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Harrow High School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER



School Term is well underway and I've really enjoyed walking around our corridors and classrooms welcoming back all of our learners who were here last year and saying hello to our new Year 7's.

We always aim to be open and approachable at all times. To this end, if you wish to inform us of something or to speak to a teacher/Head of Year/School Leader, please use the contact form on the website and someone will respond to you via email or phone as soon as we can. If the matter is urgent or concerns the safety of any child, please phone the school, speak to our receptionist and let us know that it is a safeguarding matter.

Other important sources of information are, of course, our website; www.harrowhigh.com and Twitter feed @HarrowHighSch.

Please keep your eyes on these for important messages and news about what we are up to.

We will also make contact with you via email, either for matters specific to your child, their year group or even the whole school so please ensure we have the correct details for this. You can update your contact details, including email address via the SIMS in touch app. This also contains other information about your child's schooling including details of achievement and attendance. If you don't currently use this, a guide for how to get involved is available here:

<https://www.harrowhigh.com/parent-app>

For further information or if you would like help downloading the App please contact Mr Yazdizad, IT Manager at a.yazdizad@harrowhigh.com



'Excellence for all'



MR HALLAM

YEAR 7 NEWS

We are very pleased with how our current Year 7s have adapted to life at Harrow High School and have made an excellent transition to secondary school. Across the school, there have been glowing reports from teachers in regards to behaviour, attitude and overall levels of kindness in the class. The Year 7 team of Mr Hallam, Mr Turner and Mr Buchanan have been very impressed and remind you to keep up the good work and keep setting high standards each day.

A few dates for the diary, our full co-curricular clubs will be starting in the coming weeks, but for now, we have Year 7 Boys and Girls Football training on Wednesday mornings (7.45-8.30am) with games starting in the next couple of weeks. We also have KS3 Badminton in the sports hall on Tuesday nights from 3.20-4.15 and KS3 Basketball, also in the sports hall from 3.20-4.15.

If you have any questions on the transition then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hallam on ahallam6.310@harrowhigh.com

MR PREDA

YEAR 8 NEWS

The Year 8 Team and Year 8 Tutors are very pleased with the progress the year group has made since the start of term. Teachers have been telling us about great uniform standards, fantastic work in lessons and great attitude for learning.

Thank you as well to all the form monitors for embracing further responsibilities in the classroom.



Last, but not least, we are particularly proud of all the students who committed some of their time to being guides on Open Evening. The feedback we had from parents about their patience, knowledge and social skills was amazing.



MR ESTON YEAR 9 NEWS

Learners in Year 9 have had a brilliant start to lessons as they prepare to choose their GCSE options later in the year. Some of our fantastic learners led the way as guides during our Open Evening on Tuesday 21st September, thank you all for your help!

Well done to Anita Bilal who was awarded the Learner of the term award at the end of the last academic year for her academic achievements and contributions to the wider school community.

We also experienced a historic moment for Harrow High as our girls' Year 9 '5 a side' football teams showcased determination and spirit in their first tournament games with Avanti School.



MR GONCALVES YEAR 10 NEWS

It's been great to have Year 10s back in School and seeing them focused on starting their GCSEs in the best possible way. While walking around the corridor and popping into lessons it has been easily noticeable how learners are engaged and committed to their own success. We can't wait to support your child in this exciting journey!

Thank you to those of you who helped out during our recent Open Evening.



They all did a fantastic job and received well deserved praise from prospective parents.

Please be reminded that all learners now have their lanyards. This is part of their full uniform and they need to be worn while in School. Please ensure your child also has a face mask as they are required when in busy areas, especially when lining up.



YEAR 11 NEWS

MR PATEL

Next week Year 11 will start their college application process, with an assembly from Mr Patel who will outline their options. This will be followed by Sixth Form Open Evening, an in person, event on Thursday 7th October, which all Year 11 learners and their parents will be invited to, to learn more about the process, including finding out more about our outstanding sixth form. Invites, with further information about this event, will be sent to Year 11 parents shortly.

MR CORNER

Last week saw the first of many interventions at KS4 in an attempt to try and close the gap to time lost due to school closures. We were delighted that we were able to give selected learners a week of extra English and Maths, provided by an external provider. Both English and Maths selected 24 learners to take part in the 'High 5 programmes'. These programmes are designed to secure learners a grade 5. We received some great feedback from both the providers and learners. Some learners are even asking if we can now do the same programme for Science and other subjects. It was a great start to interventions and we hope to announce more in the near future.



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SIXTH FORM NEWS



In September we welcomed the new Year 12's to the Sixth Form and what a wonderful start they have made. Within the last two weeks they have demonstrated excellent learning and aspirations and excellent behaviour, safety and care for others. They are also enjoying the benefits of a recently refurbished Sixth Form and actively contributing to the upkeep of the block.

The Year 13's have also made a strong start and are balancing their academic studies with their University applications. We have more students than ever before applying to Cambridge University this year. We wish each student every success with their applications. More to come over the next few weeks!



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NOTABLE DATES:

2021/2022 UCAS application cycle continues with deadlines approaching:

Friday 1st October 2021 -

All applications to Oxford, Cambridge and Medicine

Friday 23rd October 2021 -

All other Russel Group applications

Friday 16th November 2021 -

All other applications

SUPER-CURRICULAR EVENTS:

Meet The Russel Group -

<https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

Virtual tours and Open days -

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/findkeywords=virtual+events&layout=list>

Virtual work experience opportunities for students interested in Medicine or Dentistry:

Dentistry:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/dental-live-virtual-work-experience/>

Medicine:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

SCHOOL NEWS

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

The week beginning on the 20th of September we will celebrate the European Day of Languages (26th of the month). This is a great opportunity to acknowledge the cultural and linguistic diversity at HHS.

The day will be marked by a delicious meal cooked by our talented canteen staff and to help create a more festive atmosphere, music from every European country will be played in the corridors.

Learning is fundamental to everything we do, and to that effect Year 7 and Year 8 learners will have special MFL lessons which cover the common roots of all European Languages. This will give them the opportunity to reflect and consider the unity of our continent and of all the diversity of language and culture it has to offer. Last, but not least, assemblies that focus on the benefits of learning languages will be presented to all students in school. Happy European Day of Languages to you all!

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CAREERS FAIR

We will be holding our annual Careers and Higher/Further Education Fair Wednesday 20th October from 4 pm - 7pm. This event is a key part of our strategy of supporting our learners in their university and career aspirations and aims to provide as much information as possible about the future pathways available to them.

We would like to invite Parents and Carers along with your child/children to attend the information fair on Wednesday 20th October from 4 pm - 7 pm and take this opportunity for you to discuss career and university aspirations with your child & exhibitors. Look out for further information where you will be to sign up for the fair.

COVID VACCINATION PROGRAMME

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to your child. and the vaccination dates will be 06/10/21, 07/10/21, 08/10/21.

Consent forms will be sent home with your child shortly with further information.