

HENDON SCHOOL

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'Learning Together Across the World'

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Dear students, parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and focus of our sixth form students this term. We have been particularly impressed with how well our year 13 students returned after the summer break ready to work and immediately preparing for their October mocks. This dedication to their studies has continued throughout the term and sets a good precedent for next year. Likewise, our year 12 students joined us eager to learn and have quickly adapted to the routines and expectations of sixth form. They have worked well throughout the term and we have been impressed by their positive and mature attitude towards their recent mock exams.

We have some key information to share in preparation for the start of the new term. Please read through the following carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sixth Form Progress Evening: Thursday 9th January 2025

An important feature in our academic calendar is the student progress evening which will take place on **Thursday 9th January** and all students should attend with a parent or carer. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with subject teachers, understand the progress that is currently being made and receive personalised feedback. For the event we are using our online booking service School Cloud. There is a parent guide attached with this letter that outlines how you can log on and book your appointments. You are encouraged to book an appointment with each of your teachers, however as a minimum please ensure at least one booking per subject. You will be able to access the booking system from Thursday 19th December at midday.

In addition, during the evening we will also be running a 20minute presentation on study and revision skills in the canteen. The presentation will take place twice, at **3.45pm and 5pm**. Students, parents and carers are invited to drop into one of these sessions around your academic appointments.

Vocational Subjects Public Exams: Wednesday 8th – Tuesday 14th January 2025

Many of our students are sitting public exams for their vocational subjects during the first week back in January. These exams are hugely important as their results count towards the final grade for that subject and as such it is important students are well prepared. Whilst we want all students to have a rest over the upcoming holidays, we want to remind you that a bit of revision every day is both easier to manage and distinctly better at preparing you for these exams. Parents and carers, please support your child in their preparations, by ensuring they have a quiet, focused place to revise, as well as a healthy lifestyle to support their wellbeing. A copy of the exam timetable is attached with this letter; please ensure you check it and know exactly when your exams are. **Students will be expected in school throughout**

this exam period, however we will make adjustments to their timetables that week in order to provide additional study opportunities and support.

Dress code

Please note that there are a few amendments to the sixth form dress code, which will take effect from January. The new dress code outlines the items **not allowed** as follows:

- No hoodies
- No jeans
- No ugg boots
- Trainers must be **all black with no colour at all, including on the sole**
- Lanyards **must** be worn

If a student arrives to school wearing an item that is not allowed they will be asked to remove it. Where this is not possible students will be sent home to change resulting in them missing out on learning time. Please support us by ensuring your child comes to sixth form each day in correct dress code clothing.

CHANGE OF DATE: Year 13 Mock Exams: Friday 24th – Thursday 30th January 2025

Please note, the date of the year 13 mocks has changed and they will now take place from **Friday 24th – Thursday 30th January**. These exams are the final opportunity for students to really assess where they are and what steps they need to take in preparation for their real exams in the summer. All students will start study leave on Thursday 23rd January; from this day they only need to attend school for exams or any organised revision sessions with their teachers. Students are of course also allowed to come and study in the sixth form centre. All students are expected back in school on Friday 31st January, which is Culture Day and will be a celebratory end to their busy week.

Summer Exams and Results Day

The current provisional timetables indicate that the summer exams will take place between **Monday 12th May – Friday 27th June 2025**. Please be aware that some practical exams may occur before these dates. All students must be available to sit exams during this time. Failure to attend an exam without medical evidence will result in an automatic zero for that paper. Please ensure you bear these dates in mind when planning any summer activities or holidays.

The Post 16 results day is currently scheduled for **Thursday 14th August 2025**, with GCSE exam results being released the following week. Students will be able to come in to collect their results on this day and celebrate their successes. Further information regarding this will follow closer to the time.

Contact

Sixth form is a busy time and communication between HS6 and home is important in order to support our students, so if you ever do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. Form tutors should be the first point of contact and then the Sixth Form leadership team. All absences and appointments need to be reported to Ms Tuac or Ms Qyqalla, our HS6 Study and Admin coordinators.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the sixth form team for their hard work in supporting our students this term. Mr Harper, Ms Tuac and Ms Qyqalla work tirelessly each

day to manage the running of HS6 and meet the needs of our students. Additionally, our tutor team provide mentoring and pastoral support and guidance to their tutees. I know you will join me in thanking them for all they do.

Finally, I extend warm wishes to you all for a wonderful break, a chance to relax and celebrate with family and friends, and all the best for a successful 2025. We look forward to seeing the students again on **Monday 6th January** at 8.40am to begin the spring term.

Kind regards,

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