

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are coming to the end of this academic year we would like to thank parents/carers for your continued support. It has been a busy but highly productive year during which we have seen some fantastic achievements amongst our students and continued progress towards improved standards.

We celebrated a wonderful Prom night with our Year 11 students at Moor Park House on the 28th June. This was the culmination of all their hard work and effort and a great time to relax after the examination period.

The Year 10 and 12 students have really impressed all staff at The Academy over the last two weeks, completing their mocks in a determined and conscientious manner. Their behaviour, despite the heat, has been fantastic and their hard work and diligence will pay off as they move into Years 11 and 13.

It was wonderful to see so many families support our recent production of Alice in Wonderland where our students performed with such confidence, commitment and enthusiasm.

Preparation for 2018 -2019

We would like to draw your attention to some changes with regards to House names and uniform and would also take this opportunity to remind you of other items and expectations, such as lanyards, which will support parents/carers and their child/ren with preparing for the new academic year.

After thirteen years of using sporting heroes as House names THA STARS group (student leadership) decided that a change was needed. They felt that the House names were no longer relatable to younger students and wanted to rebrand the House system. The democratic process of choosing new names began in June and the General Election took place on the 21st June 2018 when both staff and students cast their votes at The Academy Polling Station.

The following nominations were elected:

Joshua House – Anthony Joshua

Hawking House – Stephen Hawking

Ennis-Hill House – Jessica Ennis-Hill

Obama House – Michelle Obama

Please follow this [link](#) for more information.

Please note that due to the high temperatures forecast throughout July and the humidity around the building, your child will **not** be required to wear their **blazer** for the rest of the term. We have also decided that, apart from those students taking part in internal and external exams, blazers will **not** be a compulsory part of the uniform in the final half term of each year from May half term.

Following discussions with our students and with our uniform providers the following minor changes will apply from September 2018. Uniform will now **not** be in House colours and The Academy logo will be with white embroidery for all items. We have agreed with our uniform suppliers that any previous uniform surplus stock will be used before the new stock is phased in and therefore that will mean there may well be a mixture of colours.

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 (female)

Ties – gold stripe

Black trousers (male)

THA wine pleated skirt or trousers (female)

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.

If you have any issues concerning our uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will put you in touch with the member of staff most suited to help you with your query.

We have acted on feedback from students and as a result, the PE kit has been changed as the students requested a kit that was more modern. The new kit is the same for both male and female students and is more fitted. The material is more technical which will keep the students cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Students can wear their current PE uniform as the new uniform only applies if a replacement kit is being purchased.

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

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, minimal eye liner, no lipstick or eyeshadow. 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 £1.50. Please be advised that the price for replacement lanyards will increase to £2 from September due to an increase in the cost associated with this.

Students are asked to empty their lockers by 20th July in preparation for cleaning and maintenance over the summer break.

We are delighted that from September 2018 we will be in partnership with 'Class Charts' at The Academy for homework setting, a programme that we currently use for behaviour and rewards. This application will allow us to manage homework, behaviour and rewards more effectively and efficiently under one programme. All teachers will set homework for your child in the application and both students and parents can access this information online. A personalised letter will be sent home with your child's new login prior to the end of term.

In line with the new Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2018 we are required to hold two emergency contact numbers for parents/carers. If we do not currently hold two emergency contact details for your child please email through a second emergency contact number in order for us to update our student contact details.

Staffing

We are saying farewell to a number of staff this summer who we wish every success as they move on to new challenges and experiences:

Mr I Adele
Mr R Thomas
Mrs B Hersi
Mr R Nadem
Mrs O Owusu-Appiah
Miss S Ansell
Mrs A Medcalf
Miss A Wells
Mrs S Robinson

We would also take this opportunity to welcome the following staff who join us in September:

Miss D Rhodes – House Parent in Boarding
Mr N Jones – GCSE and extracurricular Music teacher
Mr P Gridelet – Current football coach who will also be teaching PE and working in boarding
Miss C Dell – House Parent in Boarding
Miss S Cerrillo - French and Spanish teacher

We congratulate Miss Falconer and Miss Page who successfully completed their initial teacher training with us this year and are now qualified teachers who join us permanently in the Science and Computing/IT departments respectively from September.

Please ensure students retain a full attendance up to and including 20th July at which point we wish you and all your families a wonderful summer holiday.

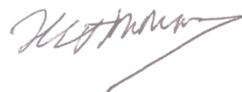
Yours sincerely,



Tash Moriarty, Headteacher



Fiona O'Sullivan, Deputy Headteacher



Helen Timmins, Deputy Headteacher