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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of the Spring Term approaches, we would like to draw your attention to the end of term arrangements and changes to the Year 9 lunch break.

End of Term Arrangements and Important Dates

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day; students will be dismissed by their Head of Year just after midday. Year Group assemblies will also take place throughout the morning. More information will be shared by their Form Tutors and Heads of Year.

| Date | Event |
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| 04/04/2025 | Last day of term for all students Students to be dismissed just after midday KS3 students will be dismissed from the front gate KS4/5 students will be dismissed from the back gate |
| 07/04/2025 – 21/04/2025 | Spring Holiday |
| 22/04/2025 | Inset Day – school closed to students |
| 23/04/2025 | First Day of the Summer Term - all students |

Changes to Year 9 and Year 11 Lunch Break

On the **28th April**, the Year 9 lunch break will move to Period 5. Rather than sharing their lunch break with Year 7 and 8 students, Year 9 students will have a later lunch with current Year 10 and KS5 students.

This move provides students with the time to adjust to the structure of the KS4 timetable before starting their GCSE courses in September 2025. We have found that this is hugely beneficial for students:

- **Building Stamina & Focus:** it encourages students to manage their energy levels and concentration for longer periods, just like in KS4;
- **Time Management Skills:** it helps students adapt to a schedule that prioritises learning and revision before lunch.
- **Smooth Transition:** it reduces the adjustment period when moving into Year 10, making the shift to KS4 more seamless.

- **Increased Responsibility:** it encourages independence and resilience, skills essential for GCSE success.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Williams williamsp@hendonschool.co.uk, Head of Year 9.

Yours sincerely,

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Lisa O'Connor
Assistant Headteacher