

12th June 2022

Dear Parents\Carers

As the summer term progresses, I do hope you and your family are well and enjoying the warmer weather. Can I remind you that blazers are not compulsory during this half term (though no alternative non-uniform outer garment is permissible) and that students are strongly advised to bring a refillable bottle of water into school to ensure they keep hydrated.

It is with a growing sense of excitement that MADFest is approaching. I am sure it is going to be a fantastic evening and I am pleased to announce that as well as the usual music and performances, the art and design show, the food and drink and the other attractions, early visitors will also be able to see a staging of The Wiz, which some of our drama students have been working on. MADFest is on Friday 24th June, and tickets are already available through the PSA. Please visit <https://bit.ly/madfest22> for tickets, more information (or to make a donation!).

MADFest will be the first of a series of summer events, including our Year 11 and 13 Celebration Evenings, Primary School Transition Day, Sports Day, Rewards Trips and the school's first Cultural Day, which mark the summer term. More information about all these events will be circulated shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Ms Brown from maternity leave and to thank Mr Frost who so ably stood in as Head of Year 8 during her absence. I am delighted to confirm that Mr Frost will continue as Head of Year 8 as they move further up the school. From September 2022 Ms Brown will become Head of Year 7 for our new cohort. Mr Mayes, Ms Ward and Mr Key will continue as Heads of Year for their current year groups, leading them through Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11 respectively. Our current Head of Year 11 Ms Zwicky will continue to work with year 11 until the end of the exam period. From September, although she will not be a head of year, she will continue to HWS as an excellent teacher of Art.

On Art – I had the pleasure of attending the Art exhibition earlier this week on the 9th June. It was a fabulous event and a brilliant showcase for the brilliant work that our students supported by the excellent Art department. Congratulations to everyone involved.

On a separate issue I have been asked by our Travel Leaders, who are engaged in a project alongside TfL to improve active and safer travel to our school, to ask all parents and carers some questions that will help inform their ideas and decisions. I would be grateful if you could answer the questions on this survey before Thursday 16th at 8pm <https://bit.ly/hwstravel22>. I have been assured that the survey will not take long.

Highgate Wood School Student Council supports individual action to address the issues of Climate Change and promotes the United Nations top 10 recommendations.



5-minute showers



Drive less



Lights off



Local produce



Recycle



Meat-free meals



Zero-waste fashion



Unplug



Refill and reuse




Bring your own bag

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the school's commitment to developing and maintaining excellent and positive relationships with all our families. We see this as a two-way partnership founded on mutual respect. I would like to thank the many parents who consistently communicate with the school in a positive, respectful and supportive manner. This is what we believe works best and we are hugely grateful for this.

With thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cozier', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Patrick Cozier
Headteacher