

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great excitement that we welcome Year 7 to The Harefield Academy to embark on the next step in their school journey. I would like to introduce myself as the Head of Key Stage 3 for Year 7, 8 and 9. I'm pleased to also introduce you to our Student Managers, who I will be working alongside; Mrs Raper and Mrs White.

As the new Key Stage 3 Team our priority has been to ensure we are able to welcome your child to our school with a supportive induction programme in place. This includes a welcome assembly, a variety of Tutor Time icebreaker activities, school photographs. Students will also complete CATS and Lucid testing providing us with valuable baseline data to allow us to understand the specific learning needs of your child.

Over the course of this academic year, our priority will be to ensure each student feels comfortable and safe in their new school environment whilst we continue to support academic progress throughout their time in Key Stage 3.

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. All parents/carers were sent Lateral Flow Consent Forms as part of our Admissions Pack. If you are unsure if you have completed this yet, as a matter of urgency would you please follow this link to give your consent <https://forms.gle/sC99pmA6KgL2Ufk76>. Whilst we all hope we are reaching the end of the Covid 19 restrictions, we will endeavour to keep you updated in line with any changing Government guidance as and when this is put in place.

Your Parent Pay login has been emailed to you. Should you have any queries regarding this system please contact Mrs. G. Theobald via her email at; gtheobald@theharefieldacademy.org. Please be reminded that we operate a cashless system, via Parent Pay and students will not be able to use cash whilst attending The Academy. So please ensure this account is funded and available for your child to access.

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. They have kindly given you a voucher which can be accessed via the flyer attached for your child to use on their first day on September 3rd, to purchase a meal.

Your Class Chart login will be sent to you today, we use this programme as a way for you to monitor your child's achievement, behaviour, attendance and homework. Details on this and how it can be used effectively have been sent to you in your admission pack.



On **15th September 2021, from 5pm – 6pm**, we will be having a Key Stage 3 Parent Information Event and we hope to see as many faces as possible.

This is an opportunity to meet members of the Year 7 Pastoral Team, members of our Senior Leadership Team, as well as your child's Form Tutor and discuss how they have started their time at The Harefield Academy, both socially and academically.

Finally, if you feel there is information we as a team should be aware of particularly regarding changes in family circumstances, please do not hesitate to make contact with myself lyndsay.idowu@theharefieldacademy.org , Mrs. Raper kraper@theharefieldacademy.org, or Mrs. White twhite@theharefieldacademy.org

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

Please be reminded that we will welcome Year 7 students to The Academy on **Friday 3rd September 2021 at 9:45am and will finish at 2.15pm.**

Kind regards,

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**Ms L Idowu
Head of Key Stage 3**