

# The Harefield Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we look ahead to the end of term, we would like to ensure that students are given the opportunity to continue with our usual traditions of school centred festive celebrations. As such I am delighted that we will be able to provide a Covid Secure Christmas lunch on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

We have worked closely with our caterers, Cucina, to ensure we can provide a traditional Christmas lunch for all students without the need to deviate from our established year group bubbles. In order to have a hot plated meal, we will therefore need to restructure this day slightly to enable all year groups to be served safely and within their year groups.

Please see for the plans for the final 2 days of the Autumn term below:

## **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

All students (Year's 7 – 13) will be invited to wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas themed outfits as part of a mufti day. We will be collecting £1 donations from each student upon arrival and funds raised will be used to support the charity, Save the children.

Students will be offered a staggered lunch that will fit around lessons as follows:

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Years 11</b>	<b>Years 12/13</b>
<b>08.30-11.35</b>	<b>Normal timetable</b>			<b>Normal timetable Until 12:40</b>	<b>Mock exams as per timetable</b>	<b>Mock exams (year 13) or lessons (Year 12) as per timetable</b>
<b>11.35-12.15</b>	Christmas lunch in the theatre	Christmas quiz in tutor rooms	Christmas quiz in tutor rooms			
<b>12.15-12.50</b>	Christmas quiz in tutor rooms	Christmas lunch in the virtual area	Christmas quiz in tutor rooms			
<b>12.50-13.25</b>	followed by Festive film/panto	Online Pantomime	Christmas lunch in the cafe			
<b>13.25-14.00</b>	<b>Years 7-9 departure at the usual time of 13.30</b>			Christmas lunch in the virtual area	<b>Christmas lunch in the cafe</b>	<b>Christmas lunch in the theatre</b>
<b>14.00-14.35</b>				Tutor time then departure at 14.30		

Students wishing to have Christmas lunch will need to request this via google forms using the link [here](#). There will be no alternative food available when Christmas lunch is being served so students will need to bring a packed lunch or buy food during the earlier break for their year group.



## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

This is the final day of term. Students should arrive at their usual start time wearing normal uniform. There will be a normal day for years 7-9 finishing at 1.30pm. Years 10 and 12 will finish at 1.45pm (or after their last lesson in the case of Year 12). Year 11 and 13 will continue to align to their mock timetable and will only be required to attend for any exams they have on that day.

We are very disappointed not to be able to offer extra-curricular and enrichment trips and experiences at present due to Covid restrictions. However, I am pleased to inform you that we will be offering some 'virtual' enrichment activities in the run up to Christmas as follows:

**Year 10** will be doing a virtual workshop with the Royal Shakespeare Company on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Year 9** will be virtually visiting the Great Barrier Reef and looking at the impact of pollution on this area Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Year 8** will be have a virtual visit to Lovelace and Turing to discover the invention of Computers on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Year 7** will be virtually discovering the scientific wonders of The Great Barrier Reef on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

In the absence of our traditional Christmas lunch for Senior Residents in Harefield, we have instead contacted all usual attendees inviting them to participate in prize draws and quiz activities as well as sending Christmas wishes from our staff and students. We continue to support our local community in the run up to Christmas through the provision of food banks and thank you for the kind contributions many of you have made to this.

Please be reminded that there is an INSET day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Therefore students return will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

When we return, we will be changing the school day to accommodate additional teaching time. We are unable to move back to our usual day just yet as it is still necessary to stagger student start and finish times as well as breaks, to facilitate social distancing. However, students are now well accustomed to their separate social zones and arrival points, so we are now able to remove the staggering of lessons, thereby enabling lessons to revert back to 50 minutes rather than 45 and to bring back daily Tutor time rather than weekly. This will support us in our continued efforts to ensure that any gaps in learning from the extended lockdown period earlier in the year, do not impact on student's overall achievements in the academic year.

The new timings of the day for each year group are outlined below. Each student will receive a new timetable that applies from the 5<sup>th</sup> January in line with these timings. Years 7-9 will be in school from 8.15am-2.30pm. They will have two 25 minute breaks and a tutor time and six 50 minute lessons (in line with our traditional timetable). Years 10-13 will have the same provision but with their day running from 9.05am to 3.15pm. As is the case now, students will continue to be encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early to commence handwashing routines and breakfast will be available during this time in social zones.



Subject to no further changes in national restrictions, we will also be reintroducing our extra-curricular timetable at the end of the day for each key stage.

	<b>Years 7-9</b>	<b>Years 10-13</b>
<b>08.15-09.05</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	
<b>09.05-09.55</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>
<b>09.55-10.20</b>	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>
<b>10.20-10.45</b>	<b>break</b>	
<b>10.45-11.10</b>	<b>Lesson 3</b>	<b>Tutor</b>
<b>11.10-11.35</b>		<b>break</b>
<b>11.35-12.25</b>	<b>Lesson 4</b>	<b>Lesson 3</b>
<b>12.25-12.50</b>	<b>break</b>	<b>Lesson 4</b>
<b>12.50-13.15</b>	<b>Lesson 5</b>	<b>break</b>
<b>13.15-13.40</b>		
<b>13.40-14.30</b>	<b>Lesson 6</b>	<b>Lesson 5</b>
<b>14.30-15.20</b>		<b>Lesson 6</b>

We look forward to our modified festive celebrations and hope that all of our students also engage positively in these activities.

Yours sincerely

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