

3rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all the students.

It has been great to see all the students this week as they return from their holidays. I have enjoyed speaking with many of them who have shared what they have been doing over the summer break, and how pleased they are to be back.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome new students to the school, our new students in Year 7 and in Year 12. We are very much looking forward to working with them over this year and beyond.

Results

Congratulations to the students in Year 11 and 13 last year on their results. We are very pleased with the outcomes and the students should be really proud of their accomplishments. We have enjoyed seeing many of our Year 11 students return to study in the sixth form and we wish all the best to the students in Year 13 who are moving onto their exciting new beginnings at university, in apprenticeships and work. Our results will be shared with parents later in September once they have been finalised.

Curriculum

On the school website there are curriculum overviews for all year groups and subjects to help inform parents of what their child will study each half term and through the course of the year. These can be accessed via the learning tab on the website (Curriculum) or via this link <https://richardhale.herts.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/>

Communication

We welcome communication with parents and want to work with you to support your child's learning and experience in school.

If you need to communicate with the school this can be done by phone (01992 583441) or email.

Email is often the most effective method of communication and all staff emails are available on the school website to enable you to contact them directly. If you are unsure as to who to contact or for general enquiries, please email admin@richardhale.co.uk.

Emails will receive an email response within 2 working days. This may only be a holding email with a set date and time for further communication to take place. (This applies to term time only and working weeks). Please be aware that those sent at weekends may not be dealt with until the following working week, and emails sent in holidays will probably elicit no reply until term time. If you do not receive a response within 48 hours to your email, please email head@richardhale.co.uk stating you have not received a response and include your original email, this will then be followed up for you.

Full details concerning communication can be found in the communications policy on the website.

Student Absence

For years 7-11, if your son is unwell or has a dental or medical appointment, please email attendance@richardhale.co.uk so that his attendance can be marked accordingly.

For Sixth Form absences please email sixthformattendance@richardhale.co.uk

Allergy Information

An email was sent via Arbor yesterday requesting important information on any allergies. Please complete the information on the Arbor app as detailed in the letter.

Ian Hawkins

Headteacher