THE HEIGHTS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome back to everyone after what we hope has been a fantastic summer holiday! It has been wonderful to see our pupils returning to school and settling back into their routines. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new pupils who have joined us this term – we hope you have a fantastic time with us and quickly feel part of our school community. We would also like to welcome our new members of staff who have joined the team. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to everything the new school year will bring. Here's to a happy, positive and successful year ahead for everyone!





7 NAVIGATORS

In 7 Navigators, we have been settling into our new classroom and making the most of our new surroundings. We have particularly enjoyed spending time in our cosy corner and have loved showing off our talents, from creating amazing designs with Lego to using unusual talking points to spark interesting conversations during our Communication and Language lessons.

Mrs Gazey also introduced us to an intriguing bag of rubbish! It may sound unusual, but it gave us lots of clues about the person it belonged to. We were fantastic at using our inference skills to piece together the clues, make predictions and explain our thinking. What a great start to our learning!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd September - Pupils back in school

Friday 11th September - Sports day and Mini-Fayre (information to be sent out)

Tuesday 22nd September - Half day inset

Thursday 22nd October - Pupils last day of half term.

Friday 23rd October - Staff training day

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - October half term

Monday 2nd November - Pupils to return to school

ARTSMARK SILVER AWARD

Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

We are absolutely delighted to share some fantastic news, The Heights Academy has officially achieved the Artsmark Silver Award! 🎉🎨🎶

This is a huge achievement for our school and something we should be incredibly proud of. Artsmark recognises our commitment to providing pupils with meaningful opportunities to experience and engage with the arts, and achieving Silver demonstrates the progress we have made in embedding creativity across the curriculum and wider school life.

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Miss Elysha Hughes – Safeguarding, Attendance and Family Support Lead (Deputy DSL)

Miss Jode Thompson – Safeguarding, Attendance and Family Support Assistant

Miss Giantsopoulos – Positive Behaviour Lead (HLTA).

Together, they provide guidance, practical support and early intervention for pupils and families across the academy.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Here are some useful numbers for parents and children

Childline: 0800 1111

SOLAR: 0121 301 2750

SOLAR Crisis: 0121 262 3555 or **0800 915 9292**

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Mental Health support: Text "**SHOUT**" to **85258**