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The Harefield Academy Newsletter



Achievement through Active Learning

Year 7

Year 7 have had a busy start to their time at The Harefield Academy, apart from getting used to all the new rules due to Covid19 they have been learning new topics and in some cases some completely new lessons.

We have been preparing for what would have been Year 7 settling in evening, which this year is Virtual.

See link below:

<https://youtu.be/XyzUz3IIYak>

Year 7 fiercely compete in a Highest Achievement points tutor challenge. Ennis Hill won last term and were rewarded with sweet treats during tutor and the trophy.



This term the scores are 2-1 to Ennis Hill with 3 weeks to play for! Come on Joshua!

During Anti-Bullying week, Year 7's were trying to earn as many kindness merits as possible in order to win Krispy Kreme Donuts and beat the other Year groups. Sofia was the winner- runners up were Charles & Adam and overall Year 7 achieved 59 Merits in the 5 days. Impressive!



It has been great getting know all the students and a fantastic start to Year 7 -14,265 Merits already earned since September 2020.

Mrs Raper and Mr Bourne

Year 8 and 9

Mr Martin and Miss Booker would like to take this time to wish all our year 8 and 9 students and their families a safe and Merry Christmas.

It has been an extraordinary term for many different reasons. The way our students have handled the different restrictions COVID 19 has brought upon us makes us so proud.

Despite all the changes taking place students in year 8 and 9 have still taken the time to join in with our kindness and anti-bullying campaigns. They have generously donated to our THA food-bank and they have looked out for one another during these strange and sometimes difficult times. We hope you all take the Christmas break to relax and recharge and cannot wait to see you again in the New Year.

Miss Booker and Mr Martin

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Year 10 Call for Kindness

Year 10 have had a great start to the year. The students have been active in supporting the school community with our year 10 STARS leading the way on our anti bullying campaign. The students successfully led a kindness campaign which saw both staff and students receiving messages of kindness, one of our key values. This led to our year 10's receiving an overwhelming amount of merits for their efforts- the highest in the school for kindness!

Congratulations year 10 and we hope that this continues throughout the year.

Myself and Ms White wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Mrs Gardner and Ms White

Year 11 striving for success

Year 11 have had an excellent first term. We have seen students displaying resilience and determination around their studies and mock exams in particular. We have had more students than ever who received excellent attitudes to leaning on their first round of reports and this reflect the fantastic attitude that our year 11's have shown. We have been busy preparing for next steps, with taster talks for sixth form, careers meetings and personalised tutor time to ensure everyone has a clear pathway. All that is left now is for students to succeed in their studies - good luck for the rest of the mocks year 11 and we wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Mrs Gardner and Ms White

Year 10 Macbeth

Year 10 created their own witches during their Macbeth Virtual Trip. They covered the supernatural ideas and explored why Shakespeare wrote the play Macbeth starting with three witches. They then began to create their own witches - some of them looking incredibly creepy! They looked at a brief overview of the play. Throughout the play, the witches also referred to as the "weird sisters" by many of the characters—lurk dark thoughts and unconscious temptations to evil. In part, the mischief they cause stems from their supernatural powers, but mainly it is the result of their understanding of the weaknesses of their specific speakers - they play upon Macbeth's ambition like puppeteers. The witches' beards, bizarre potions, and rhymed speech make them seem slightly ridiculous, like caricatures of the supernatural.



Shakespeare has them speak in rhyming couplets throughout (their most famous line is probably "Double, double, toil and trouble, Fire burn and cauldron bubble", which separates them from the other characters, who mostly speak in blank verse. The witches' words seem almost comical, like malevolent nursery rhymes. Despite the absurdity of their "eye of newt and toe of frog" recipes, however, they are clearly the most dangerous characters in the play, being both tremendously powerful and utterly wicked. Despite the ridiculousness of their "eye of newt and toe of frog" recipes, they are clearly the most dangerous characters in the play, being both tremendously powerful and utterly wicked.

Miss Cheema

You can keep up to date with our great news stories on:



tha_proud_official The Year 7 pastoral team are #unitedagainstbullying & set a specific THA Value 'kindness' challenge in assembly on Monday!



tha_proud_official Today's #unitedagainstbullying Anti-Bullying Week pledge is coming from Years 10 & 11 who are focusing on the THA Value of Kindness!



tha_proud_official KS3 STARS (student leaders) creating Christmas cards for our local residents 🌟

Dates for your Diary

Spring term 2021

INSET DAY: Monday 4 January - The Academy is closed to students

Term starts for students - Tuesday 5th January

INSET DAY: Friday 12th February - The Academy is closed to students

Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Term ends: Wednesday 31 March

Summer term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19 April

Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

INSET DAY: 1st July - The Academy closed to students

Term ends: Friday 23 July

2021 Bank Holiday dates

New Year's Day: 1 January

Good Friday: 2 April

Easter Monday: 5 April

May Day Bank Holiday: 3 May

Spring Bank Holiday: 31 May

Summer Bank Holiday: 30 August

Christmas Day: Saturday 25 December

Boxing Day: Sunday 26 December

Bank Holiday: 27 December

Bank Holiday: 28 December (substituted for Boxing Day)

Inset Days

4th January 2021

12 February 2021

1st July 2021



End of Term Letter to Parents

Please find a link [here](#) to the end of year letter from the Headteacher.

THA STUDENTS DISTINCTION IN SOLVING LOGIC PROBLEMS COMPETITION.

In November 150 students from THA took part in a national competition organised by Hertford College Oxford in partnership with the Raspberry Pi Foundation.

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduced computational thinking to students by solving logical thinking problems against the clock. It was organised in over 50 countries with the aim of to get students all over the world excited about computing.

Well done to all those who took part and in particular to those mentioned below who topped the competition in the school.

Year 7

Best in School- Roxy Pepper

Distinction- Austeja Bartkeviciute, Laila Sandling, Ruby Lewis, Charles Adeboye, Maxwell Gardiner, Harry Morato, Lolah Swan, Adam Razak Atta, Talia Moraldo, Clara Bolus, Caroline Zelinska

Year 8 & 9

Best in School- Jamie Hill

Distinction- Kai Champion, Ana Beatriz Goncalves, Ruby Shaw, Tellon Bennett, Danielle Esguerra, Freddie Hoare, Ellie-Rose Wythe, Abdulaziz Kebire Ahmed, Crystal Esson, David Esguerra, Rebecca Hearnden-Smith, Chanel Pajuelas, Ryan Batey, Farrah Bennett, Natasha Timms, Evy-lou Crossley, Mia Elliott

Year 10 and 11

Best in School- Marie Cordingley

Distinction- Tommy Petch, Hayden Fernandes, Lily Reidy Alfie-Nico Diaconu, Justin Travasso, Calum Rickford, Callum Collins, Toby Miles-Wilkins, Amanda Bailoni, Henry Hoare

Year 12 and 13

Christmas Events



In light of the current restrictions on public gatherings, the students and staff of The Harefield Academy were disappointed that we were unable to welcome our local Senior Residents to share our annual Christmas lunch event. We are looking forward to welcoming them back next year and hope very much that all members of our community are keeping well in the meantime.

We wanted to ensure that we do something lieu of our Christmas event to ensure our Senior Residents know that they are very much in our thoughts. We held a raffle where each participant was given the opportunity to win a Marks and Spencer's festive food gift box or a Marks and Spencer's gift card. We sent Christmas cards to all residents that were invited last year which had a lucky number printed inside, with 6 prizes up for grabs! The lucky prize winners were notified and prizes were delivered on 10th December .



Community News

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has announced plans to build a new hospital in Hillingdon. As anyone who has visited the hospital will be aware, the current Hillingdon Hospital is a collection of old buildings. The maze-like layout makes it difficult to get around and the condition of buildings can make the experience of being in hospital more difficult. The Trust have an ambitious plan to build a new hospital by 2025 and very much want to hear from everyone who has an interest in the hospital, to ensure that local residents shape the plans for the hospital. Plans are starting to take shape and in the new year they will start to share more detail for the community to see and comment on. There are monthly webinars, a newsletter and a feedback survey on their website: <https://thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment/>

Non-School Uniform Day

We are please to announce that we raised £385.00 This money was split equally between Children in Need and providing prizes for our Senior Residents Raffle.



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