



15 October 2024

Expectations and updates for the new academic year 2024 – 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and that your child feels rested and ready for the new school year. I am writing to you as we prepare to return next week to ensure all parents, carers and students are reminded of our expectations and to let you know some important information, ready for the Autumn Term.

Firstly, all students return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024 and should be dressed in full school uniform. The Academy opens every day at 8am for those students who want to attend our free breakfast club.

All students are expected to be at their key stage line-up area for registration at **8:35am**. On the first day back, staff will be present to ensure your child is directed to their line-up area to ensure they are not late. Every day your child is expected to be in line-up for 8:35am. If this is not the case, your child will unfortunately receive a late mark, which will result in a consequence being issued. Students need to ensure they are on time, every day as key information is given out during the line up and registration happens here.

Uniform

As a reminder, the full school uniform is as follows:

- Hyndburn Academy Blazer with logo
- White Shirt, long or short-sleeved
- Hyndburn Academy Tie
- Navy pleated skirt with logo
- Black tailored trousers,
- Hyndburn Academy navy jumper with logo. This is an optional item and must be worn underneath the blazer, not in place of the blazer
- Plain white ankle socks.
- Knee socks can be white, grey or navy. Socks must be plain with no frills or bows
- Black socks under boy's trousers
- Black School Shoes – no trainers. Please see the HYA way for examples of acceptable shoes
- Rucksack

Please note that the only piercings allowed in school are one pair of studded earrings and one wristwatch. Bracelets, necklaces, false nails and other piercings are not allowed in school. This is ensuring we are adhering to health and safety regulations. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

This year we have introduced a new PE kit. Year 7 parents have already been informed of this, as it is compulsory for the new Year 7 cohort. All other year groups can continue to wear the previous PE kit, however, if they wish to wear the new PE kit, they can do so.

For any other uniform information or queries, please see the HYA Way booklet on our website. Year 7 and Year 11 students will be having their school photographs taken on Thursday 5th September,

Equipment

In relation to other equipment that your child needs for the new term, we have reduced the individual items your child requires in their pencil case. Teachers will now carry all the equipment required to ensure we follow our 'Teach Like a Champion' routines in the classroom, which will be provided to students to use during lessons as required. Students will pick up an equipment pack on the way into each lesson and return the equipment pack as they exit each lesson. The revised list below shows a basic list of equipment that your child is expected to have in their pencil case each day:

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- Clear pencil case
- Black pen x2
- Pencil x2
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Highlighter, any colour but not purple

Students can purchase this basic equipment, every day from our new Tuck Shop. Opening times will be made clear to students when they return to the Academy. Please be reminded that students do have weekly equipment checks to ensure that they are ready and prepared for learning. If students are missing items of equipment, this will be supported by their Form Tutor, initially with a chance to bring it in the next day or students can purchase equipment this will be followed up by communication with home if they still do not have the equipment on day two, and finally a consequence on day three if the issue has not been rectified.

Student Passes

It is standard procedure that all student passes will be reviewed at the beginning of the new academic year. For any student who requires reasonable adjustments, they will be provided with a Medical Pass to carry at all times. Should your child require a medical pass, evidence from a medical professional is required and must be provided to your child's Head of Year. If your child is issued an Academy Medical Pass, staff at the Academy will be aware of this and reasonable adjustments will be put in place for your child where appropriate.

Revised Reward and Consequence Scheme

We are excited to introduce our revised reward and consequence system in September 2024 for all students. At the Academy, we believe in recognising those students who 'get caught getting it right'. Unfortunately, where some students do not get it right, we have to issue consequences to ensure our Academy expectations remain high. Considering this, we are introducing a new standards and reward card system.

We will introduce this system to all students in the first two weeks of term and the new system will go live in week three. This is to ensure all students understand what is expected at the Academy and how the standards card and rewards cards work.

We will update our behaviour policy in due course and this will be published on our website for all parents and carers to read. All parents and carers will receive regular updates about your child's performance regarding our revised systems.

Finally, please can we ask you to log onto the Arbor app and review the information we hold for your child/children. Please check:

- Current Address
- Contact telephone numbers and email addresses, please note we **do not** require student contact information
- Family guardians and contacts. Please contact us if anyone needs to be removed
- Mode of transport
- Dietary requirements, please add any new requirements or add an end date if information is no longer valid
- Medical information, please add new conditions or an end date if a medical condition is no longer valid
- Consents, please consent or decline any outstanding permissions. Should you wish to change your consent, please contact us.

Please note that administration staff have to review and approve all changes therefore the changes you submit will not be reflected immediately on your app.

We look forward to welcoming students back for the start of another great year at The Hyndburn Academy.

Yours sincerely,



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