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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



## CURRICULUM

– Mr Buchanan

My main responsibility in the school is to ensure that our curriculum meets the needs of our learners whilst also complying with any statutory requirements. We endeavour to embed knowledge and develop skills as they progress through their school life.

You will find a great deal of information in the curriculum area of our website: there are learning journeys showing what is taught in each subject each term and year; a rationale for why we teach it in a particular order and the knowledge organisers that support learning in each unit of work. Please do take time to have a look at this so you will be able to see in advance what your child will be learning and feel free to contact me should you have any questions or seek advice.

## Curriculum News

Year 9 – please note that we will soon be launching our GCSE options process. Our Year 9 learners will be having an assembly on 2nd February then after half term I will write to Year 9 parents informing them about our virtual options event. Here there will be lots of subject specific information together with careers advice to help inform our learners about choosing the three most appropriate optional courses to study in Years 10/11.

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## MR HALLAM & MR TURNER YEAR 7 NEWS

Welcome back, Year 7, to your second term at Harrow High School. After setting an incredibly high standard for yourselves, it's important that we continue to uphold this, and continue to thrive.

Looking back at last term, it is important to remark at how exceptional learners were at the pantomime trip. A great time was had

by all, and behaviour was exemplary, considering the travel and the weather. We really look forward to taking you on more trips.

This half term, continue to work hard and develop your knowledge. There will be more and more opportunities outside of the classroom, in particular getting involved in our co-curricular clubs, which we hope to restart next week.

## MR PREDA & MS WORLEY YEAR 8 NEWS



The beginning of 2022 has been a great opportunity to reflect on how far we have come as a year group during the first term of our year 8 journey. Despite the many challenges, the whole group has worked very hard and their efforts have been rewarded with a trip to Winter Wonderland.

We are also very proud with the number of bronze, silver and gold badges that the members of our group have earned last term. It has been a tremendous effort from all.

A special mention goes to Vithunan (8 Kings) who has been placed on the podium of a London wide pentathlon competition. We hope he will represent the school further on, in national and international competitions.







## MR ESTON & MS TUCKER YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 were lucky enough to go on a well planned trip to visit the ice skating centre at the Natural History museum last term. Despite the weather the staff at the venue opened the rink and Year 9 donned the skates to hit the ice, quite literally in some cases.

A number of students showed a natural ability and flare in skating. Ewo and Anita were just two of many learners

that stood out with ability on the ice. The rest of us, myself included enjoyed the challenge of trying to stay upright. A good time was had by all!



## MR GONCALVES & MS MEHTA YEAR 10 NEWS



Welcome back and Happy New Year, Year 10!

We have been pleased to see you all back and ready to learn. Your efforts in lessons have been noticeable with many teachers praising your focus and commitment in the lesson. A particularly well done to Ms Bansal's Spanish class who have received outstanding comments from Ms Bansal, complimenting the learners on their kindness and excellent learning and progress in class. Keep this up!

A few notices:

### National Tutoring Programme:

The tutoring programme continues to go ahead this term. Your form tutors will let you know what groups are allocated to the daily slots, so ensure you are on time to get that key information.

### LFT tests:

As a school we are still expecting learners to test themselves on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

Please make sure that you are following the guidelines and doing so. A Google form is available on your google classroom to fill in and submit after you complete your test. Your commitment with testing means we are able to look after each other and create a safe learning environment!

### Aspiration Trip:

We know it was a while back, but we want to say a massive well done to all the Year 10 learners who attended the Ice Skating Trip before Christmas. Your conduct was of a high standard and praised by all staff that accompanied you. It was a lovely, festive day with both learners and teachers in high spirits. It was particularly nice to see the Year group bond and help each other out. We also saw some very talented ice skaters!



## **MS BARRETT & MS CAMPBELL YEAR 11 NEWS**

I hope you all had a restful break over the Christmas holidays. I am pleased that Year 11 have returned to school ready to learn and make the most of this term.

Important Dates coming up are:

**CV Deadline** - Thursday 20th January

**Careers Day** Friday - 28th January

This day will be a chance for you all to take part in a variety of careers based activities.

The activities are as follows:

- Mock interview panel
- A talk from Brunel university
- Financial workshop from Metro bank
- Apprenticeship workshop - ASK
- Session with NCS

Please remember to come to school dressed in smart attire.

**Harrow Collegiate College Applications** will start on Monday 31st January - These will be done 1:1 with Mrs Motiwala.



# MR PATEL

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

We've had a positive start to the term in Sixth Form, with many Year 13 learners receiving offers from universities such as Bath, Warwick and UCL. We're very proud of them for achieving such great offers and look forward to more coming through.

The partnership between home and school is very important to us and we want to thank all of the parents who attended Parents Evening last week. We hope you found the event enjoyable and informative.

Well done to all learners who sat their BTEC Business and Science exams this week. We are proud of the hard work and dedication that you displayed throughout the week.

Finally, a very warm welcome to Miss Tasnim who will be joining us as our Personal Development & Progress Leader over the next year. She will lead on vital aspects of developing students' Personal Development across the sixth form, and will support students to raise their academic performance.

**"Well done to all learners who sat their BTEC Business and Science exams this week"**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## EEDI SPRING LEAGUE

Eedi has offered all Year 5 to Year 11 families at our school free access to the Eedi platform, a free maths learning platform designed to motivate children to build maths confidence and improve maths grades.

With the Eedi tutoring platform, students will get unlimited access to practice questions, review videos made by teachers, and the chance of winning prizes & rewards for their commitment and consistency. You'll also get weekly reports from Eedi on how they're doing.

As part of all free subscriptions, Eedi are also holding live weekly classes on key GCSE maths topics that students find challenging to help them prepare for their exams.

The first of these live classes start in two weeks. Here are the details:

Monday 17th January - Year 9 - Expanding double brackets

Tuesday 18th January - Year 10 Foundation - Speed, distance, time

Wednesday 19th January - Year 10 Higher - Rounding to significant figures

Thursday 20th January - Year 11 Foundation - Writing expressions

Your child can access each class from within their Eedi Family account.

To sign up, create your parent account here  
(<https://family.eedi.com/signup/parent>).

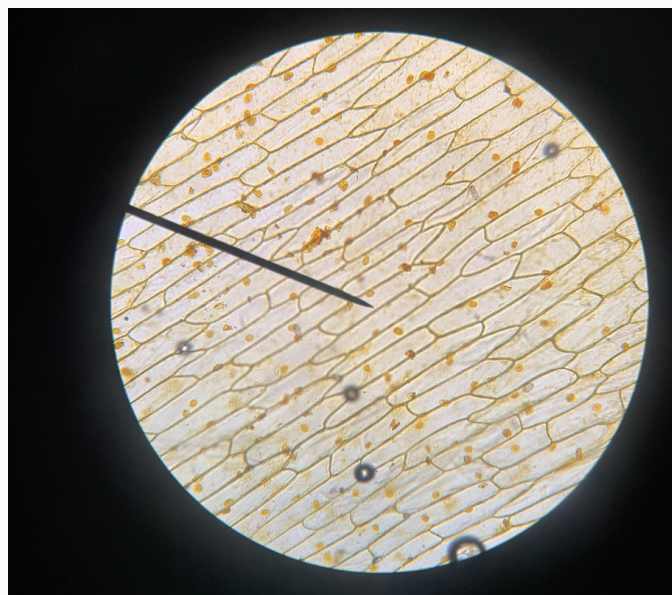
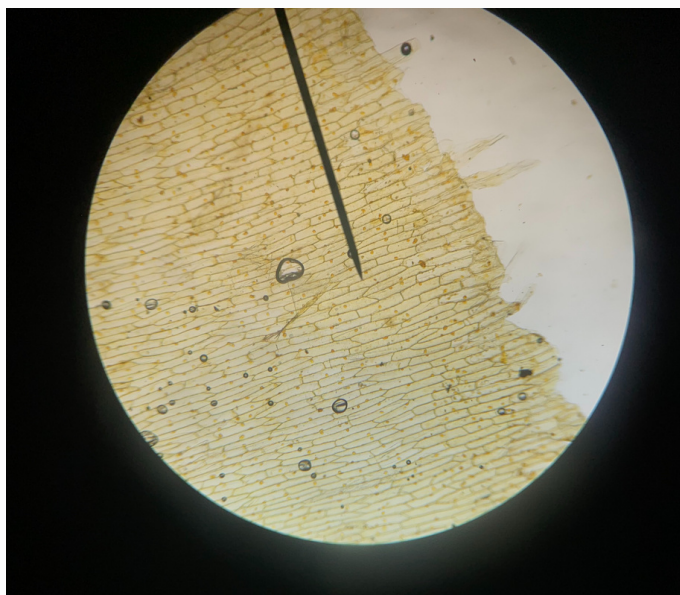
Signing up is easy and takes less than 5 minutes!

If you have questions on the invitation, please contact Eedi directly on [family@eedi.com](mailto:family@eedi.com).



# YEAR 9 SCIENCE GCSE

Our year 9's are well underway with the start of their Science GCSE's; kicking off with Biology. Here is a wonderful photo snapped by Kyra Sullivan during the core practical of onion cells, using microscopes! Well done Year 9's



## PARTNERSHIP GROUP GRADUATES

Congratulations to Partnership Group Graduates

Whilst all learners in the Partnership Group (Y7/8 Bristol) continue to work very hard on developing their receptive and productive English skills, and learning key aspects of Science, Drama, PE, Spanish, IT, Maths and Life in the UK, we have had four learners who did extremely well in their Autumn 2 tests across all subjects. They are: Mozghan Y8, Genesa Y8, Roberta Y8 and Zohal Y8. In addition to their excellent learning and progress, they demonstrated outstanding attitude to work, teachers and their peers. We are very happy for their success and wish them good luck!





# DIVERSITY & EQUALITY

## – MR PREDA

### TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH

Next week, at Harrow High School, we are celebrating Tamil Heritage Month. The week beginning the 17th of January some activities have been organised to promote some of the cultural highlights of this community.

Our thanks go out to Mohammed Haja in Year 10, who wrote a beautiful and illuminating article for a school newsletter, to Illan in Year 13 who will contribute to the assemblies of that week and to Mrs Mohanalingam, who has put together a playlist of Tamil songs that will play on the corridors of our school. We hope everyone enjoys the celebrations!

#### Tamil Heritage Month

By Mohamed Haja Year 10

#### What is Tamil Heritage Month?:

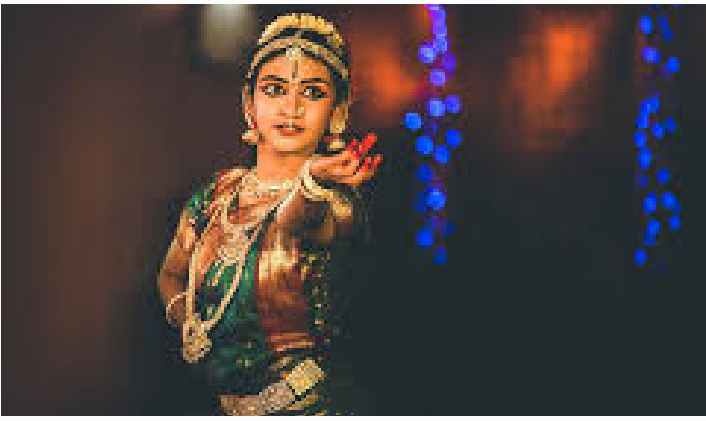
Tamil heritage month began in 2016 where the month January was dedicated to celebrating the contributions of Tamil people in Britain. It is a chance to remember what makes us Tamil and to be proud of our culture, language and the achievements of our people. In the same month the festival of Pongal also appears which is a celebration for Tamil Hindus.

#### Tamil Culture:

Tamil culture is a very distinct culture and it varies depending on the location. Major Tamil communities include the Caribbean-Tamil community, Malaysian-Tamil communities, the South Indian community and the Tamil Eelam. Wherever we are from, the Tamil identity still exists and this month allows us to cherish our language, our ancestral heritage and the diversity of our people. Our music, poetry, literature, architecture are all breathtaking and ancient marvels as well as our language being the oldest surviving language in the world. There is a lot to celebrate and a lot to cherish.

#### Dance:

The famous dance Bharathanatyam actually originated from Tamil culture as one of the more expressive, classical dances. More dance types include the freeform kuthu and the rural folk dances such as Karagattam.



These images depict the different Tamil dances. The last picture shows a very difficult folk dance where the dancer has to balance a pot full of water on their head.

### Tamil constructions:

The Tamil people and their language have been in history for a long time, from empire to empire. Many constructions still stand strong today such as the Thanjavur temple in South India.



### Tamil literature:

Tamil literature is very intricately written using the form of old Tamil known as Senthamil. The most popular is a collection of works called the Sangam literature which is a indigenous literature found through archeological discovery and what was found was that the alphabet then and now are still very similar meaning that they have been preserved very well by the Tamil people.

Despite having much to celebrate this month also has a lot to mourn especially the struggle of Tamils abroad and their persecution in Sri Lanka. Tamils are one of the main victims of both the colourism and caste system in India. Overall, this month is very special for Tamils, most of whom don't even know this month exists. Though it has only been established in 2016, this is a great opportunity for Tamils to value their upbringing and culture. I wish the Tamil Hindus a happy Thai Pongal and the entire Tamil community a Happy Tamil Heritage Month.

# ASPIRATIONS

– MS BOWEN

## CAREERS – LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (LMI)

LMI is information about the world of work. It includes information such as descriptions of jobs, the skills and qualifications needed for particular jobs and average salaries. LMI also looks at trends in the labour market in terms of which sectors and industries are in demand, which are in decline and which are expected to grow in future.

To keep you updated with the latest LMI for Harrow we will be posting The Education Development Trust Labour Market Bulletin on our website monthly.

Former MP Anne Milton said 'It is vital, in an environment where new industries are emerging and many of the most important jobs of the future don't yet exist, that individuals have access to high-quality labour market information and earnings data to underpin their choices'.

## ASPIRATIONS TRIPS

At the end of the last term, our learners enjoyed their Autumn aspirations trips. Our year 7's watched the Dick Whittington pantomime at Hackney Empire, whilst years 8, 9 & 10 went ice skating at different venues including Winter Wonderland at Hyde Park and The Natural History Museum. A great time was had by learners and staff!



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE REQUIRED TO SELF-ISOLATE

If you are on a low income and will lose earnings because you have to take time off work to care for your child who is self-isolating due to having come into contact with someone who tested positive with Covid-19, you may be entitled to a £500 payment.

Test and Trace Support Payments are available to people who meet the following criteria:

- You are a parent, carer or guardian of a child who lives in your household and has been notified that they are required to self-isolate, either
  - because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive with Covid-19, or
  - they tested positive using a lateral flow test and are self-isolating while they wait for the results from a PCR test
- The child or young person must be age 15 or under, or age 16-25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan
- Awards are limited to one per household for each period of self-isolation
- You must be employed or self-employed, need to take time off work to care for the child or young person, and will lose earnings because you are unable to work from home. There must be no one else in the household who is not in work who could care for your child
- You must also be
  - in receipt of, or live with a partner who is in receipt of, a means tested benefit (Universal Credit, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Income Support, Employment Support (Income Related), Working Tax Credit or Housing Benefit), or
  - on a low income and will face financial hardship due to the loss of income

You may also be entitled to a payment if you have been asked to self-isolate and meet the above income criteria. For example, if your child tests positive for Covid-19 and you and your partner must self-isolate, you could both receive a £500 payment if you meet the criteria.

To apply for a payment, you must apply within 42 days of the first day of self-isolation. More information on Test and Trace Support Payments including how to apply is available online [www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment](https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment)




# SPARKS MOVIE MAKING SCHOOL

Sparks Movie Making School will be launching at Harrow High, and will be running a 3 day camp in both February half term and Easter. Please take a look at the flyer for more information.


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