

# The Harefield Academy

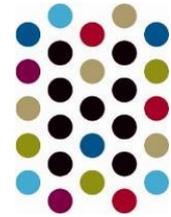
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all looking forward to the Christmas break after a positive and productive term.

As always, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents/carers and families for the fantastic support in working with us on a continued drive towards excellence. I would also like to draw your attention to arrangements for celebratory activities and the end of term at The Harefield Academy.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch for students

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Final day of term – school closes at 12:40pm

### ***Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch for students - £3.50***

Parents are asked to ensure students have sufficient funds (£3.50) on their child's Parent Pay account to enable them to enjoy the delicious Christmas Lunch as prepared by Cucina.

### ***Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day***

Students are invited to bring a suggested donation of £2 in return for wearing a Christmas jumper or festive clothes to school. Donations will be collected as students arrive in the morning and we ask that the correct change is brought to assist with this. Please note that this slightly different arrangement to previous non-uniform days is a result of our ongoing work with FoTHA (*Friends of The Harefield Academy*) the parent led group who raise funds that can then be used to support our students' learning and extra-curricular experiences. The funds collected will be split 50:50 between the 'Save the Children' charity and FoTHA. The amount is of course a suggested amount and we will be grateful for any donation, thank you.

The Christmas jumper/festive clothes worn as 'non-uniform' must be suitable for school and we request that you support this by checking the outfit that your child chooses to wear. Students who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to go home and change and we would of course prefer to avoid any interruptions to learning. Students should also arrive at school with the correct equipment for their learning, as on any other school day.

Unacceptable clothing:

- Stiletto, high or pointed heels, platform shoes
- Low cut or otherwise revealing tops
- Short or otherwise revealing skirts or trousers
- Hats and coats are not permitted inside the school building
- No additional jewellery or make up may be worn than is acceptable on a normal school day.

### ***Arrangements for the start of term in January***

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day - The Academy is closed to students

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – All students back in school



### ***The Café***

Please note that from January the Café will no longer be open after school. However opening times before school, break and lunchtime will stay the same. Please be reminded that students must leave the school site at 3:00pm unless they are partaking in a supervised after school activity.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to a number of staff who are leaving us this term and to extend our thanks for all their work and commitment to the school. As our student numbers have reduced in recent years through the demise of sports funding and changes in the local demographic, we are building our resources around smaller numbers of students and as such fewer staff. We will of course keep you updated with any changes that impact on provision.

### **Our thanks to the following Support Staff who leave us this term:**

|                 |                |                    |
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| Karen Ashworth  | Karen Bradley  | Tracy Ridley Young |
| Dawn Bermingham | Tracy Hawkwood | Grace Adesokan     |
| Peter Smith     | Claire Soames  |                    |

### **Our thanks to the following Teaching Staff who leave us this term:**

|                                    |                 |                              |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Amanda Gordon                      | Daniel Elsworth | Bhavini Gupta                |
| Penny Cox                          | Pippa Jacobson  | Vicki Margan                 |
| Christine Jegede (Maternity cover) |                 | Ian Berry (Greenhouse coach) |

### **We welcome the following staff who join us/return to The Harefield Academy:**

Sonia Ral – returning from Maternity leave to her post Head of Sociology/PSHE/Year 9  
Jos Hoyte-Smith – PE Teacher  
Stuart Lodge - Head of Drama/Teacher of English  
Sam Draper - Part time English Teacher  
Paul Rapley - Media/English Teacher  
Samaira Khawaja – Science Teacher  
Archanaa Nathan – Psychology and Child Development Teacher

Please also be advised that Emma Ellis has changed roles and is now our Student Services/Receptionist so will no doubt become familiar with parents/carers very quickly.

It only remains for me to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming students back in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

**Tash Moriarty**  
**Headteacher**