

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your attendance at the Year 7 Parents' Evening and for taking the time to fill in the school questionnaire. We really value your input and support of the school in how we are progressing as an Academy and how we can support students more. We look carefully at these questionnaires to help us to refine the experience the students have in The Academy. We are delighted to see that in all areas parents are pleased with how The Academy is performing and how well the students in Year 7 have settled into Academy life.

The feedback we received was really positive with 96% – 98% of parents/carers commenting that:

- The school keeps my child safe.
- The school informs me about my child's progress.
- The teaching is good at this school.
- The school is led and managed effectively.
- Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.

The lowest positive responses (89%) were for 'My child is making enough progress at this school' and 'The school makes sure my child is well prepared for the future'.

With regards to students making enough progress in school; you will see from your child's latest report that in Years 7 and 8 we focus mainly on students' attitudes to learning, with exceptionally high standards held by the staff. If students are working hard in lessons and are challenging themselves with the time spent on homework, we will see real improvement in their grades and ensure their ability to reach, or exceed target grades. We report on the Year 7 students' current working grades for GCSE in Maths and English. For students this is a very new way of working and the new 9 – 1 grade GCSEs are very challenging. We are working hard with students during Key Stage 3 Maths and English lessons to provide them with the skills required for success at GCSE. In English the department is working with all Year 7 students on developing their extended writing, a skill which will support them in their GCSE examinations. The Maths department is ensuring that basic numeracy is strong, with consistent repetition of basic skills to ensure that these are mastered during Key Stage 3. They are also challenging students with developing their extended problem solving as the examination questions at GCSE are multi-layered requiring different mathematical skills to be evidenced within the same question.

To support students in their preparation for the future, during Year 7 students cover a topic in PSHE which covers elements of careers and preparing students for the world after education. Specifically, this will reflect student self-awareness and determination to succeed in identifying their own skills and qualities which may suit a particular job or career. When students move into Year 8 they will again have another half term of PSHE based on the GCSE options process and working within the business and finance industries. Students will have further one to one guidance interviews with a member of the Senior Leadership Team before applying for their GCSE subjects. This is supported by offering subject taster talks, when students will experience and become familiar with the subject at GCSE, with additional guidance from the Education Development Trust who provide students with careers guidance on which subjects lead on to specific careers.



Should you have any concerns about how your child is doing at The Academy please do contact either Miss Booker, Student Manager, at rbooker@theharefieldacademy.org or Mrs Robinson, Achievement and Standards Leader for KS3, at Sara.Robinson@theharefieldacademy.org, so that we can support you as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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