



Harlington Upper School

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HARLINGTON UPPER SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE – 21st July 2017 New information is presented in blue font.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Uniform Reminder - A reminder that from September all students are required to wear trousers or skirts with the Harlington logo stitched onto the waistband (please see previous editions of the bulletin for details). Please ensure any orders for Prestige uniform are placed with them by the end of July to ensure delivery ready for the start of term. If you need to purchase trousers or skirts from a different supplier please contact me by email before Monday 24th July giving information regarding the retailer and the item code. If the item is compliant with our policy, I shall post a voucher for each item for you to take into Prestige so that they are authorised to stitch on the logo (this will cost £2). Girls' skirts must be knee length. gbillin@harlington.org

Summer 2017 Results Days

- **GCE** - Thursday 17th August
Year 13 - 8.00am to 9.00am
Year 12 - 9.00am to 10.00am
- **GCSE** - Thursday 24th August
9.00am to 10.30am

Location: Theatre

If a student is **unable to collect their results in person**, a designated proxy (relative or friend) may collect the results. The student will need to make sure that their proxy has a **letter from the student** giving them permission to collect the results. The proxy must also bring **photographic ID**. **Results cannot be emailed or issued verbally via telephone.**
All uncollected results will be sent to their home address by first class post.
Good luck. exams@harlington.org

Music Department – Please see the information at the end of the bulletin regarding National Youth Jazz Collective Workshops starting in October 2018. ecarroll@harlington.org

NEW YEAR 11

Year 11 End of Year Reports - Your child will have received from their Form Tutor their End of Year 11 Reports which will include their performance grade in the end of year exams, positive achievements for the year and learning targets. mmunshi@harlington.org

OTHER INFORMATION

Staff Changes and School Funding

The well-reported financial challenge faced by all schools has also had an impact on Harlington. As you may be aware, it has been necessary this year to reduce the amount of money the school

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spends on staff through a restructuring process. Although this has not been easy we have been able to complete the process without the need for compulsory redundancies. We have also been able to ensure the conditions for the continued success of the school. Our finances are now secure for the foreseeable future and the school is fully staffed with appropriately qualified and experienced teachers. In addition to the restructuring process there has been the usual round of staff leaving and new staff joining the school. These are summarised below.

Staff Leaving – Mrs Dorcas Allison (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Tricia Bell, Mrs Judy Brandham-Carter Mrs Kirsty Brookes, Mrs Becky Dawson, Mrs Elodie Delanoe, Mr Patrick Downes, Mr Ajay Gandhi, Mr David Goldsmith, Mrs Stephanie Hallam, Mr Timothy Harmer(student support assistant), Mrs Claire Martin, Mrs Michelle McLaughlin, Mr Luke McMahon (learning supervisor), Miss Sophie Mead, Mr Rizmy Mokhtar (Teaching Assistant), Mr Michael Park, Mrs Daksha Pritroda, Miss Cilla Pumfrey, Miss Kelly Startin, Mrs Barbara Thomas (Cover Manager), Mr Scott Wade, Mr Brian Wafer(DT Technician), Mrs Lynne Williams(Teaching Assistant).

New Staff – Mr Scott Boniface – DT Technician, Mr Christopher Christodoulou – English Teacher, Mr Ben Clark – ICT Subject Leader, Miss Elaine Cooney – Art Teacher, Miss Nichola Cross – PE Teacher + D of E Leader, Mr Mark Field – English Teacher, Mrs Nicola Halpin – English Teacher, Mr Angelo Maclean – Languages Teacher, Mr Paul Martin – Maths Teacher, Ms Natalie Masala – Associate Head of English, Ms Irene Meehan – Learning Supervisor, Miss Nadia Nabi – Business Studies Teacher, Ms Anna-Maria Nieto – Learning Supervisor, Mrs Kemi Nna – English Teacher, Ms Laura Ruiz-Garcia – Languages Teacher, Miss Josie Smith – Maths Teacher, Miss Justine Warren Student Support Assistant.

Policies updated – The following policies have been reviewed and can be found with our other policies on the school website: <http://www.harlington.org/policies--guidance>

The Complaints and Conciliation Procedure
Personal Development Policy

Home To School Transport Assistance Policies Consultation - Central Bedfordshire Council is consulting with the public on proposed changes to the way pupils travel to schools and colleges.

We are proposing revised policy proposals that make better use of public transport through bus passes and train travel, as well as sustainable ways of getting to school, such as walking and cycling. We also want to encourage schools to make greater use of their minibuses by providing financial incentives that will help them to run and maintain their own transport services.

The revisions would allow for a more efficient use of council tax payers' money, whilst ensuring that we continue to meet our statutory responsibilities. The proposed policy changes would also bring benefits through reduced congestion, pollution and parking issues on busy local roads near schools; encouraging healthy forms of exercise; and helping the viability of existing public transport routes.

The consultation runs until Sunday 20 August. Responses will help to inform the council's policies. The public can give their views online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations or pick up a paper copy from their nearest library.

Please see the attached information towards the end of this bulletin.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21st July 2017 at 3pm	End of Term
Friday 1st & Monday 4th September 2017	Teacher Training Days
Tuesday 5th September 2017	Start of Term Y9, 11 and 13
Wednesday 6th September 2017	Start of Term Y12



Learning Support Bulletin

Dear Students, Parents and Colleagues

As I am sure you are aware Mrs Dawson is leaving Harlington at the end of the term to start a new job working with schools in Newham. Mrs Dawson arrived as a newly qualified teacher in September 2001 (not called Mrs Dawson at that young age) and has worked her way up to Assistant Headteacher. For the last 3 years she has been an amazing and very caring Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO) and she will leave a big gap when she leaves on Friday for her new role.

The school will be advertising for a new Assistant Headteacher / SENDCO early in the new term, hopefully to appoint a new colleague from January. Until that person is in post there will be an interim arrangement to ensure that students with additional needs continue to get the support they deserve and need. The Learning Support Team will therefore comprise:

- Mrs Billin – Deputy Headteacher & Acting SENDCO
- Mrs Dodd – Acting Learning Support Manager
- Mrs Davis – SEND Administrator
- Mrs Goodwin – Teaching Assistant, Access Arrangements
- Mrs Bamford – Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Day - Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Kotecha - Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Press - Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Stevens - Teaching Assistant

We are also fortunate enough to have appointed a Maths teacher, Mr Martin, whose current role is SENDCO in a secondary school. His experience will be a great asset to the school.

Although the Learning Support Team will work together to ensure that students' needs are being met, please can parents and staff ensure that any communication comes to me, Mrs Billin, in the first instance.

I shall be available at all parents' evenings to speak to parents of all students being supported by the Learning Support Team. The dates of these evenings are below for your diary. I am happy to see parents and students of any year group at any of these times so please do let me know if that would be useful.

- 19th October (Year 11 Curriculum Parents' Evening)
- 16th November (Year 9 Tutor Parents' Evening)
- 1st February (Year 9 Curriculum Parents' Evening)
- 26th April (Year 10 Curriculum Parents' Evening)

In addition, we shall continue to host SEN Parents' Forum 3 times a year to facilitate the sharing of information from school, other agencies and to encourage parents to chat to others with similar experiences. We are currently in dialogue with colleagues from CAMHS and Chums regarding presentations at these Forum meetings. We will publish the dates at the start of the new term.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful summer and look forward to seeing the students in school on Tuesday 5th September. Please do not hesitate to get in touch about any aspect of school life.

Georgie Billin – Deputy Headteacher
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CHUMS ACTIVITY DAYS



WEEK 1: 2ND-4TH AUG
WEEK 2: 29TH-31ST AUG
AT SILSOE VILLAGE HALL
AND WREST PARK

DAYS FILLED WITH
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Resiliency workshops
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