

To Parents/Carers of Year 7 to Year 11 Pupils

Our Ref: 87625053

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Re: December Updates

Dear Parent / Carer

As we draw closer towards the end of the term, I would just like to thank you for your support across this term and in particular with attendance. Since my previous letter we have seen an increase in attendance across the school and we are significantly above national figures for school attendance. However, there is still improvement to be made and therefore attendance and punctuality remain a school and national focus this year. As always, we will continue to support pupils and families with attendance and punctuality, monitoring and intervening where appropriate.

As you know, our school day starts with tutor time at 8.40am and I would ask that all pupils are through our entrance gates by 8.30am and in their tutor rooms for a prompt 8.40am start. Form tutor time is one of the most important times of the day and one where we can ensure we have a positive and meaningful start to the day. As part of our focus on being more sustainable, we do encourage students to walk or cycle to school and it has been great to see so many doing so this year. Where this is not possible, and you need to drop your child off in the morning, then as we have this year, please do so via the bus park, if coming from the Welton direction. If travelling from the direction of Swanland and North Ferriby, please use the front of school D area.

Should you need any support, advice or guidance with regards to your child's attendance and punctuality then please do reach out to our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Davis, at Sarah.Davis@southhunsley.org.uk

Rewards

We will continue to reward those pupils consistently following the Hunsley Way via our stamp system and these can be exchanged for a wealth of rewards in our reward shop. Each lesson, all pupils can receive three stamps from their teachers, this can be for a great answer, a good piece of work, arriving on time fully equipped, completing homework and many more reasons thus giving them immediate positive feedback. Stamps are awarded both in and out of lessons by staff and lead to recognition through our system of certificates and praise phone calls.

There are four levels of certificates alongside immediate postcards that are sent home during the year. These are:

Form Tutor Award	500 Stamps
Head of Year Award	1000 stamps
Senior Leadership Award	1500 stamps
Headteacher Award	2000 stamps

We have also recently sent out a positive praise letter to over 250 students who, at that point, had received no written warnings – well done again to those who received this. We are pleased to see the average number of written warnings is lower than this time last year at 0.87 (less than one) per pupil per week. We have extended our rewards further this year so the items available in the rewards shop are the suggestions from pupils themselves. In addition, we have extended rewards to include form group and individual weekly prizes. We share these successes throughout the school via TV screens and tutor message board.

Uniform

We would also like to thank you again for supporting pupils in adhering to the uniform policy. Although this has remained unchanged for a few years, I wanted to remind you as we come to a holiday period that nose piercings, false eyelashes and false nails are not permitted and pupils who arrive to school in non-uniform items can expect to be sanctioned. The uniform policy is available following the link below and outlines our expectations including length of trousers. We kindly request that when purchasing new uniform items in particular trousers that they touch the shoes as per the policy.

<https://southhunsley.org.uk/parent-information/uniform/>

Reminder of Student Support Team

A reminder of who to contact should you have any concerns regarding your child.

Year 7:	Mrs Lindsley	Miss A Clutterbrook
Year 8:	Mrs Ellis	Mrs K Holby
Year 9:	Mrs Davies	Mrs N Dale
Year 10:	Miss Brady	Mrs M Oglesby
Year 11:	Mrs Henderson	Mrs A Tambaros

Head of Student Support	Mr J McLocklan
Inclusion and Welfare Officer	Mrs J Frogget
ELSA Support:	Mrs H Dyer

We hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 9 January.

Yours faithfully



Michaela Blackledge
Headteacher