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NEWSLETTER

Harrow High School

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19 Oct	Year 7 Form Tutor meetings
24-28 Oct	Autumn half-term
14 Nov	Staff inset - school closed



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first edition of our 2022/23 newsletter. It's been an incredibly busy start to term and there is a lot to share with you. We've had our first tranche of school excursions, the co-curricular clubs are up and running, we had an incredibly successful open evening and there is excellent teaching and learning going on throughout the school. All that on the back of some fantastic GCSE results and excellent A Level results in the summer.

I'd like to take a moment to discuss excellent attendance at school. We all know just how important good attendance is at school but have you ever considered what that looks like? The government has a clear goal in mind; anyone who attends less than 90% of the time is considered to be persistently absent which can lead to legal action and penalty charge notices being issued by the council. However, we are most concerned with ensuring that all learners are in school whenever possible. Data clearly shows that when attendance drops below 95%, a child's chance of achieving excellent exam results at the end of the education falls dramatically as the table below shows.

Attendance %	Chance of 4+ equivalent in English and Maths
100%	79%
95%	68%
90%	52%
85%	35%

Every single day a child misses school, for whatever reason will affect their exam results at the end of Year 11. Please think carefully before allowing your son or daughter to miss school. Please ask whether they are really so ill they can't attend or whether that medical appointment can be made after school. Please try to avoid asking for special leave during term time whenever possible. We do understand that circumstances can be dynamic and we work with all our families to support them, however every day of education is so important.

I hope you have a great weekend, see you all on Monday.

Paul Gamble
Headteacher



MS BARRETT & MS CAMPBELL YEAR 7 NEWS

The Year 7 Team would like to say a big 'HELLO'. You are all invited to 'Meet the Tutor' on Wednesday 19th October (Please look out for the confirmed time of this event).

Tutors:

Mr Memain - 7 Cambridge

Miss Serena - 7 Imperial

Mrs Akoto & Mr Smyth-Chakrabor - 7 Kings

Mr Katbamna - 7 LSE

Mrs Vaghela & Miss Rageev - 7 Oxford

Mr Power - 7 UCL

Mrs Bulgariu - 7 Bristol

Leadership Team:

Ms Barrett - Head of Year 7

Ms Campbell - Assistant Head of Year 7

I would like to congratulate the following learners for an outstanding start at Harrow High School:

Janya Gami

Amir Hassan

Ayub Ibrahimi

Asenath Jaladin

Maya McKenzie

Lewis Morris-McQuillan

Swaralee Batageri

Sakshi Bhatia

Liviah Boccuto

Laquayne Bradford

Soraia Carby

La'ron Morris

Riley Morrison

Sai Panchasra

Filip Radan

Tomike Sulaiman

Andrew Vinayagamoorthy

After School Clubs

After school clubs have now started. Please ensure that you are aware of what club your child is attending after school so that we are able to get them in an emergency if needed.

Homework

Homework plays a big part of academic success, please encourage your child to work at home for at least an hour per evening. Each subject should be extended at home with 45 minutes of homework each week.

If you are unsure and want to monitor your child's homework deadlines then you can access this information through the sims network. You will need to set this up before accessing. An email was sent to all parents regarding this process.

Finally, well done to Ronia in 7 Kings for the amazing artwork of the Queen that you created in Art. This is fantastic work, keep it up!



MR BURT & MR TURNER YEAR 8 NEWS



Dear Parents/Carers,

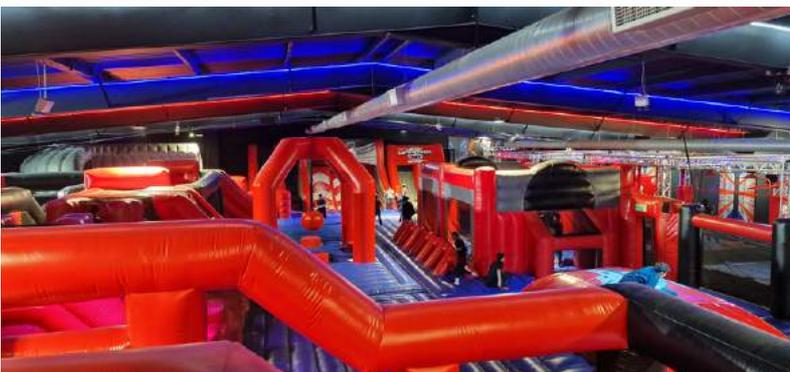
I am Mr. Burt the Head of Year 8 at Harrow High. I am sure that everyone is feeling slightly apprehensive and anxious about the new academic year, however I would like to assure you that everything has been put into place to ensure your child has the best all round experience at Harrow High. We are here to make sure your child can concentrate on their learning and having excellent aspirations. The Year 8's have made an excellent start to the year and have shown superb learning and progress in lessons so far. Our most recent trip to Kidzania was met with excellent behaviour travelling back and forth. Pupils got a real insight into certain life skills that will help them thrive at Harrow High and in wider society.

Here at Harrow High we have created a community that feels like a close family, all members included but most importantly our students. We have an excellent group of staff members who will dedicate themselves everyday to your child. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.



MR PREDA & MS WORLEY YEAR 9 NEWS

The Year 9 students have made a fantastic start to the year. Ms Worley and Mr Preda are very impressed with how quickly our students responded positively to the new behaviour expectations and many staff members have commented on how this has contributed to excellent learning and progress in their classroom. Also, the delayed Aspirations Trips took place last Friday and our group had a tremendous amount of fun at Ninja Warriors and Golf, respectively. Worthy of mention were Miss Britton's and Gabriela Lahmann's record times for finishing the Ninja assault course. We are very much looking forward to a year full of fun and excellent learning!



MS AKHTAR & MS TUCKER

YEAR 10 NEWS

Welcome to the new academic year. Year 10 have had a strong start to their year, coming in from the summer refreshed and ready for their final two years of school. The content and structure of lessons has inevitably grown more challenging as the students are in a vital year preparing for their GCSEs. I have no doubt they will take this challenge head on and excel in their studies. The Brighton Trip was a welcome break after a demanding first few weeks. Despite the downpours students remained positive and hopefully opportunities for wider enrichment will grow as we get further into term.

It is a pleasure to take on the role of Head of Year 10 and I have no doubt the students will fulfill the very high expectations we have of them.

MR GONCALVES & MS MEHTA

YEAR 11 NEWS



Welcome to Year 11 - the final and most important year so far!

A lot of exciting things happen during this academic year, from College applications and Mock Interview Day to Graduation and Prom and, of course, sitting your the final GCSE Exams. We have been highly impressed with the positive start and that's been echoed by a number of teachers who have been commenting on how engaged and focused our learners are. This can only translate into extremely good outcomes for each one of you! There will be a lot of challenges throughout this year and if you keep this mindset, we are sure you will be extremely successful.

Sixth Form Open Evening:

Soon you will be getting letters and invites to our Sixth Form Open Evening. This is an exciting opportunity to see what our sixth form offers and potential subjects you can do next year. Keep an eye out for more information and we are expecting you all to come and visit us with your parents to gain better insight into post-16 life.

Attendance and punctuality:

As mentioned at the start of the year, there is a strong correlation between attendance and academic success. It is pivotal that you are on time to school and your attendance remains over 96%. With a number of roadworks around the school, we advise you to plan your journeys ahead of time and leave slightly earlier to ensure you are in school by 8:45am.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate in contacting the Year 11 team (Igoncalves.310@harrowhigh.com or nmehta9.310@harrowhigh.com)



MR CHARLES SIXTH FORM NEWS

A big warm welcome to our new Year 12 cohort in the Sixth Form and welcome back to our Year 13s - it is great to see our learners ready for a new academic year!

Year 12 & 13 A level learners have already completed their first PPE exams which took place this week. These exams provide a perfect opportunity to gauge how learners have settled into the first few weeks of their courses.

Year 12s will be enjoying a range of external visitors in assemblies in the coming weeks, starting off with our London liaison officer from the University of Sheffield coming in this week to give them an insight into university life and what to expect from Higher Education.

Year 13 are also approaching an exciting time as they prepare to send off their UCAS applications this term, which includes perfecting their personal statements and visualising their Post-18 life and career pathway.

SCHOOL NEWS

EXAM OUTCOMES

Yr 11, GCSE Outcomes 2022

Attainment Headlines

English and Maths	4+	5+	7+
2022	55.6%	28.7%	10.6%
2019	57.1%	32.7%	9.6%

Yr 13, Outcomes 2022

Attainment Headlines - A Level

	2019	2022
A*	4%	41%
A*-A	20%	64%
A*-B	64%	81%
A*-C	87%	92%
A*-E	100%	100%

Attainment Headlines - Applied General (BTEC Level 3)

	2019	2022
D*	40%	25%
D* - D	91%	81%
D* - M	98%	100%
D* - P	100%	100%

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

MS A. HOLYSZKO

Co-curricular activities are significant to young people and result in a range of positive outcomes. They often serve as great support to regular curriculum, boost young people's confidence and provide them with new skills and knowledge. It is an ambition of the school to provide learners with a large, and broad variety of opportunities that complement, and enhance the academic curriculum.

I am proud to inform you that the Co-curricular Activities Programme at Harrow High School offers an impressive variety of activities the majority of which take place before and after school, as well as, during both breaks. Furthermore, there is a number of activities aimed at identified learners which are offered during lessons. The Co-curricular Activities Programme for the Autumn Term can be accessed here: [Co-curricular Activities Programme Autumn 2022](#).

I would like to thank our dedicated staff in charge of the activities, for their generous offers, inspiration and commitment. You create and drive the Co-curricular Activities Programme and have a massive impact on our learners' development. Below will give you a flavour of the clubs on offer. Please check the website for more info.

	BEFORE SCHOOL				BREAK 1				BREAK 2				AFTER SCHOOL			
	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO
MON	Mindful Arts & Crafts	Ms Bulgariu	Inclusion 2	Invitation only	6th Form Badminton	Mr Eston	Sports Hall	Year 12 & 13	Football	Mr Al-Fahad	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	Girls Football	Ms Hussein/Alex Bodnar	Pitches	All years welcome
					Inclusion Homework Club	Ms Bulgariu	Inclusion 1	KS3	Football	Mr Yazdizad	Pitches	Year 8	Boxercise	Ms Mehta	Dance Studio	Year 10 & 11
					Football	Mr Houslin	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	Football	Mr Houslin	Pitches	Year 10	Year 9 Football Team	Mr Bruce	Pitches	Year 9
					Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 11	KS4 Weights & Fitness	Mr Eston	Gym	KS4
					Football	Mr Wahid	Pitches	Year 11					GCSE Drama Support	Mr Lodge	Studio	KS4
TUES	Year 10 Football Team	Mr Eston	Pitches/Sports Hall	Invitation only	Year 11 Spanish Conversation Club	Ms Ortega	L8	Year 11	Trampoline	Ms Britton	School Hall	Year 10 & 11	GCSE Drama in a Year	Mr Lodge	Studio	KS4
	Mindful Arts & Crafts	Ms Bulgariu	Inclusion 2	Invitation only	Football	Mr Yazdizad	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	EAL Homework Club	Ms Ramphal	Inclusion 3	KS3	Film Club	Mr Kmet & Ms Panditha	E3	All welcome
					Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 8	Knitting & Crocheting	Ms Piorokowska	Inclusion 2	KS3	Board Games Club	Mr Turner	6th Form	Year 8
					Football	Coach Luis	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Mr Al-Fahad	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	English Homework Club	Ms Grunwald	E1	All welcome
					Creative Writing	Mr Ramsümer	E5	KS3	Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 8	Army Cadets	Mr Al-Fahad	Harrow School	Year 9, 10 & 11
WED	KS4 Volleyball	Mr Eston	Sports Hall	Year 10 & 11	Basketball	Coach Luis	Sports Hall	KS3	Football	Mr Wahid	Pitches	Year 10	KS4 Netball	Ms Kamboj	Sports Hall	Year 10 & 11
	Mindful Arts & Crafts	Ms Bulgariu	Inclusion 2	Invitation only	KS3 Netball	Ms Kamboj	Sports Hall/Outside	Year 7, 8 & 9	Football	Mr Yazdizad	Pitches	Year 7, 9 & 10	Year 8 Football	Mr Burt	Pitches	Year 8
					Weights & Fitness	6th Formers	Gym	6th Formers	Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 8 & Year 11	Code Club	Mr Feleppa	C7	KS3
					Football	Mr Emanuel	Pitches	Year 7, 9 & 11	EAL Reading Club	Ms Sava	Inclusion 4	KS3	Band Club	Mr Kalisch-Smith	Music Suite	All welcome
					Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Mr Wahid	Pitches	Year 10	Fitness Club (Bootcamp)	Mr Collyer & Ms Vilches	Dance Studio	KS3 & 4
THURS	Mindful Arts & Crafts	Ms Bulgariu	Inclusion 2	Invitation only	History Club	Ms Ramsümer	L3	KS3	Football	Mr Houslin	Pitches	Year 11	Board Game Club	Mr Lawrence	L1	All welcome
					Big Sister Club	Ms Bowen / 6th Formers	G2	Year 7	Football	Mr Houslin	Pitches	Year 11	Weights & Fitness	Mr Houslin & Ms Vilches	Gym	Year 10 & 11
									Anime Club	Mr Kmet & Mr Collyer	E6	All welcome	MFL Homework Support	Ms Bansal	M7	KS3 & KS4
									Football	Mr Yazdizad	Pitches	Year 7, 9 & 10	U16 Handball	Mr Eston	Sports Hall	Year 10 & 11
									Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Mr Charles	Pitches	Year 11
FRI	Problem-Solved/ Revision Support	Ms Bulgariu	Inclusion 2	Year 10 & 11	Football	Mr Khan	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	Journalism Club	Mr Patel	E3	KS3 & KS5	Football	Coach Luis	Pitches	Year 7
	U16 & 15 Basketball	Coach Luis & Mr Eston	Sports Hall	Basketball Team	Football	Mr Turner	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Mr Al-Fahad	Pitches	Year 7 & 8	Photography Club	Miss Mehta	E8	Year 9
					Football	Mr Houslin	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Mr Yazdizad	Pitches	Year 8	Book Club	Mr Kmet & Ms Panditha	Library	All welcome
					Volleyball	Ms Vilches & Ms Panditha	Sports hall	KS3	Football	Mr Eston	Pitches	Year 10	Board Games Club	Mr Turner	6th Form	Year 9
									Football	Mr Yazdizad	Pitches	Year 8	PLUS Club (LGBTQ+ & Allies)	Staff Ambassadors	Library	All (inc staff)

SPORTING SUCCESS!

Please congratulate the U16 Volleyball team who recently won a Volleyball tournament to be seeded no.1 in the next set of fixtures. Team 1 won all their fixtures and Team A also did very well. Please offer them your congratulations.

This puts HHS in a strong position to make it 3 years in a row as Volleyball Champions of Harrow!



Team 1



Team A