

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Sixth Form Parents/Carers,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you back to continue your Sixth Form journey with us. We have been incredibly impressed with the resilience shown by our Sixth Formers in the face of a challenging year. We are looking forward to a successful Year 13, where students feel fully supported in their educational journey with us and ready to move on to their chosen paths beyond The Academy. In anticipation of the next part of your child's education with us, we have been preparing for supporting their return to school with a programme of induction that includes a variety of tutor time activities, school photographs and support with Sixth Form studies, which allows us to set our expectations and support students with settling back into the life of a Sixth Former. Over the course of this academic year, it is our priority that all our Year 13 students are fully supported to achieve the best that they possibly can, in preparation for adult life and their next steps beyond The Academy.

Built within the Sixth Form timetable is a daily, dedicated pastoral slot between 1pm and 2pm. We appreciate that students in the Sixth Form will have a variety of pastoral priorities and these daily slots have been designed to provide all students with an opportunity to explore pertinent PSHE issues, career choices and next steps, UCAS applications etc. These sessions form part of the overall provision that we offer for our students here in our Sixth Form and are planned carefully to ensure students receive a full and enriched pastoral programme which compliments their academic pathways.

Please may I use this opportunity to remind our families of the amended school day:

Week 1		
	KS3	KS4/5
08.45-09.45	Period 1	
09.45-10.45	Period 2	
10.45-11.00	Morning Break	
11.00-12.00	Period 3	
12.00-13.00	Period 4	
13.00-13.30	Lunch	PSHE/TT
13.30-14.00	PSHE/TT	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Period 5	

Week 2		
	KS3	KS4/5
08.45-09.45	Period 1	
09.45-10.45	Period 2	
10.45-11.00	Morning Break	
11.00-12.00	Period 3	
12.00-13.00	Period 3	
13.00-13.30	PSHE/TT	Lunch
13.30-14.00	Lunch	PSHE/TT
14.00-15.00	Period 5	



We have an exciting term ahead of us, with some key dates for your diaries mentioned below.

- **15th September KS5 Evening-** this is an opportunity to meet with the key stage 5 team and explore expectations and the journey ahead.
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- **21st September - Year 6 into Year 7 Open Evening-** We are extremely proud that our Sixth Formers always represent the Academy and support with this event.
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- **Post-16 Open Evening – 3rd November-** an evening where we showcase our wonderful Sixth Form to prospective students and parents, again Sixth Formers are always our best representatives at this event.

As students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all secondary school students have been directed by new Government guidelines to receive 2 on-site Lateral Flow Device Tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return to school in the Autumn Term. Therefore, please note that as part of their first day back, your child will have a Lateral Flow Test. If you have previously provided consent for your child to be tested, there is no need to do anything further. However, if you have not, and you now wish for your child to be tested, please follow this link <https://forms.gle/sC99pmA6KgL2Ufk76> to give your consent as a matter of urgency. Whilst we all hope we are reaching the end of the Covid 19 restrictions, we will endeavor to keep you updated in line with any changing Government guidance as and when this is put in place.

Our new caterers Aspens, launch their 'Streateries' menu at The Harefield Academy from September. For further information on prices and their exciting range of food which includes a range of Cold and Hot Deli options, Jacket Potatoes and Salad Bar, please visit our website.

Finally, if you feel that there is information of which you feel we should be aware, please do not hesitate to contact myself via email gemma.gardner@theharefieldacademy.org.

As always, we very much look forward to working in close partnership with our families to ensure that each child has a positive, safe, and purposeful academic year.

Kind regards,

G Gardner
Head of Key Stage 5