

**Harrow High School**  
**NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2020**  
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Dear All,

So we've reached the end of our first post-lockdown term. It has passed quickly but very successfully leading to learners making excellent progress in their studies. I would like to thank all learners and staff for their support for our safety measures and their commitment to learning.

There have been a number of changes this term. We are continuing to roll out our new learning Platform, Google Classroom and Google Meet to develop our homework and remote learning provision. The success of this can be seen in the excellent online attendance rates for Year 11 this week. Feedback from staff, learners and parents has been excellent.

We are also pleased to announce that this term has also seen the launch of our new website with a new domain name [www.harrowhigh.com](http://www.harrowhigh.com). We hope that you like the new look and enjoy keeping up with news and events from the school. The website now includes a live calendar so please do keep an eye on this, especially given the rapid developments that schools have to implement in the current situation.

To that end, unfortunately, all our aspirational trips including the Paris trip have been put on hold for the moment. We await guidance from the DfE on how we might safely commence these visits again. We are also planning to run all of our parents evenings for the remainder of the year online and these will start in January. Please keep your eyes on the website/your email for details of how this will work.

We were also chosen to take part in Ofsted's programme of interim visits to investigate how COVID is affecting schools. The remote visit was very successful and the outcome letter will be published on the Ofsted website soon.

In October, we commenced our partnership with Powerleague who have set up and will continue to maintain 4 top quality 4G football pitches on our site. We are grateful to them for their work and look forward to a long and successful partnership.

Of course, for us to keep you informed, it is vital that you let us have the latest contact details for yourselves whenever they change and whilst these can now be modified in the in touch app, a simple letter or email to the school will do the job. Please title such emails 'new contact information' so we can be sure they are directed to the correct place.

I would like to wish all our staff and families a peaceful holiday,

**P Gamble**

**Headteacher**

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## School News

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### Computer Science

This half-term, Mr Feleppa has re-launched Code Club and is delighted to see so many returning and new faces coming to C7 once a week to practice coding. Throwing some extra thinking time at this subject is a great way to be successful in it, and this extra hour of code per week will have an enormous impact when it comes to GCSE & A Level Computer Science. For example, the Y12 A Level CS class who attended Code Club are now coding at a very high level. Another example, the Y9 students who attend Code Club are all looking to achieve a grade 9 at GCSE CS, and are already coding at that level.

Each year group now has their own designated day when they attend Code Club

Monday—Year 7

Tuesday—Y8

Wednesday—Y9

Thursday—Y10

Friday—Y11

### KS4 News

It been a busy few weeks for Years 10 and 11 as KS4 PPEs (pre-public examinations) started on the 30th November. Year 11 sat PPEs in all subjects over a two week period. These will be marked with feedback and grades will be given when we return after Christmas. These outcomes will be shared with parents in the first report in January. Although Year 10 did not sit a full PPE series, they did have assessments during this period. Again, these outcomes will be shared with parents in January.

In addition to the PPEs, Year 11 will be completing their Sixth Form and College applications before the end of term. We would encourage all learners and parents to visit the school website for more information on what Harrow High Sixth Form has to offer and check the entry requirements.

### Remote Learning

This term has brought us many challenges, one of the biggest ones being learners and staff having to self-isolate. We are very proud at how all members of our school community have risen to the challenge, and have still been able to continue their learning from home. The school has made significant investments in technology, to enhance the learning experience in school or at home:

- 200 laptops have been purchased for staff use and to loan to pupils who need to self isolate. These laptops come with a camera and a microphone.
- New Interactive Whiteboards purchased for the English, Maths, and Science departments The rest of the school will be upgraded by the end of next year.
- Google Suite for Education including Google Classroom, and G-Mail being launched with training for staff and learners. This platform allows teachers to deliver live lessons, set work for pupils, and mark it from anywhere in the world!

Our Year 11 learners have spent the last 6 days of term, learning from home, and they enjoyed a full curriculum of live lessons including tutor time, and all of their subjects. Many parents and learners contacted the school to tell us how pleased they were with the quality of lessons, and feedback. We are very proud of how much hard work and effort has been put in by Year 11 in the last week of term, and look forward to welcoming them back into school in the New Year.

### Sixth Form News

#### UCAS update

Congratulations to the students in Year 13 who have now completed their UCAS applications and have started to receive their offers. 12 students have already received conditional offers. A special congratulations to Eboni who has received conditional offers for all 5 of her university choices. Well done.

## School News

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### Raising Aspirations

Although we haven't been able to carry out our aspirational trips in the usual way this term, we are planning on delivering a virtual careers fair for KS4 & KS5 and a live interactive pantomime for KS3.

We will also be launching a Harrow High Personal Development Twitter account where you will be able to keep up to date with all aspirational activities.

### Jack Petchey Winners

Well done and thank you to our Jack Petchey winners - Year 8 Keanna and Year 11 Amelia and Claudiu for donating their well earned rewards to the PE department. With their donations the PE Department have been able to purchase some advanced football skills equipment and enough volleyball equipment to add to their curriculum across the school and begin a volleyball club for year 11.

### Funding Raising— Supporting Harrow Food Bank

The pandemic has brought many challenges this year, none more so than the significant economic and financial impact this has had on many families in our community. There are always so many worthwhile causes to support, but this year Harrow High have chosen to support the Harrow Food bank over the festive period. It was wonderful to see the whole school work together to make this year's charitable collection another success.

The idea started with 2 year 9 learners designing the poster to promote and inform learners and staff of the collection. The Head of Events in Year 11 recorded a video to be played in assemblies and the Year 11 prefects began collecting donations at the school gates every morning, with the help of the Year 9 Cadets and Sixth Formers who also went shopping to top up supplies. Everyone worked together to pack and deliver the donations.

Munib Selloni a year 8 learner who donated said *"It's important to donate and give people who are less fortunate than ourselves. It feels good to be able help"*.

Basanta Kandap, Head Boy said *"The prefects stood at the gate to collect the donations. During this time, everybody is busy living their lives but the way we have worked together shows we have the heart!"*.

Cheyenne Mbonzi, Sixth Former said *"Donating to charity is important because it raises people's morale and gives something back to the community. Seeing the school work together unites us as a family at Harrow High."*

We are extremely proud of everyone at Harrow High School for giving their time and generous donations with a special thanks to Ms Bowen and her team for organising the event.



## Covid-19 Update

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The DfE have informed us that they expect schools to be available to trace contacts for positive coronavirus cases for 6 days after the final teaching day of term. This means that we will be available for contact tracing from Saturday 19th December to Thursday 24th December inclusive.

Should your child develop symptoms of Covid-19 they must take a Covid test.

If a child receives a positive test at any point during the Christmas break, you must contact the school to inform us of this via the email address:

**[trackandtrace@harrowhigh.com](mailto:trackandtrace@harrowhigh.com)**





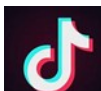
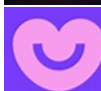









The school will implement its track and trace process and will inform parents/carers of learners of close contacts if there is a need for them to isolate via email or text.

Emails will be checked between 10.00 am—12 noon every day, except back holidays.

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### Staying safe online

Statistics tell us that over 80% of young people use a smart phone regularly. As such it is vital that being safe online is encouraged. Below you will find a list of 15 apps which parents are recommended to be aware of.

MeetMe		Dating app that allows users to connect with others based on geographic location
Grindr		Dating app geared towards LGBTQ community that uses phone's GPS location to find others
Skout		Location based dating app that lets users share private photos
WhatsApp		Messaging app that allows users to connect worldwide
TikTok		Popular app for kids that allows users to create and share short videos
Badoo		Dating and social media app for sharing photos and videos
Bumble		Similar to tinder, but requires females to make first contact
Snapchat		Photos and videos shared to the app typically disappear within 24 hours
KIK		Anyone can contact and direct message other users on the app
Live.Me		Streaming video app that broadcasts users exact location
Holla		Video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world
Whisper		Anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers
Ask.fm		Encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions
Calculator%		One of many secret apps that is used to hide photos, videos and browser history
Hot or Not		Users can rate profile photos and chat with strangers

## School Communication

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We have now rolled out the SIMS Parent App across all the year groups and is a fast and convenient way to share information with parents/carers regarding your child's attendance, behaviour and achievement and receive reminder notifications. If you haven't already done so, please download the Sims Parent App and visit the school website at: <https://www.hhsweb.org/parent-app/> for more information. If you would like any help with getting started please contact Mr Yazdizad IT Technician on the school number 0208 861 7300.



Please follow us on Twitter at @HHSWeb or visit the school website at [www.harrowhigh.com](http://www.harrowhigh.com) to see the school events and news and catch up with our learner successes

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### Updating Contact Details

If you have moved address, or changed your telephone number or email address it is extremely important that you let us know, so that we have up to date contact details if we need to contact you in the event of an emergency and for you to receive important electronic information from school. Please email [lsidoli2.310@harrowhigh.com](mailto:lsidoli2.310@harrowhigh.com) to make any changes.

### Medical Conditions

If your son or daughter has any medical conditions or is taking medication, please contact Ms Sanderson, Learner Services Officer on 0208 861 7300 x 210, or email:

[gsanderson4.310@harrowhigh.com](mailto:gsanderson4.310@harrowhigh.com) with the information.

### School Policies

School policies are updated regularly and are available to view on the school website under: [About us/policies](#)