

September 2011

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good summer holiday.

The HSPA Officers for the new academic year are:

**Chair:** Karen Stephens

**Co Vice Chairs:** Caroline Woollard (HSPA Pastoral Events) and Cathy Hutson (Mentoring Network)

**Treasurer:** Richard Lloyd-Owen

**Communications Coordinator:** Judith Bennett

**Secretary:** Helen Rose

Our first HSPA open meeting for the new term is on **Wednesday, 14 September 2011** (not Wednesday, 7 September as advertised in the Blue Book) at 7.45 for 8pm in the Mills Centre and all parents are warmly invited to attend.

This year we are keen to build on and maintain the improved communication links between the parents within the year groups. I am pleased to say that many of last year's class representatives have offered to continue as class reps for the coming year. However, I would like to invite more parents, particularly new parents, to volunteer as class reps. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about what is involved in the role, please send me an email at the above address or come along to the open meeting on Wednesday, 14 September.

The first of this year's pastoral presentations, which were so warmly received by parents last year, will be on Wednesday, 21 September at 7pm in the Dyne House Auditorium. The subject is "Social Circles - Understanding and supporting children's social and emotional development ". The presentation will be by Dr. David Moore and is for parents with children in years 7 to 9.

I would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Caroline Woollard, for her tireless work for the HSPA during the last academic year. I am very pleased that Caroline has agreed to stay on for this academic year as one of our Co-Vice Chairs focusing on pastoral events. Our other Co-Vice Chair, Cathy Hutson, will be taking forward the Mentoring Network programme which was launched last year.

Thanks also to outgoing Vice-Chair, Simon Malster, particularly for his hard work in organising the summer barbecue for years 6, 7 and 8 last June.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the meeting on 14 September. If there are any matters which you would like to see raised at the meeting, please send me an email.

With best wishes

**Karen Stephens**  
**HSPA Chair**

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