

The Harefield Academy Newsletter - October 2017 Edition

The Harefield Academy

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Welcome to our October Newsletter



The Harefield Academy celebrates GCSE Success!



We were delighted to share the fantastic success of our Sixth Form students who received their exam results on 17th August.

The overall outcomes for our students have improved significantly including a rise in the proportion of students achieving a distinction or higher in BTEC from 47% to 73%.

A-level students also showed great improvements on previous outcomes with an increase in the

Year 11 Student, Nathan awarded at Army Camp in Wales



Year 11 student Nathan Hensley was awarded this medal for the best shot for the London sector at the Army Annual Camp in Wales and received his award from the Lieutenant Colonel. He was also awarded his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award while at the Army Annual Camp. Congratulations Nathan!

Future Triple Science star in the making!

overall grade achieved, overall pass rate and progress made from start points. A full breakdown of these improvements can be seen on our [Academic Results page](#).

It was wonderful to celebrate the individual success stories of our students. These include: Carl Jolly who is attending his first choice University of Bristol to study Physics after achieving grades A*AAA in A-level Maths, Physics, Chemistry and EPQ.

Harrison Gookey was thrilled to accept a place at the University of Nottingham to study Physics after securing grades ABB in A-level Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

Continuing the theme of outstanding performance in Maths and Science, Emily Hook is at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh reading Mathematics after securing grades A*AAB whilst Ciaran Miles secured a place at Sheffield to study Chemistry with grades ABBB.

Carl and Harrison had the following to say: "I was immensely nervous for results day; when I found out my grades I was relieved and elated at the thought of going to my top choice uni." (Carl) "It is a huge relief to know that the past two years of hard work and determination has led to my goal of going to the University of Nottingham, to study Physics. Without the excellent teaching and motivating from The Academy's teaching and mentoring staff, I would certainly not be in the position I am in today; so I can only thank The Academy for their great help." (Harrison)

We would like to congratulate all of our Sixth Form students on their exam success across both A-levels and Vocational qualifications.

In addition to 71% of A-level Maths students achieving A*-B grades, one of our Year 11 students, Roan Cooper (pictured above, top right), successfully completed the AS Maths qualification alongside his GCSEs and achieved the highest grade possible, A, dropping very few marks along the way.

To see the full report, please click [here](#).

(Miss Fitzgerald)

Joshua raises money for Cancer Research



Year 10 student Sean Anthony worked with the RAF and attended a STEM Residential Week at RAF Wittering c/o Air Cadets (RAF Northolt).

Sean's application was chosen from many Squadrons around the country, which included Scotland & Wales, and he was 1 of 40 cadets who attended the course.

Sean really enjoyed the week and gained knowledge of STEM related topics; he passed the course receiving a Silver Award Certificate.

He said that this has helped him to focus even more on his STEM subjects in Year 10. The future is very bright indeed for Sean!

(Miss White)

Year 7 Football Teams get off to a great start!





Year 11 student, Joshua Mosca, raised over £200 for Cancer Research. Here is what he had to say... "I always wanted to shave my hair and I always wanted to raise money for charity so I decided I could combine the two together so I shaved my hair on the 16th September. I spoke to some friends to see if they would donate and they said they would and persuaded me to do it. A few days later I asked my family's opinion on what I wanted to do and they all agreed to donate so we set up the link.

Just over a month later, we raised over £200. My goal was to raise £50 and I'm happy to say I have achieved over 4 times that. I decided to raise money for Cancer Research UK because I know people who have been affected by cancer and I wanted to help.

Above are pictures of before and after I had my hair cut off!"

(Joshua Mosca)

The Student Executive 2017-2018



Once again, The Harefield Academy Sixth Form have cast their votes in the annual Student Executive election. The shortlisted candidates were then interviewed by a panel including the Headteacher, Ms Moriarty and Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Brady.

Year 7 boys and girls took part in the first Metropolitan Police Inter Schools Tournament for the Borough of Hillingdon. This tournament was to raise awareness of knife crime and 'Operation Sceptre'. The Police are trying to educate and engage with young people to highlight the dangers of carrying a knife and are working in partnership with local schools to reduce this problem.

Both THA teams got off to a great start winning their groups and advancing into the semi-finals. The girls won every game and the boys only lost one game by the narrowest of margins. The semi-finals were tough. The girls played Queensmead B and beat them 3-1 whilst the boys played Northwood and won 2-0.

It was very exciting for both teams to reach the final. After their last team talk, they were ready to play. The girls scored first but unfortunately let in 2 goals to lose 2-1. It was so close and a shame to lose by the smallest of margins. The boys' game was even closer. They drew after full-time with 1 goal each. It was then 3 penalties each, both teams scored 2 meaning sudden death and unfortunately the boys lost but it was a great game to watch and everyone enjoyed themselves.

At the end of the tournament there was a trophy for the Player of the Tournament which was won by Stephanie Webb (L7) and a Goal Keeper of the Tournament which was won by Tommy Howell (C7). Well done students!

Team Lists (boys); Tommy Howell, Tuyi Fajanna, Shae Cooper, Milan Walker, Tyreese Anyia, Nabil Taitt, Kallum Quinn, Finley Fowler. (girls); Lily Hunt, Stephanie Webb, Katie Lemon, Tajara Campbell, Cashell Campbell, Kaci Williams.

A message from Head Girl, Jessica Walsh

The Student Executive for this year are:

Head Boy

Mitchell Adams

Head Girl

Jessica Walsh

Deputy Head Boy

Samuel Fashakin

Deputy Head Girl

Lucy Wood

Senior Executive Leaders

Cai Antoine, Panagiota Spyrou, and

Hannah Wood (*pictured above*)

(Mrs Brady)

Putting the Kettle on for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning!



Once again, students and staff at THA and FoTHA raised money for the Macmillan charity and FoTHA in a fantastic show of teamwork and community spirit. Plenty of cakes and biscuits were baked and sold by students and staff. The sixth formers served tea and coffee and helped to make the occasion raise an awesome £126.



I'm Jessica Walsh, The Harefield Academy's newly elected Head Girl. I am currently studying A-levels in English Literature, Philosophy & Ethics and Psychology.

I am extremely grateful to have this important role in The Academy as it gives me the opportunity to give back to all of the teachers who have helped me become the person I am today and also to give back to the Community I have grown up in.

I look forward to all of the exciting events I will be involved in to push The Academy further than before!

...and Head Boy, Mitchell Adams

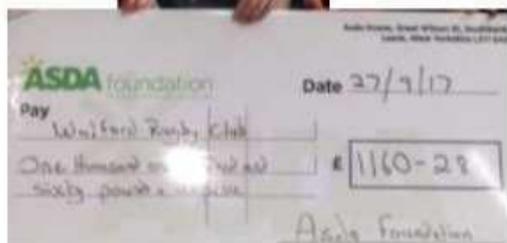


My name is Mitchell and I am currently studying A-levels in English Literature, History and



We are proud to support both charities and the students and staff enjoyed a fantastic morning fundraising and of course...eating wonderful cakes!
(Ms Gordon)

Under 14s Rugby Club Awarded Asda Sponsorship!



Jamie Plunkett (Year 9) plays for the under 14s for Watford Rugby Club. This year the team approached Asda for sponsorship and were overjoyed that the application was successful. They received a very generous amount of funding from the Asda Community Fund. This money will make a big difference to the team and the boys will now all get brand new kits with the Asda logo on them. (R. Plunkett, parent)

Sociology. I hope to study International Law at university. I feel privileged to be the Head Boy at The Academy because I have been encouraged to do things which have pushed me out of my comfort zone and which have helped me develop as a person.

I feel lucky that I can now help give something back to The Academy as everything I have achieved would not have been possible without the help and support I have received throughout the years.

Messages from some students and tutors on life at The Academy so far...

Charlie (C7) *At THA it is good because we can give our opinion and have somewhere to go to if we need help with anything. It is an easy school to find your way around and the school rules are sensible.*

Faye, Channele and Gemma (C10) *The Academy pushes you to work to the best of your ability. It deters bad behaviour and praises the good behaviour and supports all students. This shows The Academy cares for all the students. The Harefield Academy STARS gives students a voice and helps improve school life for them.*

Calum (C11) *Life at The Academy has been good so far, it's been amazing actually and the teaching is excellent.*

Amy-Joan (C11) *I enjoy classes because the teachers are nice and well trained, there are clubs at lunch for people who want to go and socialise and the Student Managers are really nice.*

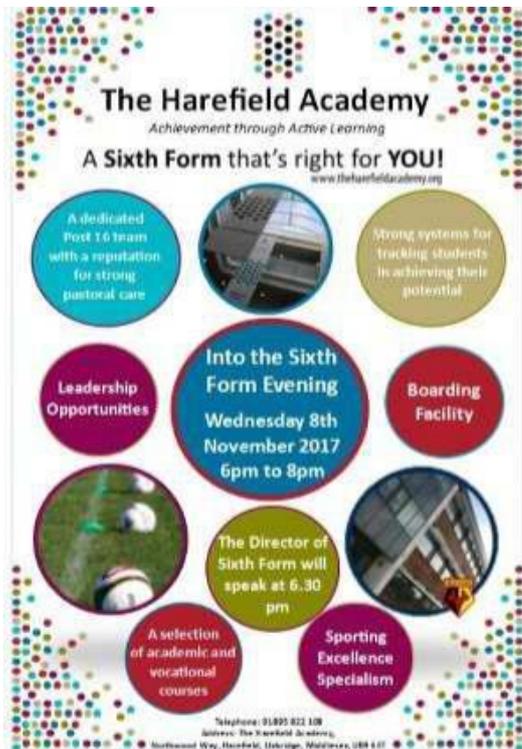
Tutor Group (L9) *Year 9 has started with a lot of challenges and it will be hard but we are ready for the challenge!*

Molly (L11) *Coming back in Year 11 has been hard work but there are lots of opportunities and after school lessons to help us to succeed.*

Lina (N7) *The Harefield Academy has been very welcoming to me and other students. I have enjoyed it so far, from all lessons to kind teachers. What I like most about The Academy is that if you are stuck you don't have to be afraid to ask and put your hand up. I like it for a lot more reasons but there's too many to add!*

Holly (N8) *The Harefield Academy has been*

Into The Sixth Form Evening



Starting the Sixth Form is an incredibly important time in the life of any student and their family. At The Harefield Academy we aim to make the transition from Year 11 to Year 12 as easy as possible.

With that in mind, we would like to invite all Year 11 Parents and their sons/daughters to the Year 11 – Into the Sixth Form Evening on Wednesday 8th November from 6.00pm until 8.00pm in the Theatre and the Circle Room. This will give you the opportunity to:

Gather information regarding the courses we will be offering in the Sixth Form next academic year, and what grades are required to enrol onto them.

Meet the teachers in charge of the different subject areas to ask any questions you may have.

Learn more about Sixth Form life.

Meet other parents who are also supporting their sons/daughters through this time.

Meet the Sixth Form staff and students.

Please note; The Headteach, Ms Moriarty and the

very welcoming and has supported me to become the best version of myself and is a positive environment.

Sam (N11) The first few weeks at The Academy have been busy. There has been a lot of after school sessions to go to and I am regularly attending Science and Maths. This is helping me with the homework and the work we do in lessons. I am hoping to do well in my mock exams coming up in December and have already begun revision for them.

Alyssa (P7) My life at the Harefield Academy is great I have found new friends and learnt new things. My favourite subject is Food Tech because you can make new things. I have joined a new club (trampolining) I really enjoy it being at The Academy.

Adian (P9) Life at The Harefield Academy is great, you get to meet new people, everyone is kind and happy. I get a bit tired when I finish football training but it doesn't stop me from having a good time at school.

Adriana (P10) My form tutor Miss Wells, along with Ms Gordon, have launched a netball club at The Harefield Academy. It is a great way for all girls to get involved in playing netball and our first matches are next week. I am a Spanish student and it can be difficult to make friends in a new country but joining the netball club means I have things in common with other girls here which will help me make friends.

Connor (P11) Since being at The Academy I have learnt a lot of life skills that will help prepare me for my future.

Stephanie (L7) So far I have enjoyed being at THA, I've made loads of friends. PE and geography are my favourite subjects. I made it into the football and netball teams and I am really happy about that. I think there is a really good atmosphere at the school.

Kacy (L7) I have really enjoyed all the sports I have been doing, like trampolining for example. We had a football tournament and we won every match up until the final, also we have a netball tournament coming up and I am really looking forward to it because I like playing with my friends. PE is also my favourite subject and I am really enjoying it because I am a sporty person!

...from Ms Jacobson (N10 tutor) Charli

Head of Sixth form, Mrs Brady, will speak at 6:30pm. The Connexions Advice Service will be on hand to give further impartial advice about pathways.

(Mrs Brady)



Autumn Term 2016 Mon 30th October - Staff
INSET Day Fri 15th December - Term ends

Spring Term 2017

Tue 2nd January - Staff INSET
Day Wed 3rd - Students return
Mon 12th February - Fri 16th February - Half
Term
Wed 28th March - Term ends for students
Thu 29th March - Staff INSET Day

Summer Term 2017 Mon 16th April - Term
starts Mon 7th May - May Day holiday Mon 28th
May - Fri 1st June - Half Term Wed 27th June -
Staff INSET Day Fri 20th July - Term ends

At The Academy we do not authorise any holiday booked in term time as since September 2013 Government instruction has stated that no holidays in term time can be authorised.

O'Connor took part in the English Schools trials recently for football and Chloe Perrett took part in Team GB trials for Cheer Leading. Along with myself the whole of Nav are behind both girls cheering them on. Go Girls..... Go Team Nav!!

and Mr Adele (C8 Tutor) Year 8s' second year has been an exciting and productive one, they have settled into the new routine nicely. There has also been good progress from C8 Watford Scholars; Max Rosner, Charlie Davies and James Debayo, who are also working hard in the group. Well done C8, keep up the good work!

Sixth Form Students of the Week

Every week, a Sixth Form student is nominated for Student of the Week. Any student nominated for **Sixth Form Student of the Week** will have their name put on both the website and on the THA Twitter account. They will also receive 10 achievement points.

Week commencing 4th September Mark Gibson, Jasmine Loh, Eliz Maloney, Grayce-Paige

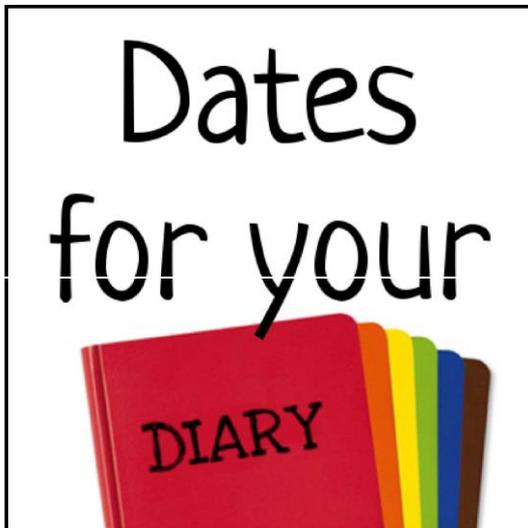
Pereira, Panagiota Spyrou and Lucy Wood for attaining the highest achievement grades across the Year 12 end of year exams.

Week commencing 11th September Roan Cooper for achieving a Grade 9 and an AS-level in Maths. Harry Ellis for achieving a Grade 9 in GCSE English. Amber Harvey & Jessica Keys for achieving a Grade 9 in GCSE Maths.

Week commencing 18th September Liam Styles for 'his natural aptitude and enthusiasm for Maths tutoring. He is an excellent role model for the younger students.'

Week commencing 25th September Nisreen Adan was chosen for 'her fantastic start to the Sixth Form at THA. Nisreen has settled in so well to both the Sixth Form and her A-level subjects. She has also been praised by her teachers for approaching her A-levels with a sensible head and a strong work ethic.'

Week commencing 2nd October Annie Manners was chosen for 'her fantastic work and enthusiasm working with the younger students on their paired reading. The dedication and care she showed each student was lovely.'



November 2017

- Thu 2nd - FoTHA bags to school collection event
(time to tbc)
- Wed 8th - Into the Sixth Form Open Evening
(6:00pm - 8:00pm)
- Wed 15th - FoTHA Meeting (6:00pm - 7:00pm)
- Fri 17th - Children In Need non uniform day
- Wed 29th - Year 9 Parents' Evening
(3:45pm - 6:30pm)

December 2017

- Fri 8th - Local Senior Citizens Party
(2:00pm - 4:00pm)
- Mon 4th - Parent Forum Meeting
(6:00pm - 7:00pm)
- Wed 13th - Year 7 Pantomime (Aladdin)
(12:00pm - 5:00pm)
- Wed 13th - FoTHA Meeting (6:00pm - 7:00pm)
- Fri 15th - Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 15th - End of term



The Harefield Academy is in full use of Class Charts, an online platform where staff can track

Week commencing 9th October William Moroney was chosen for 'the overwhelming number of members of staff, who have mentioned William by name when conducting Sixth Form Learning Walks focusing on the student's ability to self-organise. William's organisational skills and dedication to his studies have resulted in him creating exemplar folders in every subject he studies. He is already creating revision notes for all of his subjects. He is setting a very high example to his peers.'

Week commencing 16th October Tia Webber was chosen for her 'amazing attitude to learning and very high aspirations.' (Mrs Brady)

#THAProud - THA Alumni



We would like to hear more from our THA and John Penrose School Alumni about what they are doing now, so that we can inspire our current students with how their experience at school impacted upon their lives. We currently celebrate all the higher education entrants we have with our Honour Boards in the Reception area and main atrium of The Academy; the boards form a constant reminder of student achievement to our current students. It is heartening I think, for those that have left us to know that a tiny part of them lives on in the school to inspire others.

This is an idea that we are developing further this year as we look to celebrate **all** former students. The scheme known as #THAPROUD will be similar to the Alumni Boards but will celebrate how success has been achieved without going to university; this way we are showing the students that whatever they aspire to academically - they can be a success in life. We hope by shining a light on these students that more students will aspire to think about the kinds of careers that they could apply for, especially if they are outside of the norm. Encouraging students to keep an

and monitor the behaviour and achievements of the students at the school and where parents can do the same for their children.

We urge you to regularly check Class Charts so that you are aware of how your child is progressing.

Login details were issued early in the year but if you are having difficulties logging in, please contact your child's Student Manager who will be able to assist you with this. To access the direct link, please click [here](#). (*Ms O'Sullivan*)



Please be reminded that The Harefield Academy is a cashless academy and therefore any payments for school dinners, trips, books, painting etc. need to be made via the online portal Parentpay (click [here](#) for the direct link).

Login details would have been sent out to all students at the beginning of the academic year but if you do not have this then please

contact kashworth@theharefieldacademy.org at your earliest convenience. We truly appreciate your support with this. (*Mrs Ashworth*)

open mind at school and to be open to ideas is key and hopefully the establishing of this project will allow us to further encourage future generations of THA students.

If you are a former student of either John Penrose School or The Harefield Academy and would be willing to share what you have done since leaving and what you are doing now in a short paragraph; please could you email Claire Fitzgerald cfitzgerald@theharefieldacademy.org We are interested in all stories whether you left at the end of Year 11 or Sixth Form and regardless of whether you went to University or not. Your story will speak to at least one student, perhaps even more. The information you give us will be shared with both the staff and students of The Academy to inspire and inform them of the endless possibilities that are ahead of them.

Extra Curricular Activities Autumn Term 2017

To view the list of Extra Curricular activities that The Harefield Academy has to offer, please click [here](#).



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