

12th September, 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Brilliant results for Harrow High! Congratulations to All
GCSE results – best ever for Harrow High
84% gained 5 or more GCSE or equivalent A* to C grades
57% gained 5 or more including English and Maths

Well done to all our learners for their effort and hard work in achieving these excellent results.

May I welcome you back to school by thanking you and your child/children for their punctuality last week and looking so smart in their school uniform. All the learners are ambassadors for the school and we look forward to a year in which we can all continue to be proud of Harrow High School by working together and ensuring the ethos of the school is enhanced by all.

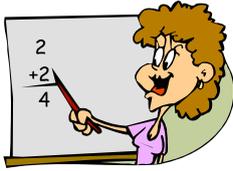


The Governing Body are immensely proud and pleased with the tremendous exam results. What we have seen is a complete transformation at Harrow High School. We would certainly say with confidence that this really is excellence for all." John Courquin
Chair of Governors

Open Evening

We invite the community to visit our wonderful school on Wednesday 18th September from 6.30pm. You have already made an excellent choice in sending your son or daughter to Harrow High. Please do invite friends and neighbours who are considering secondary education to come and meet us. There will be exciting demonstrations in various departments throughout the evening. Our tour guides will be happy to talk to you and show visitors around during the evening. If your son or daughter is helping on the evening please ensure the reply slip is returned to Mr Charles or Mr Buchanan.

New Staff



We are pleased to welcome new members of staff to Harrow High School:

Miss Best	English
Mr Osei-Bonsu	Science
Mr Coates	Science
Miss Davis	English
Miss Douglas	Humanities
Mr Felaar	Science
Mr Frappel	Science
Miss Gilliland	English
Miss Ma	Science
Ms Murray	Science
Mr Patel	Science
Mrs Pynor	Maths (Welcome back)
Mr Rabbett	Business
Miss Sudano	English
Mrs Vaghela	Science (Welcome back)
Mr Wahid	Business
Miss Yao	Maths

New Staff Comments

I would like to share with you a few comments from our new staff who joined in September:

"Joining a new school is always a chaotic experience, but the friendly staff and students have made me feel very welcome. I am particularly excited to be teaching in a brand new science lab this year, and to be working with a very enthusiastic science team"

"My name is Shannon Davis. I teach in the EAL department at "The Village". My experience in the first week has been very delightful. All of the staff members have been extremely helpful and patient as I continue to ask thousands of questions. I arrived to England about 2 weeks ago from New Jersey. I am still getting used to the difference in English verbiage between American and British English, as well as the food. Baked beans as a breakfast food is still very strange to me. I really enjoy being here, and I look forward to an educationally fun-filled school year".

"It's lovely to return to a friendly, family environment after all these years!"

Head Boy / Head Girl

Congratulations to our new Head Boy : **Dancho Bashov** and Head Girl: **Payal Punja**

All staff and learners look forward to working closely with Dancho and Paval and thank them for being such great role models for our new Year 7 learners.

Year 7 Photographs

At the beginning of each Autumn Term all new Year 7 Learners (and any other new Learners) will have their photograph taken in the School Hall by a professional photographer. This will take place on **Thursday 19th September from 8.30am**. These photographs will be available for purchase in a few weeks by order. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the correct school uniform and as usual looking very smart and pristine. The photos are lovely memories of their first weeks at Secondary School. It is important that are punctual on this day and if they arrive for 8.30am the photos may be done prior to registration.

Change of Address/Telephone Number

Please ensure that you notify the school office of any change of address or telephone number (mobile or land-line). It is imperative that we have the correct information on our systems in case of any emergency. If there is any change in the first point of contact or any other personal information, we also need to be notified of this. Thank you for your help in this regard.

Our New Science Classrooms



We are delighted to inform you of the opening of our new Science laboratories and classrooms. Our Learners are enjoying being in a wonderful and exciting working environment and you are invited to visit this area during a tour on 18th September – Open Evening from 6.30pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS / EXTRA CURRICULAR



At Harrow High School we invite the Learners to join in as many clubs/activities as possible. This enables your child to develop both academically and personally and make new friends. They will have an opportunity to have extra help with various subjects and our wonderful teaching and support staff will be there and each club will always be supervised. The best thing is that it is free! Please encourage your child to join in. We look forward to seeing them. Please find below a list of Clubs (this will be updated shortly).

EAL CLUB (English Additional Language)	EVERY WEDNESDAY IN V4 (VILLAGE) MS HOLYSZKO	3.30PM – 4.30PM
ART CLUB KS3 / KS4	WEDNESDAY MR BENJAMIN	3.20PM – 4.20PM
ART CLUB KS4	THURSDAY MR BENJAMIN	3.20PM – 4.30PM
ENGLISH CATCH UP CLUB	THURSDAY MS CLATWORTHY	3.30PM – 4.30PM
Maths revision club – YR 11	WEDNESDAY MR ORGILL	3.30PM – 4.30PM
SEN CLUB	MONDAY - V1 THURSDAY –V1 / SPORTS HALL THURSDAY – V1 FRIDAY – V1 / SPORTS HALL	8.00AM – 8.30AM 8.00AM – 8.30AM 3.30PM – 4.30PM 8.00AM – 8.30AM

Mufti Day Fund-Raising

We are delighted to share with you a letter we received from Northwick Park Hospital in relation to donations from our fund raising on various mufti days. With special thanks to Mr J Feleppa and our lovely Learner Voice students who work effortlessly to make things happen.

“Dear Ms Simpson,

I am writing to thank you for your Academy’s incredibly generous donation to our Cardiac Research Department. The students must have worked really hard to raise that amount of money.

Receiving a donation like this has given staff a real boost – sometimes we feel we are facing an uphill battle raising funds to carry out our research.

If any of your students would like to know more about our work I am very happy to come and give a talk to them, as a way of showing our appreciation for their efforts. We also have had work experience students in the past, as long as they are over 16.

Thank you once again.”

*Yours sincerely
Ann Banfield
Research Sister*

We thank you and your child for supporting all our fund-raising at Harrow High School which is an integral part of both Learners and Staff working together to help our local community.

Catering at School

We have a first class catering team cooking a variety of fresh food at school (please see our website for menus – essential information tab). Learners can buy a range of meals and desserts for lunch and there is a breakfast service (from 8.15am) as well as snacks mid-morning. Parents may credit their child’s account by using ParentPay or by cheque made payable to Harrisons. The school does not have the facility to give change to learners nor do the revaluation machines give change. If you are having difficulty with ParentPay please contact Mrs Morrison on 020 8861 7305.

Free School Meals

Every year some confusion occurs when parents/carers have failed to apply or re-apply for the above benefit. Forms are available from school, so please ask if you need help. Your child has a choice for lunch however, they must collect their complete meal in one visit. The lunch allowance may only be spent at lunchtime.

Planners

Every learner has their own planner which contains essential information. Please do read the planner it contains useful information including term dates. Learners should write their homework in their planners. Parents/Carers, please check the planners and add your signature on page 2. Please also check the details regarding emergency contacts on page 1.

Equipment

Please ensure your child is fully equipped for learning by bringing to school a supply of pencils, pens, a ruler and calculator.

Friday Letter

The Friday letter is issued in paper format every week to Year 7 so remember to ask your son or daughter for your copy. It is issued to the rest of the school at the beginning and end of terms. It is also available to view on our website: www.hhsweb.org

Yours sincerely



Paul Gamble
Headteacher