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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER



As the end of term approaches we reflect back on what has been an extremely busy term.

The beginning of December marked the return of PPE's in the exam halls for Year 11 and Year 12/13 learners for the first time in over 18 months, and it was really pleasing to see how smoothly the exam series passed. Learners attendance, punctuality, and conduct was fantastic, but most impressive was their commitment to their learning and to performing at their best. We also had some exciting news that 3 of our Year 13 learners have secured interviews at Cambridge University and wish them lots of luck for this. We hope to share more exciting news on this front in the January newsletter.

Separately, the whole of Year 12 took part in the National Citizenship Programme, culminating in a climb over the O2 in Greenwich. There are some amazing pictures of this on both the website and twitter feed.

Our extremely successful Aspiration activities took place on the 7th December with Years 7, 8 9 & 10 visiting a number of venues across London including; Winter Wonderland, Ice-Skating at The Natural History Museum and a visit to Hackney Empire to see "Jack in the Beanstalk".

We would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the trips and on-site activities. The importance of such activities for our learners cannot be understated. We have had so many positive reports from staff and learners together with many 'thank you's'. A couple of examples are below;

"thank you for organising our trip, I enjoyed it very much. I just wanted to let you know that I had a lot of fun, so thank you!" (Year 9 learner)

"Miss, I'm having the BEST time" (Year 10 learner at ice skating)

The Drama and Music Departments have also been extremely busy and they put on a cultural evening on 9th December when we had the privilege of seeing a performance of Romeo and Juliet - it was fantastic; a great production with some standout individual performances. A big thanks to Mr Lodge and to Mr Kalisch-Smith for their work with the choir and school band. It is so good to see the performing arts growing again at HHS and we look forward to many more outstanding performances. Supporting their GCSE studies, Year 11 Drama students visited Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre to see "The curious incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" which sounded fantastic

and Year 10 Drama Students went to the Theatre to see 'The Woman in Black'; with a special reward trip for those learners who demonstrated excellence in music this term to the Lyceum Theatre to watch 'The Lion King'.

Finally, The government has mandated that all learners must be tested in-school at the start of the new term in January. Please check the "Dates for the Diary" section of the newsletter for dates and timings and their subsequent staggered return to school.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at Harrow High School, we wish you a restful break and would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Paul Gamble
Headteacher

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING FOR LEARNERS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL IN JANUARY:

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Year 11 will arrive for testing in B19

When they have finished they will go straight home. Remote learning will be via Google Classroom for the whole day.

Please report to the library at the times below, not earlier

Time	Form
11.30 am	11 Cambridge
12.00 pm	11 Imperial
12.30 pm	11 Kings
1.30 pm	11 LSE
2.00 pm	11 Oxford
2.30 pm	11 UCL

Sixth Form arrive for testing in the Sports Hall

When they have finished they will go straight home. Remote learning will be via Google Classroom for the whole day.

Time	Year Group
1.00 pm	Year 12
2.00 pm	Year 13

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Years 11, 12 & 13 will come into school from 8.30 am as normal and will undertake a full school day.

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 will complete work remotely from home. This work will be available via Google Classroom.

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Year 7 will arrive for testing in B19

When they have finished, they will go straight home. Remote learning will be via Google Classroom for the whole day.

Please report to the library at the times below, not earlier

Time	Form
9.00 am	7 Cambridge
9.30 am	7 Imperial
10.00 am	7 Kings
10.30 am	7 LSE
11.00 am	7 Oxford
11.30 am	7 UCL
12.00 pm	7 Bristol

Year 10 will arrive for testing in B19

When they have finished, they will go straight home. Remote learning will be via Google Classroom for the whole day.

Please report to the library at the times below, not earlier

Time	Form
1.00 pm	10 Cambridge
1.30 pm	10 Imperial
2.00 pm	10 Kings
2.30 pm	10 LSE
3.00 pm	10 Oxford
3.30 pm	10 UCL

Year 8 will arrive for testing in the Sports Hall

When they have finished, they will go straight home. Remote learning will be via Google Classroom for the whole day.

Please report to the Sports Hall at the times below, not earlier

Time	Form
9.00 am	8 Cambridge
9.30 am	8 Imperial
10.00 am	8 Kings
10.30 am	8 LSE
11.00 am	8 Oxford
11.30 am	8 UCL

Year 9 will arrive for testing in the Sports Hall

When they have finished, they will go straight home. Remote learning will be via Google Classroom for the whole day.

Please report to the Sports Hall at the times below, not earlier

Time	Form
12.00 pm	9 Cambridge
1.00 pm	9 Imperial
1.30 pm	9 Kings
2.00 pm	9 LSE
2.30 pm	9 Oxford
3.00 pm	9 UCL

Thursday 6th January 2022

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 come into school from 8.30 am as normal and will undertake a full school day.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 11th January 2022

Year 8 Barclays Life Skills

Thursday 13th January 2022

Sixth Form Parents Evening

Friday 21st January 2022

Performance of "DNA" by Quirky Bird Theatre Company

Wednesday 26th January 2022

Year 11 Parents Evening

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STAFF AND GOVERNORS AT HARROW HIGH SCHOOL, WE WISH YOU A RESTFUL BREAK AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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SCHOOL NEWS

LEARNERS OF THE TERM

Year 7- Anastasia Adamoae

Anastasia has made an incredibly impressive start to her life at Harrow High School, embodying the high standards that learners set for themselves. She is a pleasant, kind and hard working learner who is liked by all she works with. She has organised group study activities with learners to help HW completion and has shown many instances of going above and beyond to help others achieve.

Keep up the good work, Anastasia

Year 8- Aarav Bhatt

Congratulations Aarav! You have shown great dedication this term, so much so that you have even been awarded the most achievement points in the whole year group! Your great attitude to learning and hard work is paying off, keep it up.

Year 9 - Jilan Shah

Jilan has outstanding attendance and outstanding Net achievement points. He is a pillar of the Harrow High school community and the year 9 team. He demonstrates his qualities in all his lessons and his many co-curricular commitments. Jilan is kind to his peers, hard working academically, outgoing and sporty.

All these qualities make him our Year 9 'Learner of the Term'.

Year 10- Teodora Cozma

Teodora has really stood out this term. Her excellent attitude in lessons and around school has been easily noticeable by her teachers and other staff members. Teodora has not only made excellent progress in all her subjects but also made important contributions to the school as a valuable member of the School's Prefect Team and the Cadet Forces. Amongst all her contributions, Teodora was an amazing guide at the School's Open Evening and helped with our poppy selling, during Remembrance month. Teodora represents what Harrow High envisions for its learners. We are extremely proud to commemorate Teodora's overall success, including her perfect attendance in what has been a challenging term. Well done Teodora !

Year 11- Maya Mahmood

Maya Mahmood is a very hardworking and conscientious learner; Her behaviour and attitude to learning is impeccable. As a year 11 learner, we are proud to say that Maya has not received any behaviour points at all for her entirety at Harrow High School. Maya is a pleasure to teach and is an outstanding member of the Year 11 cohort and an exemplary learner to those in the lower years. It is our greatest pleasure to announce Maya as Learner of the Term, as this award is more than well deserved. Well done Maya, keep up the excellent work.

Sixth Form - Aisha Iqbal

Aisha has made exceptional progress in Biology, Chemistry and Maths. She's been an excellent role model to her peers, often supporting them in their learning, so much so that her peers and teachers nominated her for the Jack Petchey award this term. She is an asset to our Sixth Form and we're very proud of what she has achieved so far!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN IT DEVICES

We want to ensure all our learners upon isolation have access to appropriate technology which allows them to access live lessons or work set on google classroom. If you are struggling with this, please fill out the attached form and we'll do our best to meet your needs: <https://forms.gle/vuPg9LaQXCTRaGf87>

MUFTI DAY

On Friday 17th December the school raised an amazing £700 for The Willow Foundtion! We would like to thank you all for your generous donations.



DIVERSITY & EQUALITY

– MR PREDA

It has been a great start of the year in terms of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at HHS. With the help of Ms Best (who led this aspect of the school development last year) we have worked on a series of strategies and plans to better represent our school's distinct communities, we have found ways to develop a diverse curriculum and we celebrated various holidays which are important to students, parents and staff alike.

In September we started off with the European Day of Languages. This gave us the opportunity to reflect on the diverse heritage of our school community and how language can be a bridge between people from all over the world. We had assemblies, European music playing on the corridors and a special lunch menu devised by our talented catering team.

October was Black History Month, and the theme for this Year was "Proud to Be". It was wonderful to see Mr Benjamin deliver an assembly on some of the luminaries of the Black community, and their incredible impact on our daily life. Additionally, Ms Carver set up inspirational displays throughout the school. As excellent teaching and learning is the focus of our activities, the subject teachers delivered content linked with this event. Some of the highlights were:

- In English - lessons on the experiences of Ira Aldrige who was the first black Shakespearean actor
- In Science/Computing - some lesson activities that celebrated the scientific progress made by members of the Black Community (Space Exploration, Engineering, ICT Technology, etc)
- In MFL - biographies of members of the Black community were read during class activities
- Inclusion - lessons on the life of Rosa Parks,
- PD - media portrayal of Black footballers
- Food and Nutrition - The contributions of Black chefs and restaurateurs



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PROUD TO BE

November gave us the opportunity to celebrate Diwali and our thanks go out to Mrs Vaghela who delivered a very informative and fun assembly on the significance of this holiday. We had a chance to eat vegetarian Asian food in the canteen and the corridor music was enjoyed by all.



As the Christmas Holiday is almost upon us we thought this would be a great chance to reflect on the message of this Christian holiday. With this in mind, we hope that everyone enjoyed the experience of a communal festive lunch on Wednesday. Additionally, we would like to thank you all for your contributions to the charitable causes that have been advertised around the school. We hope our donations will make a positive impact!

