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A MESSAGE FROM MR CORNER –

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER FOR KS4 ACHIEVEMENT, ASSESSMENT & INTERVENTION



Year 10

We continue into this term with our successful national tutoring programme in English and Mathematics. The 150 selected learners were tested on the W/B 24th January to see what progress they had made now that they are halfway through the 15 week initiative. Both tutors have been very impressed with the engagement of our learners and we are very excited to see the final outcomes once we test again at the end of the programme. The heads of English have again expressed their excitement at the progress this cohort is making and what they could achieve at the end of Year 11. To capture where they are in English after an important period of teaching texts such as Romeo and Juliet, they have requested an examination to take place in the school hall during Year 11 PPE week. Therefore Year 10 will be sitting their first formal examination the W/B 21st March. We are all excited to see the outcomes of this.

Year 11

It's been a very busy time for our Year 11 cohort in recent weeks. We had our successful parents evening on the 26th January with excellent attendance and discussions based around December PPE outcomes and how each learner can improve before the summer 2022 examination series. In terms of preparing for the upcoming summer exam series, there are lots of initiatives taking place which are really exciting! We welcome back the use of 'Walking Talking Mocks' during our period 6 and 7 in the core subjects, an initiative past cohorts have always enjoyed and benefitted from. We have started to introduce the national tutoring programme in many subjects after school for selected learners. In addition to this, weekend and before school interventions have started in many of the subjects and we stress the importance of attendance to these excellent sessions. Information on what interventions are taking place each week will be emailed to learners at the start of each week. We are fast approaching the second PPE series, where we will be sitting internal exams in all subjects. This is a very important series and we urge learners to ensure they are fully prepared. PPE timetables will be available on the school website.

YEAR 11 PPE EXAM TIMETABLE

Yr 11 PPE - W/B 14/03/22					
	Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th
09:10 Start	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	English Lit - 1hr 40	Maths - 1hr 30
13:05 Start	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	Chem - 1hr 15/45	Option Block C
	Monday 21st	Tuesday 22nd	Wednesday 23rd	Thursday 24th	Friday 25th
09:10 Start	English Lang - 1hr 40	Maths Calc - 1hr 30	RS - 1hr 45	Option Block A	Catch Up
13:05 Start	Physics - 1hr 15/45	Option Block B	Biology - 1hr 15/45	No Exam	Catch Up
- All exams take place in School hall or Upper Sixth - Normal lessons for Art students when Option exam takes place - Option A is your Monday periods 3 and 4 option on normal weekly TT - Option B is your Friday periods 1 and 2 option on normal weekly TT - Option C is your Thursday periods 3 and 4 option on normal weekly TT - You will eat in your first break					



MR HALLAM & MR TURNER YEAR 7 NEWS

We are now over half way through the academic year, which has largely been a successful one for Year 7 at Harrow High School. However, it is incredibly important we keep up the high standards.

We have a lot of success to share, including twelve learners representing the school in the indoor athletics, with the girls finishing second in the borough and the boys finishing slightly lower. We also had a great turn out for the junior NBA tournament, narrowly

losing to other schools in North West London. In the coming months, opportunities for extra curricular will continue to increase with activities such as athletics, fitness, cricket and table tennis beginning.

Finally, a polite reminder that Year 7 is currently testing for Covid on Wednesdays and Fridays, and inputting their results online. We know this is an extra task and we thank you for your support in the matter.

MR PREDA & MS WORLEY YEAR 8 NEWS



As part of the year 8 aspirations programme Ms Bowen has organised for us to visit Brunel University and experience student life first hand. It was great to have the opportunity to see the campus up close, their impressive sports and science facilities and to interact with some of the student ambassadors. During the learning focused part of the day we designed a campus from scratch,

created revision timetables and discussed the skills needed for various professions.

It was a fun day which was enjoyed by all, with some year 8 learners saying they have already decided which university they will attend after their 6th Form studies.



MR ESTON & MS TUCKER YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 had a guest speaker in assembly on Thursday 3rd February to talk to them about their approaching GCSE options. Mr Buchanan advised learners what to expect and how their option choices will be selected. Our feedback from learners was that this was very informative, initiating some good conversations with friends and staff about their most suitable subjects.

There will be an opportunity for conversations regarding suitability and recommendations of options in the upcoming Parents evening on Tuesday 29th March.

Questions that you could ask include:

- Is this a good option for me? Do you think I could do well?

- Can you share any information that might help me choose?
- What do I need to do to get a good grade in this subject?
- Can I get some example work or exam material?
- Is there any support for me if I choose this option?

There will be a lot of information coming out about different subjects. This includes subject information videos presented by heads of department, and the options booklet. Please read this with your parents or guardians to help you make an informed decision.

In the meantime please continue to maintain excellent attendance and punctuality, focus in class and get those grades you will ultimately deserve.

MR GONCALVES & MS MEHTA YEAR 10 NEWS



As we enter the second half of Year 10, it has been noticeable how learners are working hard towards their GCSE exams. This is reflected in the excellent data we have received from teachers for the year group.

The January reports with all grades and targets along with the effort grades for each subject have been sent home. It is extremely important to understand the report and discuss it with your child. We have had some face to face meetings with some parents but please note that we are available to discuss if you have any concerns about the report.

Although we are still around 14 months away from the final exams, we cannot stress enough how important being in school is. Evidence states that attendance and punctuality are directly correlated to academic success. Learners who finish the year with 90% attendance will have missed 4 whole weeks of lessons and missing such a large amount of content will have a great impact on their ability to successfully complete exam questions.

Approximate dates absent in an academic year	
Attendance rate	By the end of the school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

Testing

Please remember to continue testing on Sunday and Wednesday nights and inputting your test results in the Google Form – you can find this on Google Classroom. It is important to continue with this process to ensure we protect each other in school and we really appreciate your support with this.

We hope you have a restful week off and we look forward to seeing you in a week's time.



MS BARRETT & MS CAMPBELL YEAR 11 NEWS

Many of our learners have started taking part in walking talking maths and science exams. This is a chance for the heads of department to teach learners about exam techniques and build confidence as we get closer to final exams.



On the 28th January, Year 11s took part in a careers day. We loved seeing you all dressed so smartly and participating well in the various activities on offer. It was an excellent day that was really appreciated and utilised by Year 11. We had some amazing feedback from some of our interviewers about how well you conducted yourselves in the mock interviews, well done! Please see below for some pictures of the day:



Notices:

Code Club will be held during P7 Thursday and Friday with Mr Feleppa.

Please sign up for as many after school interventions as you can. Saturday interventions will start this week, please check with your teachers what times they will be in for each subject.



MR PATEL

SIXTH FORM NEWS

On the 28th January the Sixth Form hosted our annual Year 11 careers day. Learners had the opportunity to take part in six career focused activities: A session with NCS, a talk from Brunel University, an apprenticeships workshop, a finance session and a mock interview and feedback activity. It was great to see everyone engaging well and dressed very smartly for the occasion. A special thank you to all of our contributors for giving up their time, including some of our very own Sixth Form alumni, and to Mrs Motiwala for her hard work organizing the entire event. Learners' feedback highlighted that they particularly enjoyed participating in the mock interview and felt that it helped them feel more prepared for future college and part time work interviews. Some learners even commented they would like the opportunity to be over two days with even more different activities and workshops!



On Monday 24th January, the Schools Consent Project visited us to deliver a consent workshop to all Year 12s. The Schools Consent Project is a charity dedicated to educating and empowering young people to understand and engage with the issues surrounding consent and sexual assault. The session was incredibly informative and saw some great engagement from our learners.

Huge congratulations to Deputy Head Boy Amaan who has received an offer to read Computer Science at Cambridge University! Amaan has worked very hard throughout the application process and we couldn't be prouder of him for this fantastic achievement.



SIXTH FORM PPE EXAM TIMETABLE

Our next PPE series will begin on Monday 7th March. Please see below for the timetable:

Yr 12/13 PPE - W/B 07/03/22					
	Monday 7th	Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10th	Friday 11th
09:10 Start	Yr 12 Biology - 1	Yr 12 Chemistry - 1	Yr 12 Psychology - 1	Yr 12 Maths - 2	Yr 12 Comp Sci - 2
	Yr 13 Economics - 1	Yr 12 Business - 1	Yr 12 Economics - 1	Yr 12 Sociology - 2	Yr 12 English - 2
	Yr 13 Chemistry - 1	Yr 12 Geography - 1	Yr 13 Comp Sci - 1	Yr 13 Maths - 2	Yr 13 Biology - 2
		Yr 13 Psychology - 1	Yr 13 Sociology - 1		Yr 13 English - 2
		Yr 13 Physics - 1			
13:30 Start	Yr 12 Maths - 1	Yr 12 Comp Sci - 1	Yr 12 Biology - 2	Yr 12 Chemistry - 2	Yr 12 Psychology - 2
	Yr 12 Sociology - 1	Yr 12 English - 1	Yr 13 Economics - 2	Yr 12 Business - 2	Yr 12 Economics - 2
	Yr 13 Maths - 1	Yr 13 Biology - 1	Yr 13 Chemistry - 2	Yr 12 Geography - 2	Yr 13 Comp Sci - 2
		Yr 13 English - 1		Yr 13 Psychology - 2	Yr 13 Sociology - 2
				Yr 13 Physics - 2	
	Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th		
09:10 Start	Yr 13 Economics - 3	Yr 13 Psychology - 3	Yr 13 Sociology - 3		
	Yr 13 Chemistry - 3	Yr 13 Physics - 3			
13:40 Start	Yr 13 Maths - 3	Yr 13 Biology - 3			
		Yr 13 English - 3			
- All exams in the upper sixth					
- Arrive and wait in the common room 15 minutes before the start time					
- No A Level lessons during exam TTS, Yr 12s will have lessons W/B 14th March					

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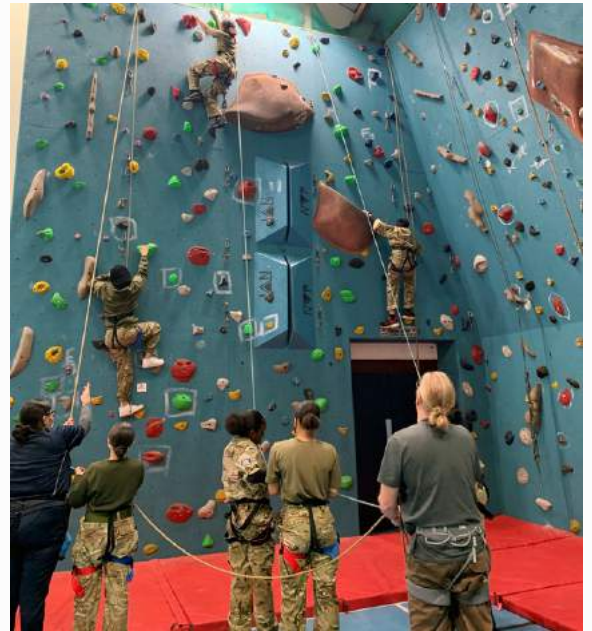
YEAR 8 BRUNEL UNIVERSITY TRIP

As part of the aspirations programme our year 8 learners visited Brunel University to learn about Higher Education and the choices available to them after school. The learners had a busy day which consisted of a University tour, learning about the importance of transferable skills and a Q&A session with student ambassadors. Throughout the day the learners had many questions to ask and learnt a lot about University life.



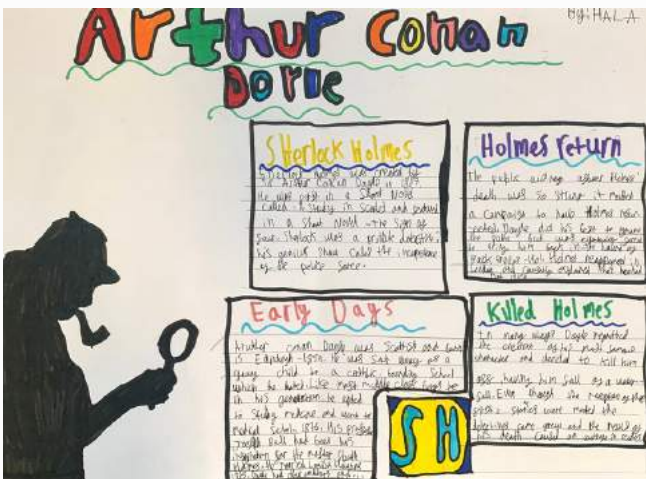
YEAR 9 AND 10 ARMY CADETS

This term the CCF Army Cadets have been attending a series of sessions at Harrow School. They all completed an afternoon of rock-climbing, with almost everyone making it to the top! They have also undertaken a first aid course where they learned how to react in emergency situations. Throughout the course our students asked great questions and learned how to deal with wounds, burns, anaphylactic shock, stokes and even did CPR. Many more fun sessions to come in the calendar so there's lots to look forward to this term! Next on the schedule is rifle shooting!



YEAR 7 ENGLISH

This Spring term Year 7 students have been looking at the detective fiction genre and started the term learning about the life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author of the famous Sherlock Holmes stories. Many classes created wonderful posters about the author and below are some of the best submissions! A massive congratulations to these students for all their hard work, these posters are outstanding. Next, we will start reading one of the Sherlock Holmes short stories: The Adventure of the Speckled Band.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

21.02.22	Start of Term
22.02.22	Beck Theatre (Romeo & Juliet)
25.02.22	Year 8 Barclays Life Skills
08.03.22	Year 8 HPV Vaccination
21.03.22	Year 9 Options (Virtual Launch)
29.03.22	Year 9 Parents Evening
01.04.22	End of Term