

HENDON SCHOOL

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Dear year 13 students, parents and carers,

As we reach the middle of our first half term in year 13 we would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome the students back from the summer break and congratulate them on a great start to year 13. We have seen lots of students focused on their learning, completing their UCAS forms and setting themselves up well for the year ahead.

With this in mind we want to give you some key information about upcoming events throughout the year to support the success of all our students.

UCAS Exams: Monday 7th – Friday 11th October

UCAS exams are taking place at the beginning of October. These exams provide students with an opportunity to achieve their best possible predicted grade for their UCAS application and are therefore very important. In addition, these exams are an opportunity for students to assess where they are and start planning for the year ahead. Therefore, it is really important that students apply themselves fully to preparing for these exams so that they can achieve the best result possible. Students will be on study leave for this week, meaning that they will only need to attend school when they have an exam. Teachers will be running revision sessions in school during this period and we encourage students to attend these where they are able. Students will receive an individual mock exam timetable and a full list of exams will also be posted in the sixth form area and is also attached with this letter.

UCAS

Year 13 are busy completing their applications for university and apprenticeships. The internal deadline for submitting UCAS applications is Friday 18th October, therefore all students should be working towards this. Submitting UCAS forms early increases the possibility of receiving a contextual offer with reduced entry criteria as well as gaining a place on popular courses as university offer places as and when they receive applications, so it is really important that students prioritise this. Once applications are submitted to the school they have to be checked, approved and the reference added so there is still a process to go through before it can be sent off fully to the universities. Therefore, **students must submit their application by the internal deadline of Friday 18th October** Further information can be found on the [UCAS](https://www.ucas.com) website.

Any students applying for medicine, dentistry, veterinary or to Oxford or Cambridge will have to submit their application earlier and therefore have an internal deadline of Monday 7th October.

For students looking into apprenticeships, deadlines will vary by employer so it is important for them to keep looking at both the individual websites of any companies they are interested in as well as the [government apprenticeship website](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) where all vacancies are listed.

Dates for next year

Sixth Form Parents' Evening: Thursday 9th January 2025

An important feature in our academic calendar is our parents' evening which will take place on **Thursday 9th 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 closer to the time

Year 13 Mock Exams: Monday 13th Friday 17th January 2025

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. More detailed information will follow in the new term.

Summer Exams and Results Day

The current provisional timetables indicate that the summer exams will take place between **Monday 12th May – Monday 30th 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.

Kind regards,

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