

Hawick High School
Headteacher Update
Week commencing 03/09/18

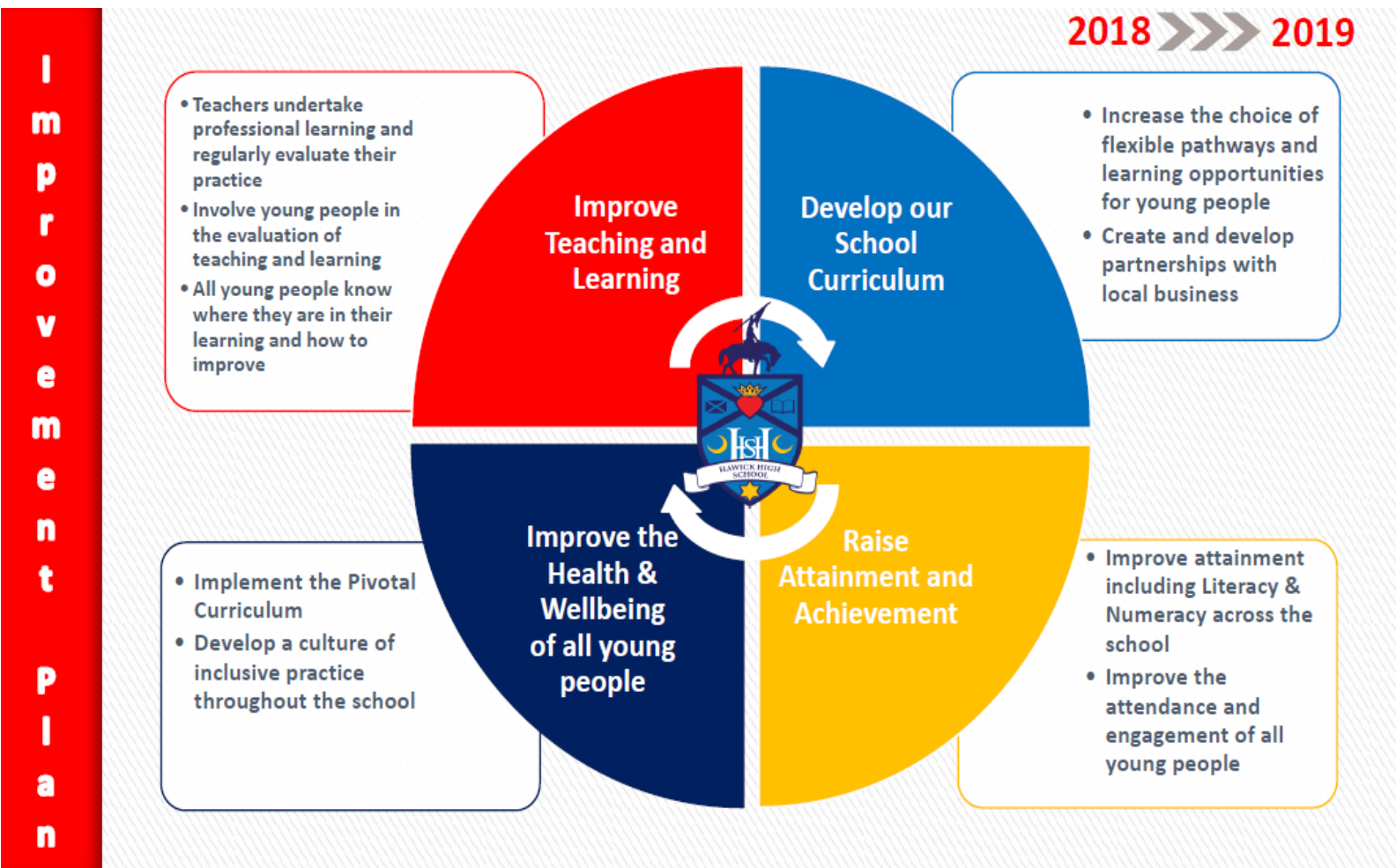


Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to my first parent update of the new session. It has been fantastic to see all of our young people returning to school after the long summer holiday. We wish them all an enjoyable and successful year. A special welcome to our new S1 students who join us at the start of their High School career and our wonderful S6 students for whom this is the last year of secondary education. We hope that 2018-19 is rewarding and memorable for each of them.

School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan for the year has also been agreed and is summarised below;



A full copy of the School Improvement Plan with a detailed action plan is available at the school office should anyone wish to read it in its entirety.

New Behaviour Plan

It has been a busy first couple of weeks for all of our staff as we have embarked on PIVOTAL training this session. Feedback from parents, students, staff and fellow professionals last year highlighted that our behaviour management systems were too complicated and resulted in inconsistencies across the school. In response to this we have revisited our school rules and simplified the classroom behaviour plan;



Moving forward it is expected that all young people conduct themselves in a manner which demonstrates these qualities. In discussions with students regarding behaviour concerns staff will refer to these expectations and highlight consequences to young people should they continue to make poor choices.

Assemblies for all year groups have taken place and the new behaviour plan has been shared with students.

School Uniform

The vast majority of students look very smart in their school uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

A reminder that our **school uniform** is as follows;

- Black trousers/skirt
 - No tracksuit bottoms
 - No leggings
- Black school jumper/cardigan (does not need to have school logo*)
- White shirt
- School tie
 - Black shoes (No coloured/white trainers)

Parent Council Meeting

The first Parent Council meeting of this session will take place on **Monday 17 September** in the **High School Staff Room** at **18:00 for 18:30**. This will be a Forum meeting, open to all Parents and we would encourage parents of S1 pupils to come along.

School Calendar

A copy of the school calendar summarising key dates for parents and students is available on the school website.

For ease of reference the school **dates for next academic session** are shown below;

Autumn Term

- Monday 20 Aug 2018 - Staff resume, in service day
- Tuesday 21 Aug 2018 - Pupils resume
- Friday 05 Oct 2018 - Last day for pupils and staff - mid term holiday
- Monday 15 Oct 2018 - All resume
- Thursday 08 Nov 2018 - Staff in service day
- Friday 09 Nov 2018 - Staff in service day
- Monday 03 Dec 2018 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
- Friday 21 Dec 2018 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Winter Term

- Monday 07 Jan 2019 - All resume
- Thursday 14 Feb 2019 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
- Friday 15 Feb 2019 - Staff in service day
- Wednesday 20 Feb 2019 - All resume
- Friday 29 Mar 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Summer Term

- Monday 15 Apr 2019 - All resume
- Friday 19 Apr 2019 - Good Friday, school closed
- Friday 03 May 2019 - Staff in service day
- Monday 06 May 2019 - May Day holiday, school closed
- Friday 07 Jun 2019 – Common Riding holiday
- Monday 10 Jun 2019- Common riding holiday
- Tuesday 02 Jul 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Many thanks for taking the time to read this Update. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vicky Porteous

Headteacher