

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great excitement that we prepare to welcome Year 10 and 11 back to The Academy in September. I would like to introduce myself as the Head of Key Stage 4, working alongside Miss Booker as Student Manager. As a Year Team we have been preparing strategies for supporting your child next year. Over the course of the 21/22 academic year, it is our priority that Key Stage 4 students understand the importance of effort and engagement within lessons from the start of term. To ensure this success, engagement with learning is vital.

Progress at The Harefield Academy is not purely measured academically. Our curriculum model is designed to support pupil progress in the following areas:

- Improving attendance
- Reducing stress and anxiety
- Develop self-regulation and promote positive attitudes to learning
- Increasing personal, social and leadership skills
- Raising aspirations

We believe that if we continue to work in partnership towards these areas, academic progress is achievable.

As students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school students have been directed by new Government guidelines to receive 2 on-site Lateral Flow Device Tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return to school in the Autumn Term. Therefore, please note that as part of their first day back, your child will have a Lateral Flow Test. If you have previously provided consent for your child to be tested, there is no need to do anything further. However, if you have not, and you now wish for your child to be tested, please follow this link <https://forms.gle/sC99pmA6KgL2Ufk76> to give your consent as a matter of urgency. Whilst we all hope we are reaching the end of the Covid 19 restrictions, we will endeavor to keep you updated in line with any changing Government guidance as and when this is put in place.

Our new caterers Aspens, launch their 'Streateries' menu at The Harefield Academy from September. For further information on prices and their exciting range of food which includes a range of Cold and Hot Deli options, Jacket Potatoes and Salad Bar, please visit our website

On 29th September 2021 at 5pm until 6pm, we will be having a Key Stage 4 Information Evening and hope to see as many faces as possible. This will give Parents/Carers the opportunity to understand what is expected of students in their final years as well meet the new team supporting your child.



If you feel that there is information that we should be aware of, particularly regarding any changes in family circumstances in recent months, please do not hesitate to contact myself or rbourne@theharefieldacademy.org, or Miss Booker, rbooker@theharefieldacademy.org.

We very much look forward to welcoming Year 10 and 11 students on **Monday 6th September 2021** and working in partnership with our families to ensure each child has a positive, safe and purposeful academic year. It's going to be a good one!

Please be reminded The Harefield Academy Day will run from 8:45 – 3pm

Kind regards,

R Bourne

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Head of Key Stage 4**