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Dear Parents/Carers and Learners,

Our weekly letter is issued every Friday and this is a special letter to welcome all our new learners in Year 7. Yesterday and today have been busy ones where your child has already experienced the importance we place on developing an ethos which promotes a climate for learning. We want each and every young person to have a happy and successful time at school and know you will support us in our aim.

## GCSE results – best ever for Harrow High

### 84% gained 5 or more GCSE or equivalent A\* to C grades

### 57% gained 5 or more including English and Maths



Last Thursday morning a few anxious faces could be seen as our Year 11 learners awaited their exam results. We are delighted to announce their results give our young people an excellent basis for their future and it makes the effort and hard work of staff and learners worthwhile. The staff deserve credit for their commitment to our young people and the confidence they inspired. Many are continuing their studies in the sixth form and we wish all of them, whether at Harrow High or other colleges, continued success in the future.

Head Boy, Fynn Roberts achieved excellent grades and commented, "I am very very happy with my results, much better than I expected and cannot wait to start 6th form at Harrow High in September. The sense of community and the involvement of the teachers in your progress and achievement are second to none."

Chair of Governors, John Courquin commented how impressed the Governors were of the results this year, "The Governing Body are immensely proud and pleased with the tremendous exam results."

What we have seen over the last few years is a complete transformation at Harrow High School. We could certainly say with confidence that this really is 'Excellence for all'.

### **Catering at school**

We have a first class catering team cooking a variety of fresh food at school (please see our website for menus – essential information tab). Learners can buy a range of meals and desserts for lunch and there is a breakfast service (from 8.15am) as well as snacks mid-morning. Parents may credit their child's account by using ParentPay or by cheque made payable to Harrisons. The school does not have the facility to give change to learners nor do the revaluation machines give change. If you are having difficulty with ParentPay please contact Mrs Morrison on 020 8861 7305.

### **Free school meals**

Every year some confusion occurs when parents/carers have failed to apply or re-apply for the above benefit. Forms are available from school, so please ask if you need help. Your child has a choice for lunch however, they must collect their complete meal in one visit. The lunch allowance may only be spent at lunchtime.

### **Planners**

Every learner has their own planner which contains essential information. Please do read the planner it contains useful information including term dates. Learners should write their homework in their planners. Parents/carers, please check the planners and add your signature on page 2. Please also check the details regarding emergency contacts on page 1.

### **Uniform**

I was pleased to see our new intake wearing full school uniform this morning and hope the standard is maintained. The school blazer needs to be worn to school every day. The school has a stock of second-hand items of school uniform which are in good condition. Please speak to Mrs Joshi (ext 210) for further information.

### **Equipment**

Please ensure your child is fully equipped for learning by bringing to school a supply of pencils, pens, a ruler and calculator.

### **Open Evening**

We invite the community to visit our wonderful school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. You have already made an excellent choice in sending your son or daughter to Harrow High, please do invite friends and neighbours who are considering secondary education to come and meet us. More information next week.

Yours sincerely



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