

# Hele's School

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Friday, 4 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to Term 2. The nights may be drawing in and the weather has taken a definite change for the worse this week, but I am incredibly pleased with the manner in which students have returned to school after the half term break; it has been a really purposeful start to the new term.

Thank you for your ongoing support with the messaging around readiness for learning with the Super 6 checks, uniform expectations and mobile phones – it really does continue to make a difference and it enables young people to see and hear that we are all 'in this together' in terms of wanting to create the very best learning environment for our students at Hele's School.

The overwhelming majority of students are adhering to our expectations and respecting the routines in place, and there continues to be contact with home where this is falling short for any reason. Please do embrace any communication home as a positive and proactive step to work in partnership to remove any barriers to learning; we will not lower our expectations for any child, but we are committed to ensuring that every young person meets those expectations and has the opportunity to show the very best version of themselves. Your support with this is crucial, so please do keep talking to us should there be any difficulties.

**Good news:** It was wonderful to see Hele's graduate Joe O' Connor make his debut for Exeter City FC in the Football League Trophy recently. Whilst the midfielder ended up on the losing side against Forest Green Rovers, being 'blooded' into the professional men's game must undoubtedly be a career highlight so far for Joe, and all at Team Hele's share the pride of his achievement and will continue to watch with interest as he develops in the coming seasons.

## Looking ahead:

- W/b Monday, 7 November: Year 11 and Year 13 internal exams
- W/b Monday, 14 November: Year 7 – Year 10 and Year 12 reports issued  
Year 11 and Year 13 internal exams
- Thursday, 17 November: Year 7 – 11 Tutor Evening via MS Teams, 4pm – 7pm

Best of luck to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have been working hard in school and at home in readiness for their Mock GCSE and A Level exams over the coming fortnight. It is always an unnerving time for our students at this time of year, but they are well-prepped and have a great team around them in school to support them, as well as at home. I've no doubt each individual will try their very best and approach this exam series with a positive mindset and a sense of proportion.

Kindest regards,

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**Principal**

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