and the audience is requested to bring a chair or rug and a picnic hamper. The production will take place on 27, 28 and 29 August 2011. Further details are available on the Hull Truck website.

➤ **KING'S CAMPS – DATES**

King's Camps return to Hymers for their third year. The activity weeks will take place on the following weeks:

25th July
1st August
8th August

If you are interested in making use of this facility please contact 0845 643 5271 for further details, or visit www.kingscamps.org.

➤ **POCKLINGTON BUS - DETAILS**

The school will be offering a new bus service in September. The service will leave Pocklington at 7:30am each morning and travel through Market Weighton, Sancton, North Newbald, South Cave and Elloughton before coming into school. The service will make the return journey at 5:30pm each evening, leaving from the East Car Park.

I have spoken to a number of parents already about this service but if anyone else is interested they should contact Steve Brown in the Bursary on sdbrown@hymers.org. A separate letter will be sent to those parents who have expressed interest in the service later this week.

➤ **CHANGES TO THE SOUTH BANK BUS**

From September the South Bank bus that leaves school at 5:30pm will leave from The East Car Park. Pupils should wait inside the Sports Centre before departure.

➤ **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

In response to parental demand we are going to begin our Parents' Evenings at 5:30pm instead of the traditional 6:30pm. This means the evenings will finish earlier, something many parents had requested in last year's parents' questionnaire.

➤ **SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

If you have not already seen the Summer Newsletter I am taking this opportunity to point you in the right direction. The excellent publication can be found at:

<http://www.hymerscollege.co.uk/literature.php?id=23>

Finally, all that is left for me to do is to wish you all a peaceful summer.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Brown', with a horizontal line underneath.