



Maltby Hilltop School

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Dear families, parents and carers

Happy New Year to you all.

I do hope Christmas and the New Year was a good holiday for all of you. It has been good to see our children and young people back in school and ready to learn again this year.

Departure of Chris Hodgkinson

Chris Hodgkinson has chosen to resign her role as Upper School Deputy at Hilltop and is seeking out new ventures. She has worked tirelessly for so many of our pupils for 20 years and has been a key part in shaping the rich offer for post 16 students. We all wish her well for her future and the exciting opportunities she will be undertaking.

Rob Mulvey will take on the role of Deputy Head across the school and will be supporting Post 16, careers, enterprise and transitions for our post 19 students this year along with the wider SLT.

Staffing

We had a number of individuals on supply in school in the autumn term who have not returned in January 2019. The school has been in the process of reviewing its budget following some unplanned changes to income and expenditure which left us spending more on staffing in the autumn term than we could afford. It is therefore our responsibility to live within our means and we have taken steps to ensure we finish the school year with a positive budget. Any change in staffing can often create concern for families but I am certain we have a safe and effective staffing ratio in school and we will continue to do all we can to receive fair funding from the local authority to meet our children's needs. The Trust is continuing to provide as much support as we need at this time.

Our Futures Night

We would encourage you to get involved and attend this very useful meeting on Thursday 7th February between 5pm and 8pm in the hall. It will be a drop in and informal chat session. There will be a number of providers and services present to give advice. It has been really useful in the past and I would encourage you to come along if you have an older student for some good advice and support post Hilltop.

Upper School Disco

Sadly, after many successful years the upper school disco has had to change. In the light of a recent safeguarding audit it has been highlighted that a disco which involves children and adults is inadvisable. For the students currently in upper school a disco/social event will still be offered on a termly basis. If parents of past pupils wish to run a social event for their adult sons and daughters who no longer attend Hilltop school then the buildings and facilities are available for hire.



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Dates for your diary up till half term

Name of event	Date and time	Booking details
'Chinwag' informal chat meet up for parents	10am Wed 16 th Jan	Do come and chat with other parents
Open day to look round	10am & 1:30 Wed 16 th	Let the office know
Proud Assembly	2:30 Fri 25 th Jan	Do come along
Our Futures Night	5-8 Thurs 7 th Feb	Informal drop in full of information for older learners and their parents
'Chinwag' informal chat meet up for parents	10am Tues 12 th Feb	Do come and chat with other parents
Open day	Thurs 28 th Feb 10am & 1:30 walk round school	Let office know
Proud Assembly	2:15 Friday 15 th Feb	Do come along

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