

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for your attendance at the Year 11 Parents' Evening and for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire. It was really positive to see that 80% of families attended and this will really support students moving forward. We really value your input and support of the school by letting us know how we are progressing and we use this feedback to support us in making further changes to improve the provision for students.

It was positive to see that you continue to understand and value the reporting system and that you recognise how this keeps you informed about your child's progress. A number of you indicated that you were concerned about the progress of some students. We share these concerns where students are below target and want to ensure they are effectively supported in swiftly narrowing these attainment gaps. As such we have built in intervention sessions that are bespoke to every student and are encouraging attendance to at least three after school sessions a week as well as extended learning opportunities during the holidays and weekends. Intervention classes are planned to intensively target gaps in learning and to make impact on outcomes. Where students have been regularly attending catch up we have seen significant improvements in their results and as such would seek your support in ensuring the most effective use is made of the short period of time between now and the May/June exams. Year 11 students all met with a member of the Senior Leadership Team in November to support them with planning for the future and to raise any concerns about their progress; all students will have a follow up meeting in the next 4 weeks to refocus on areas for improvement as well as to discuss next step planning in the run up to the examinations.

The Year 11 Tutor team is comprised of Directors of Learning across The Academy. Mrs Ral is working with Tutors to ensure that study skills are the focus of Tutor time after half term, to help equip students with the tools to revise and achieve well in examinations.

In terms of supporting students in preparing for their future, 80% of students in Year 11 have met with our Careers Advisor since September and by February half term all students in Year 11 will have had a careers meeting, with some requiring follow up advice regarding post 16 pathways. We have a careers page on the website now which shows the range of planned advice and guidance available to students as well as some helpful links. The page can be found [here](#).

Lastly could I remind you all of the value of your support in working closely in partnership with the school. Please be reminded that students in Year 11 should be studying for at least 2 hours every night and that this is best supported by:

- Structured revision and homework planning.
- A quiet place to work at home (where this is not possible, students are encouraged to use the library).
- When studying, devices like phones should be put away to avoid distractions.
- Healthy eating and sleeping patterns.
- Parental monitoring of study time and completion of tasks.
- Communication with the school where there are concerns.

Should you have any concerns about how your child is doing at The Academy please do contact me so that I can support you as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Timmins
Deputy Headteacher