



Harlington Upper School

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HARLINGTON UPPER SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE – 5th May 2017

New information is presented in blue font.

Previous email updates are available on our website.

We currently have the following vacancy:

- Administration Assistant
- Midday Supervisory Assistant

More information can be found on the school website at www.harlington.org/vacancies or email mboyle@harlington.org

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Uniform: consultation on skirts and trousers – We value our school uniform and believe that it helps students develop a sense of self-pride and commitment to the school community. However, a number of students and parents have told us that they find it difficult to know exactly what uniform to buy and that this results in some students wearing inappropriate trousers and skirts. We already recommend a school uniform stockist. I would like to consult with you on making it a requirement that trousers and skirts are purchased from this stockist. This would bring Harlington in line with a similar requirement in other local upper schools. It would also be possible to supply the skirt and trousers with a small school badge embroidered near the waist band.

I have already asked parents at the last Parents' Forum about this. They said that they liked the formality of the uniform, including the blazers and could understand how difficult it is to ensure all students conform consistently to the requirements for standardised trousers and skirts. Parents thought that the idea of moving to a trouser/skirt with the logo embroidered on it, available through only one supplier would be a good idea to help with consistency, although they said that the price of these garments would have to be competitive.

It would certainly help parents know exactly what uniform is required and help all students look smart and appropriately dressed. However, I appreciate that not everyone would appreciate being limited to one supplier.

I would therefore be grateful if you could send me a brief email if you have a view, either in support or against the idea of moving to one supplier for school uniform.

Thanks in advance for your comments. Shawn Fell, Headteacher enquiries@harlington.org

Library News - The new Library display for May is a trip down memory lane. There are several copies of 'The Grapevine' school newspaper, which date back as far as 1991 and are available for students to browse. Articles include 'Hunk of the Month', 'Twogether', 'Mrs Wareing Reports' and 'Class of 97'. Some of our parents may even feature amongst the pages! If you remember being in an article in the school newspaper between 1991 and 1996, maybe in a drama production or a sporting event, it would be lovely to hear your memories. You can email me: adee@harlington.org

Cash payments, old £5 notes - Old £5 notes cease to be legal tender today so the Finance Office and Kitchen will no longer accept these from Monday 8th May. Please ensure only the new polymer notes are sent into school. Alternatively, please make payment through

website: www.harlington.org
e-mail: enquiries@harlington.org

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ParentPay. Please contact the Finance Office if you require ParentPay activation details for your child. Thank you. finance@harlington.org

YEAR10

Vaccinations - The DTP/MenACWY vaccination catch-up session is on Wednesday 10th May. Appointment time slots have been emailed home to parents of the students concerned. Appointment slips will also be given to students on Tuesday next week and teachers will be informed. Thank you.
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YEAR 11

English Language & Literature – Revision sessions for Year 11 students are running from 3.15-4.15pm on Tuesdays. There will be two sessions each week, one has a Language focus and the other a Literature focus. There are also opportunities for students to complete exam practice for each exam paper. All students are welcome. They should meet in E2 to be directed to the appropriate classroom. mmclaughlin@harlington.org

Date	English Language	English Literature
9 th May	After School Mock English Literature Paper 1 – A Christmas Carol and Shakespeare	
16 th May	Paper 2 Question 5 – Writing to argue (Planning)	Modern Text – planning a response
23 rd May	Paper 2 Question 5 – Writing to argue Devices	Modern Text – language analysis

Exam dates for English Language and English Literature are as follows:

English Literature

22nd May 2017 – Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel

26th May 2017 – Modern texts and poetry

English Language

6th June 2017 – Explorations in creative reading and writing

12th June 2017 – Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Media Studies: Revision Sessions for GCSE Media Studies are running on Wednesdays from 3.15-4.15pm. Students who wish to attend should arrive at E6 for a prompt start.

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GCSE Media	
Date	Focus
10 th May	Free Choice
17 th May	Mock Examination

24 th May	Free Choice
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SIXTH FORM

AS Maths Revision - AS Maths Exams are on the following dates:

C1: 17th May

C2: 24th May

S1: 7th June

FP1: 19th May

The day before each exam, the Maths Department will be running revision sessions. Students should come to the Maths Department to find out which room they are in.

Core 1: 16th May - Periods 3, 4 and 5

Core 2: 23rd May - all Periods

FP1: 18th May - Periods 1 and 5

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OTHER INFORMATION

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

Assessment Monitoring and Reporting
Teaching and Learning

Fostering – Central Bedfordshire Council are running a campaign at the moment to find further Foster Carers in Central Bedfordshire. If you are interested, please go to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/fostering or call the fostering team on 0200 300 8181.

Parent Network – Support, guidance and learning drop in sessions for parents caring for children and young people with any additional needs, chronic health condition and/or disability. For more information, please see the attachments at the end of this bulletin.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th May – Friday 11th May 2017	Y9 Blue Peris Trip
Monday 8th May 2017	Y10 Revision Sessions Period 3 & 4 Theatre
Wednesday 10th May – Friday 12th May 2017	Y11 Unit 3 Drama Exams
Thursday 18th May 2017	Y13 Fashion Show
Wednesday 24th May 2017	Y10 Brilliant Club Graduation, London 8.00am – 5.00pm
Wednesday 24th May 2017	Y10 GCSE Ensemble Evening 3.00 – 5.00pm
Thursday 25th May 2017	Y13 Leave
Friday 26th May 2017	Y11 Leave
Friday 26th May 2017	Y13 Study Leave starts
Monday 29th May 2017	Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June 2017	Half Term
Monday 5th June 2017	Y11 Study Leave starts
Tuesday 6th June 2017	Y10 DT Trip to the Design Museum, London
Thursday 8th June 2017	Parents Forum 6.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 15th June 2017	SEN Forum Night 6.30 – 8.00pm

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Parent Network

Parent Network support, guidance & learning drop in sessions for parents caring for children and young people with any additional needs, chronic health condition and/or disability

Lesley and Francine at Families in Focus will be running Parent Network support, guidance & learning *drop in* sessions for parents caring for children with any additional need/disability/chronic health condition including Autism, ADHD, Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, PDA, Diabetes, Crohn's and Colitis etc. in Toddington and Biggleswade.

No matter where you live, come and join other parents living in families similar to yours; share experiences and knowledge gained along the way in a supportive and non-judgemental environment. Each session will also have a 'Families in Focus Guide to...' learning topics:

**Toddington Village Hall, Leighton Rd,
Dunstable LU5 6AN**

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12pm

May 11th Launch of Parent Network
May 25th Understanding challenging behaviours
June 22nd Understanding Sensory issues
July 13th Managing challenging behaviours
September 28th Open forum and EHCP process
October 19th Understanding anger
November 16th Managing anger
December 7th Empathy to improve communicate

**The Hub, Ivel Valley School, The Baulk,
Biggleswade SG18 0PT**

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12pm

April 27th Launch of Parent Network
May 18th Understanding challenging behaviours
June 15th Understanding Sensory issues
June 29th Managing challenging behaviours
21st September Open forum and EHCP process
5th October Understanding anger
2nd November Managing anger
23rd November Empathy to improve communication



Website: www.familiesinfocus.co.uk Email: info@familiesinfocus.co.uk Tel: 01442 219 720

Families in Focus Parent Network also in Hemel Hempstead, Watford, St Albans and Stevenage