

Monday 15 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin our second full week of the new academic year, we want to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic start made by our children and young people across our all-through school.

From our youngest pupils in the Pre-School, to our eldest students in the Secondary Phase, we have been genuinely impressed by their attitude, behaviour and approach. They have returned to school with enthusiasm, showing politeness, respect and a real sense of community. They have been a pleasure to spend time with. They have been engaged in their learning, supportive of one another, and a credit to you and to our school. Children at our Primary Phase were also presented with their first ever MARK values certificates last Friday – a wonderful way to recognise and celebrate those who have already demonstrated Manners, Acceptance, Respect and Kindness in their first week back.

We are optimistic about the year ahead. Everyone has embraced getting back into routines and our raised expectations that we have shared with them. This has included speaking to them once more about our expectations of them socially and academically. We have also reintroduced our new shared social values – **Manners, Acceptance, Respect and Kindness (MARK)** - which many of you, alongside our staff and students, helped to shape during term six. These values are now being celebrated and displayed across both phases, with posters to be displayed in classrooms and shared spaces to remind us all of the standards we are striving to uphold. You can find out more about our MARK values on our website here: [Values & Ethos – Hailsham Academy](#)

To acknowledge when our children and young people are excelling in these areas, we have also updated our rewards programme, which is now called **Making Your MARK**. Upholding these values every day will support us with maintaining a calm, purposeful and inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

Over the summer, we have made a number of much needed improvements to our sites. These include new signage, upgrading some of our facilities, and changes to some of our canteen and working and learning spaces. These changes have been made to continue to support the learning and wellbeing of our children and young people. We will continue working through a programme of site updates throughout the coming year, and we will also be applying for further external funding via the Capital Improvement Fund to support these developments.

We also want to extend our thanks to everyone that attended and contributed to our Primary PTA-led **Summer Fête** at our Primary Phase on Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many families, PTA volunteers and staff coming together, and your support helps us to continue enhancing opportunities for all.

Finally, we encourage families of prospective Year 7 students to join us for our **Secondary Phase open events** on **Saturday 4 October** and **6 – 10 October**. Bookings for our Year 6 Open Morning Tours are now live via [our website](#).

We are grateful as ever for your continued support and partnership. If you have any feedback or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us directly. Working in partnership together, we can continue to ensure that your children have a happy, successful and fulfilling year.

Yours sincerely,



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