



HARLINGTON UPPER SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

Welcome to another year at HUS Sixth Form. We had an excellent set of results this year in August with a fantastic 48% of our A2 students achieving a grade A or B and a very significant improvement in our average point score from 735 to 789. Our CV/contextual value added score at 1015 now puts us in the top 15% for progress in maintained schools of the country, which is absolutely amazing.

Year 12 also achieved some great results which will ensure that they can apply to the best universities this year. Most of our Sixth Form leavers have now started on their university courses all over the country, whilst others are soaking up the sun and working hard in far flung places on their GAP year.



New Sixth Form Common Room

We look forward to catching up with their news.

Both year groups have settled quickly down to work and are enjoying the new common room and all the new opportunities. I am sure this term will be as busy and enjoyable as always.

P Symonds



**A2 straight A Grade students
celebrating their results**

YEAR 12

We hope that Year 12 students are now feeling settled and happy with their chosen courses. We have been impressed by the way they have approached the beginning of term and all their beaming smiles.

It can be a stressful time for Year 12 students as they cope with the jump from GCSE to AS and the heavy workload that will all of a sudden creep up on them. If they are feeling stressed, it is important that they talk their concerns through with their Form Tutor, Subject tutor or someone from the Sixth Form Team. We can always find a solution, if we know there is a problem.

New Sixth Form Team

As some of you may know already Caron Montague left during the summer holidays for a new post and of course we all wish her all the very best.

We are very pleased to welcome Jacqui Hill onto the Sixth Form team. She is your first point of contact in the Sixth Form office and will I know be a fantastic asset to our team.

So the Sixth Form Team now consists of:
Mrs Paula Symonds – Head of Sixth Form
Mr Edward Godfrey - Assistant Head of Sixth Form
Mrs Jacqui Hill - Assistant to Head of Sixth Form

YEAR 13 UCAS

It has been great to see so many students coming into school with their personal statements at the beginning of term. These will be read by their Form Tutors and myself. Students will also have the opportunity over the next month to attend Personal Statement Clinics with representatives from a range of universities.

Subject Tutors will have already discussed with students their AS results, re-sit requirements, if any, and their predicted A2 grades. This will enable students to look for appropriate university courses, go on open days and ask any questions that they may have about the entrance requirements.

It is important that students complete their UCAS applications as soon as possible, so that they have the best chance of securing the top university place of choice.

Sixth Form absence

Please can you contact us when your son/daughter is unable to come to school either by phone on 01525 755100 or via email on sixthform@harlington.org or symonds@harlington.org. There is an answer phone in the Sixth Form area and we always pick up our messages. Thank you to all those parents who religiously call us and keep us fully informed of their son/daughter's movements. It really does help us and ensures all staff are fully aware of absences.

Key Dates/Deadlines 2009-2010

ART - Deadline dates Year 12

W/C 7th December 2009

W/C 1st February 2010

W/C 14th February 2010

W/C 26th April 2010

W/C 7th June 2010

10th June 2010

Coursework review 1

Exam papers released

Start of examination preparation period

Deadline for Unit 1 (coursework)

Coursework review 2

Examination week

Display week

Exhibition evening

ART - Deadline dates Year 13

W/C 19th October 2009

W/C 7th December 2009

W/C 14th December 2009

W/C 1st February 2010

W/C 14th February 2010

W/C 26th April 2010

W/C 7th June 2010

10th June 2010

Coursework review 1

Coursework review 2

Deadline for critical study essay

Exam papers released

Start of examination preparation period

Deadline for Unit 3 (coursework)

Coursework review 3

Examination week

Display week

Exhibition evening

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

6th November 2009

13th November 2009

Year 13 - Project Check No. 2 - Criterion 1 & 2 (aspects of 3)

Year 12 - Project Check No. 2 - Criterion 1 & 2 (aspects of 3)

DRAMA

9th November 2009

11th December 2009

13th January 2010

3rd February 2010

24th February 2010

17th & 18th March 2010

22nd & 23rd March 2010

24th & 25th March 2010

24th March 2009

29th, 30th & 31st March 2010

Year 13 - A2 Drama Trip

Year 12 - AS Coursework Unit 1

Year 12 - AS Drama Trip

Year 13 - Coursework SWE 1st

Year 13 - Coursework SWE 2nd

Year 13 - A2 Unit 3 Exams Evening

Year 13 - Drama Exams

Year 12 - AS Unit 2 Exam Evening

Year 13 - Final Deadline

Year 12 - AS Drama Exams

ENGLISH

Y12 English Language

11th December 2009

19th March 2010

Y12 English Literature

4th December 2009

19th March 2010

Y13 English Language

11th December 2009

19th March 2010

Y13 English Literature

4th December 2009

Creating Texts piece 1

Creating Texts piece 2

Spies coursework

Top Girls coursework

Language Investigation

Media Text

Extended essay and Shakespeare Study

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

16th November 2009 - Deadline

14th December 2009 - Deadline

1st February 2010 - Deadline

Between 1st February and 12th February

22nd February 2010

1st March 2010

Criterion 2 - Highlighting a wide range of possible design ideas

AS Portfolio 1 - Writing up design ideas and overall analysis

Criterion 2 - Overall analysis against Design Specification

Development Section

Mass production section of the Coursework

Overall Evaluation of the Coursework

GEOGRAPHY

January 2010
June 2010

Geography exams - Dates to be confirmed
Geography exams - Dates to be confirmed

HISTORY

18th December 2009

Unit 4 - Germany United and Divided
Deadline Assignment Part A

31st March 2010

Unit 4 - Germany United and Divided
Deadline Assignment Part B

ICT A2 Deadlines

6th October 2009

Strand A documents. If you have completed your baseline, IT will then need to see a couple of newer revisions.

3rd November 2009

Strand B baseline plan plus Strand C. Evidence of meetings. Evidence of communication between you and the client evidence of minutes plus the latest revision of your plan.

23rd January 2010

Strand D complete user guide, testing documentation and customer satisfaction surveys.

4th March 2010

Strand E Evaluation.

27th April 2010

All **unit 8 and unit 11** work needs to be handed in on this date - 1 week after Easter. This is a **FINAL** submission date. Work handed in after this time will not be marked.

ICT - Deadlines for Edexcel as applied Year 12

15th December 2009 - Deadline

Unit 1 - Life information age/online services/digital divide coursework

22nd April 2010 - Deadline

Unit 2 - Transactional Websites coursework

MATHS

5th November 2009

Senior Maths Challenge

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE

15.05.2010 (To be confirmed)

Foreign Language - A/S and A2 Orals

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

22nd October 2009

Introduction to Leadership Academy – 3.15-4.15

4th November 2009

Cross partnership training day – All day

8th December 2009

Healthy living workshop – 3.15-4.15pm

12th January 2010

Running a festival training – 3.15-4.15pm

18th March 2010

Kempston OAA centre training – All day

1st July 2010

Multi skills festival – All day

PSYCHOLOGY

24th March 2010

Psychology Conference (Year 12)

TEXTILES - A2

29th October 2009 to 10th February 2009

Criterion 4

7th January 2010 to 10th February 2010

Criterion 5

FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2010

FINAL DEADLINE

PARENTS EVENINGS/INFORMATION EVENING

26th November 2009

Years 12 & 13 Information Evening

3rd December 2009

Year 13 Parents Evening (Year 12 @ risk)

30th March 2010

Year 12 Parents Evening (Year 13 students of concern will be called in).

21st April 2010

Years 12 & 13 Photographs

Uniform

Please see below a copy of our Sixth Form uniform for your reference. All boys should now be in winter uniform and so polo shirts need to be put away until the summer term. Some of the girls' skirts and tops do seem to be getting shorter and we have spoken to all of them about this.

Girls should be wearing skirts or dresses which are at least just above the knee in length. This does mean that leggings with short tops or t-shirts are not appropriate for school.

All staff are aware of the uniform code and if after a warning from a member of staff a student is still wearing inappropriate uniform, a letter will be sent home.

We do appreciate that students want to look attractive and we do not want to be the fashion police, but we do need to ensure that all students are wearing appropriate and smart clothes to school. This dress code is an important part of our Sixth Form ethos and is something many visitors and other Sixth Forms comment on.

Sixth Form Uniform Years 12 & 13

The main guideline is:

STUDENTS SHOULD DRESS SMARTLY FOR SCHOOL AS IF THEY WERE WORKING IN A FORMAL OFFICE SITUATION. THEY SHOULD ALSO RECOGNISE THAT THEY WILL BE SETTING AN EXAMPLE AS SENIOR STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Specific guidelines:

BOYS should wear collar, tie and trousers (**NOT** jeans).

GIRLS should wear a dress or skirt (of an acceptable length) or tailored trousers with blouse and plain jumper. (**NO** jeans or sun tops). Girls may **NOT** wear shorts - tailored knee length city shorts are acceptable, hot pants **are not**.

ALL STUDENTS

NO denim items are acceptable.

Jeans of any colour (i.e. black, brown, white etc...) may **NOT** be worn.

Shoes should be worn - **NO** trainers.

Hoodies are **NOT** suitable.

As with the main school, only one stud per earlobe is acceptable and **NO** other visible piercing is permitted.

HAIR: Whilst acknowledging the pressure of fashion and peers we would ask students to ensure that hair is of a natural colour and worn in a style which is inoffensive and suitable for a professional establishment.

Extremely short hair, shaved heads or very obvious highlights are **NOT** acceptable.

Hair styles should be suitable for a professional establishment.

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