

# The Harefield Academy

*Achievement through Active Learning*

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are very proud of our 4 year trend of improvements which have allowed our students to move onto pathways of their choice. We were delighted that one of our Sixth form students accepted a place at Oxford University this summer to study Chemistry. This is the first time in the history of our school that a student has gained a place at an Oxbridge University.

Our Maths GCSE results are now significantly above the national average for secondary schools and the number of students achieving a grade 4 or above in English and Maths is now 67.4% of students. At A level our students make two thirds of a grade more progress, than the average across the country which is due to the hard work and diligence of our students and staff.

We have always had high expectations of our students, but as we push towards excellence for all, we have made the decision to set more aspirational targets for students so that they continue to aim high. Our target setting process is informed by the national target setting tool, FFT (Fisher Family Trust). Previously we have used this to set targets at the FFT50 threshold which means our students are aspiring to targets that 50% of students in all schools achieve. We are now raising our benchmark to FFT20 to support students in working towards targets that would put them in the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile of progress across the country. This is to ensure that we are consistently showing students what they are capable of achieving, by working to their best and by embracing our value of excellence for all.

To support you with monitoring the progress of your child we will be completing reports for students throughout the year. Students in Key Stage Three (Years 7-9) will receive 2 data capture reports and have 1 Academic Review Evening. Students in Key Stage Four (Years 10 and 11) and Key Stage Five (Years 12 and 13) will receive 3 data capture reports and have 1 Academic Review Evening.

### Data Capture Reports

We are planning to release reports to parents on the dates shown below, please be aware there may be slight changes to this over the year, if there are interruptions to learning caused by any further Covid restrictions.

Year	Reports to Parents
Year 12 – Attitude, Homework and Organisation	Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Year 13 and 11 – Data Capture	Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Year 10 – Data Capture	Week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020



Year 9 – Data Capture	Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
Year 7 and 8 Data Capture	Week Commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021

Year	Reports to Parents
Year 11 and 13 Mock Capture	Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> January Year 11 and 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 Year 13
Year 10 – Data Capture	Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Year 12 – Data Capture	Week Beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Year 11 and 13 - Final Predicted Grade Report	Week Beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Year	Reports to Parents
Year 7 , 8 and 9 – Data Capture 2	Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Year 10 and 12 – Data Capture	Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> July Year 10 2021 Week commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> August year 12 2021

### Academic Review Days

Due to Covid restrictions our Academic review days this year will be slightly different. We would like to invite parents in to meet with teachers in a socially distanced meeting, following all Covid Safe guidelines, if this is your individual preference. However, we will also be offering Google meet appointments, for those parents who would prefer a virtual meeting. As such we would request your support in letting us know in advance which option you are likely to prefer so that we can plan for these evenings.

We are planning the Academic Review meetings for the weeks shown below. Please can you follow this link <https://forms.gle/pMwM9KdPbedSe8N87> and complete the google form for your preference of a face to face meeting or virtual meeting.

Year Group	Week beginning
7	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021
8	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
9	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
10	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
11	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
12 and 13	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

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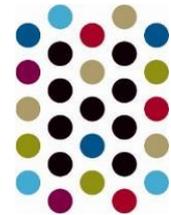
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We hope that these reporting methods will support you in understanding how your child is progressing and achieving at this time.

Should you have any concerns about your child's progress please do contact their Head of Year in the first instance who will be best placed to support you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Timmins', with a long, sweeping underline.

**H Timmins**  
**Deputy Headteacher**