

# HENDON SCHOOL

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## Year 12 Information Letter

Dear year 12 students, parents and carers,

As we approach the end of the first term of year 12 we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the term that has passed and prepare for the term ahead. It has been a very busy time for year 12 and firstly I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their transition into sixth form; it is a big step up from year 11 and we have been impressed by the focus and maturity students have demonstrated.

We would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of some key information and upcoming events.

### **Year 12 exams: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Exams will take place in most subjects and will be sat under exam conditions in either the hall or gym. Practical exams will be run by teaching staff within subject areas. These exams are an important signal point for us; they indicate individual student progress at this point, and will be used to inform discussions in January around students continued courses of study. Therefore, it is really important that students apply themselves fully to preparing for these exams so that they can achieve the best result possible. The exam timetable is attached with this letter.

### **Study Leave**

#### **A Level and L3 students**

- Study leave starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with the first exam starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. All students are back in school for full day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Level 2 students (12.7)**

- Study leave starts on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December with the first exam on the Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All students are back in school for full day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

During study leave students will only need to attend school when they have an exam, however teachers will be running revision sessions during this period and we encourage students to attend these where they are able.

## **PiXL Revisit**

In order to support and develop our students' independent learning skills all year 12 students have been using PiXL Revisit booklets during mentoring. Each week they complete at least one of the independent learning tasks in their booklet. The tasks vary slightly but essentially they all require students to review a topic they have been studying in lessons and re-record the key information from that topic in a different format. This encourages students to re-read their notes, remind themselves of the learning completed in class and most importantly revisit the topic. Regularly revisiting their learning is crucial in order to ensure that they secure it into their long-term memory, leading to success in exams. Please ask your child to show you their PiXL revisit booklets as talking about the work and explaining it to others is another great way of revisiting their learning also.

## **Dress code**

A reminder that students are expected to wear sixth form dress code every day. They should not wear trainers, hoodies or sport clothing. As the weather continues to get cooler please support your child in wearing appropriate clothing to school, including a warm and weatherproof coat/jacket. The dress code is attached with this letter.

## **Preparing for next year**

Looking forward to 2024 there is some key information and dates that we would like to share.

### **Start of Term: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

All students will start back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.40am to start the spring term.

### **Vocational L2 and L3 Public exams: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Public exams for students studying our vocational courses will take place in early January. These are the real exams for these modules and it is important students are prepared for them. The individual students included in these exams will be written to separately and receive their exam timetable from Ms Patel. Please support them in dedicating time to revising for these important exams to ensure they achieve the best grade possible. The exam timetable is attached with this letter.

### **HS6 Student Progress Evening: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

An important feature in our academic calendar is our Student Progress evening which will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with subject teachers, understand the progress that is currently being made and receive personalised feedback. Further information will be sent out regarding this event.

## **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 Mrs Qyqalla, our HS6 Study and Admin coordinators. A reminder of all our contact details are outlined below.

All that remains is for me to wish you all an excellent end to this busy first term, followed by a safe, healthy and happy Christmas break.

Kind regards,

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