

# The Harefield Academy

*Achievement through Active Learning*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all managed well with the first full week of students returning to school. I imagine this has been a sizeable adjustment after having had such a long time out of routine.

I wanted to write to you to extend my congratulations to our students for the remarkable way in which they have swiftly taken on board and adapted to a very new way of working. Their conduct whilst entering and exiting the building; regularly hand washing and sanitising; adjusting to social zones, one-way systems and a staggered working day has been excellent. We are all very proud of how the students have lived out our THA values and modelled a community spirit. Furthermore, their engagement in learning has been fantastic. Students have returned with a highly positive mind-set and commitment to closing any gaps in their learning.

Whilst the changes in Covid measures announced by the government do not directly impact on education, we are mindful of the need for students to respect and align to the 'rule of 6' which becomes legally enforceable from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. We will reiterate this to students in school and remind them that they should not be gathering in groups of more than 6 either whilst commuting or when socialising out of school hours. We would ask for your support in ensuring this message is consistently reinforced at home such that students can keep themselves and others safe, whilst also avoiding any undesirable repercussions that may follow from breaching the new legislation. We do understand that students may become confused by the fact they are able to see larger groups within their 'bubble' at school, but not when they are out of school. As such, frequent reinforcement of this message will be valuable.

May I take this opportunity again to reiterate how impressed I have been with the conduct and attitude of students this week.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

With very best wishes and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tash Hurtado'.

Tash Hurtado, Headteacher