1st October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Evenings

It was great to see so many families visit the school on Monday and Tuesday. We have received lots of positive feedback about the school and the students who guided or worked in departments. Thank you to all those involved.

Rugby Update

Year 7 Rugby - last Friday, we had three fantastic victories against Brentwood. Over 45 students represented Richard Hale, making it a hugely positive experience for everyone involved. This Friday, 2nd October, we have two Year 7 teams playing against Aylesbury Grammar at Cheshunt RFC, with kick-off at 2:30pm. Parents are very welcome to come along and support the teams.

Saturday 3rd October – Rugby Fixtures vs QE Barnet – we have been creative with our approach to this weekend's fixtures and would like to thank both Cheshunt RFC and Datchworth RFC for their flexibility and for accommodating our block. Datchworth RFC had kindly agreed to host a match, but following a late cancellation, we are now able to host all fixtures at Cheshunt RFC. Please note that there will be no U14 fixture this weekend. We are, however, looking to reschedule this match for later in the season.

Fixtures

- U13 A & B – Cheshunt RFC, 11:00am kick-off
- U14 – No game (to be rescheduled later in the season)
- U15A – Cheshunt RFC, 12:00pm kick-off
- Senior XV – Cheshunt RFC, 1:00pm kick-off

Rugby Results

1st XV – National Cup (Top Tier) - the 1st XV began their National Cup campaign in the top tier against a strong St George's School, Weybridge side. Hale started strongly, building pressure through a number of phases, but St George's capitalised on their opportunities in transition to establish a 21–0 lead. The scoreline, however, was not a true reflection of the game. Hale responded brilliantly, bringing the score back to 21–19 at half-time. Recognising St George's strengths, Hale kept the game tight, with the driving maul proving particularly effective. The second half remained extremely tight, with the scores locked at 26–26 for large passages of play. The game eventually opened up in the final ten minutes, with St George's finishing strongly to take the victory 40–31. Despite the result, there was plenty to be proud of. The effort and commitment from the players were outstanding, with some wonderful collective and individual performances on show. Player of the Match: Stan Dumont

Junior Ski Trip 2028

Letters are now available from Reception for the February 2028 junior ski trip. This trip is open to current members of Years 7, 8 & 9 and the deadline is Friday 9th October. The link for applications is: https://forms.gle/kxGN59d9Y9PNYxaM8.

Harvest Collection

Richard Hale are again holding their Annual Harvest collection, supporting two amazing local charities The Hertford Ware and District Foodbank together with the Trussell Trust and The Hertford Pantry. We shall be collecting long life items such as tinned meat, fish and vegetables, tea and coffee, rice pasta and toiletries. Contributions should be brought to school on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October, these will be collected in form time to be distributed to the charities over the following days.

Secondhand Uniform Sale

Please come along to the school's secondhand uniform sale on Saturday 10th October and search through our large collection of blazers, jumpers and PE kits for your perfect uniform replacements at bargain prices. The sale will take place in the Drama Studio (near the tennis courts) from 9.30am TO 12.00pm. Cash only please. All proceeds will go to the school.

Pupil Premium

The rules linking Free School Meals to Pupil Premium have recently changed and your eligibility, therefore, may also have changed. Please check the Pupil Premium information on our website (link below) which also gives a link to the Government website:

https://richardhale.herts.sch.uk/school-life/free-school-meals-pupil-premium/

All Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children are entitled to Pupil Premium Plus funding. To access Pupil Premium Plus, the school will require evidence of adoption. If the school is not aware of a child being previously adopted, please contact the school.

GCSE Revision and Exam Support

Please find attached information about online revision sessions provided by HfL Education.

Hertford East Closure 17th – 25th October 2026

Please find below a link to the Abelio website setting out dates for the closure of the Hertford East branch line in October.

https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/about-us/news-desk/news-articles/nine-day-closure-hertford-east-branch-line-vital-works-following

Futurehope Family Course

Please see attached details for a Care for the Family course for parents run by Futurehope.

School Nursing Newsletter

Please find below a link to the School Nursing Newsletter we have been asked to share with you. The newsletter contains health and wellbeing information, practical advice, and details of local support services available to children, young people, and their families.

https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/7BK1-CMI/hct-school-nursing-a26s

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Headteacher

October 2026 Calendar

Monday 5th	Year 12 Initial Tests throughout week
Thursday 8th	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Meetings
Tuesday 13th	Year 11 Revisions Workshops in school day and Parent Revision Presentation 6.00pm
Monday 19th	Bold Voices Presentation Years 7/9/11/13 Year 9 Exams to Friday 23rd October

Weeks

Monday 5th October	Week 2
Monday 12th October	Week 1
Monday 19th October	Week 2
Monday 26th October	HALF TERM WEEK