

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all looking forward to the summer break and have nice plans with your families. Students finish school on Tuesday 23rd July at 12.40pm and return on Wednesday 4th September for a normal 8.45am start. There are separate arrangements for Years 7, 12 and 13 which has been communicated to those concerned. [Letter to Year 12 parents and carers.](#)

We have had a very busy year culminating in a highly positive exam period for both our Year 11 and 13s as well as those in Years 10 and 12 who impressed with their focus and commitment during their first formal mock period. We look forward to sharing our students' success stories with you following the release of exam results over the summer holiday. The projections for both GCSEs and A levels/BTEC Sport look exceptionally positive building more substantially on the continued progress our students have shown over the last two years. Please keep an eye on the website over the holiday period where updates will be posted.

You will be aware that in response to the changing demographic in the local area, we have formally consulted on a reduction in our published admission number from September 2020. I am delighted that this consultation has progressed successfully such that we are officially to be recognised as a smaller three form entry school. In order to ensure continuity and the highest quality provision, it is hugely important that we are able to streamline numbers across year groups and to financially plan our staffing and curriculum structure around a realistic cohort size. Our intention to provide an outstanding education that serves the local community is resolute, and as such this step to be recognised as a rural village school is very supportive to our continued progress.

In order to ensure we gain all the advantages of being a smaller school, such as bespoke support for students and personalised learning where required, but not to be compromised by our size, we continue to collaborate effectively across a range of schools in Harrow, Hillingdon, Hertfordshire and Brent. This has enabled our students to be supported by opportunities such as offsite A level learning for smaller subjects and visiting teachers who join us from other schools for small periods of time to teach specialist subjects. In turn other schools have been well supported by THA staff expertise to solidify these partnerships. We continue to work towards a formal partnership with a multi Academy Trust such that we have greater opportunities for shared resources.

Amongst many exciting developments that have taken place in The Academy this year, it seems appropriate as we look ahead to a summer of sun, to share with you an exciting project we are completing over the six week holiday which is The Harefield Academy Beach! Thanks to the generous support of FoTHA and our lead sponsor, we are regenerating one of the few areas of our lovely site that has become a little rundown over time to create a multi-purpose beach area, the aim of which will be to:

- enhance the student experience at social times
- facilitate alternate sports provision
- enrich the school community with positivity
- enhance curriculum opportunities



The Beach Area will include:

- A full size beach volleyball court
- A beach back drop mural created by staff, students and volunteers
- A seated area with beach style seating and picnic benches
- Picnic blankets and traditional beach games available at social times
- An outside food servery hatch for cold food to reduce queuing at lunchtimes

A number of students have already been involved in this project and we would like to ensure all students continue to feel a sense of pride and ownership in the fabulous facilities we have. ***As such we are inviting students/families to bring back typical beach memorabilia from their summer holidays that will be used to decorate the area.*** We will also have horticultural opportunities for some of our students who have an interest in this area as we work with the local community to develop plants/flowers in the surrounding area. We look forward to inviting you to visit the beach area and will publish pictures of the area 'in action' once we return in September.

Preparation for 2019 -2020

We would like to draw your attention to key information with regards to uniform and expectations of preparation for learning, which will support parents/carers and their child/ren with preparing for the new academic year.

In relation to continued uniform and equipment expectations, please see below as a reminder:

Uniform

Black/Russet/Stone striped blazer

THA polo shirt

THA jumper

THA polo shirt or white shirt and tie, with the additional option of THA pink blouse

Ties – gold stripe

Black trousers

THA wine pleated skirt or trousers

Shoes

Black formal leather or leather type school shoes are allowed. Coloured stitching, laces, are not permitted. Boots, trainers and canvas shoes are not acceptable as school shoes and must not be worn.

PE kit

Navy shorts

Navy polo shirt

Tracksuit bottoms - optional

¼ zip Tracksuit top - optional

Sports jacket - optional

Navy football socks



To be fully prepared for learning, all students should carry the following in a suitable bag at all times:

Reading book
Pencil case
Calculator (scientific)
Maths set
Pens (including red pen for student feedback)
Ruler
Eraser
Pencil sharpener
Lanyard

Excessive make-up is not acceptable. Students wearing too much make-up will be sent to Student Services so that it can be removed. No false eyelashes, eye liner, lipstick or eyeshadow permitted. No false nails, tips or coloured nail varnish. No extreme colours or patterns shaved into hair.

Students will be seeing their current lanyard colours through to next year and it is the responsibility of each student to keep these in a safe place for September. Students will receive the timetable insert to place in the plastic wallet on the first week back in September. If a replacement lanyard and plastic wallet is required it can be sourced from Student Services at Reception at the current price of £2.

Y7 – Yellow
Y8 – Purple
Y9 – Blue
Y10 – Red
Y11 – Green

As part of the Metropolitan Police prevention response to recent knife crime in the wider community, we work closely with our Safer Schools Officer PC Gaster to accommodate the use of knife wandering at The Harefield Academy periodically throughout the academic year. Please be assured that knife wandering checks are not triggered as a reaction to a particular incident but are common practice in secondary schools as a safeguarding procedure and preventative measure recommended by the Metropolitan Police. Students and parents/carers will not be informed of what day(s) knife wandering is to be used.

As is always the case when we close a school year, we say farewell to some of our staff moving on to new opportunities. Whilst we are very sad to say goodbye, we are also very grateful for the fantastic contributions each colleague has made to our school community and we wish them every success in the future.

Mr Lodge and Mr Brown have secured promotions in new schools. We wish them every success in their developing careers. Miss Foster is embarking on her lifelong ambition to train as an air traffic controller. Whilst she will be a loss to the teaching profession, this is an example of the aspiration we engender in our students to aim high and fulfil their ambitions. Our thanks go to Mrs Skinner for her longstanding work in both the Maths Department and within the SEND team over many years. We wish her well in her new role. Miss Nathan has completed her NQT year with us and moves on to a permanent role as a Psychology teacher. Ms Khawaja and Ms Cerrillo have been a fantastic support to us in Science and MFL this year but are now relocating and moving to jobs closer to home. We thank Ms Hoyte-Smith and Mr Draper who came to us on a temporary basis as we have transitioned to a smaller staff body. Their valuable contributions have supported students very effectively in PE and English respectively.



Please note that your child's Student Manager/s and Head of Year continue to be your first points of contact for any pastoral communications. Please see table below, for information on the Student Manager/s and Heads of Year for each year group from September:

	Student Manager/s	Head of Year
Year 7 & 8	Ms Booker	Mr Bourne
Year 9 & 10	Ms White and Ms Sweeney	Mr Martin
Year 11	Ms Raper	Ms Leonard

As staff turnover in schools nationally continues to be very high, we are very pleased that we only require one new member of staff to join our team in September in order to be fully staffed. As such we look forward to welcoming Mr Anil Bouri to the Maths Department. We also have Ms Harper from the Reach Free School joining us once a week as a specialist Drama teacher working with our Year 11's.

All that remains is for me to wish you a very happy and restful summer holidays. We very much look forward to welcoming your children back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Tash Moriarty
Headteacher