

25<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

A big thank you to all learners and staff who acted so diligently on Wednesday morning at 8.30am when a car caught fire on the road in front of the school. The Fire Brigade were called and Harrow High School staff immediately acted to ensure the safety of all pupils, public and staff.

#### QUOTE

*"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."*  
Chinese Proverb

#### WESTMINSTER ABBEY VISIT

Year 7 learners enjoyed a morning visiting Westminster Abbey, this included a guided tour, cheese making session and a brief history lesson. Learners will be studying the current Royal family after half term.



Year 7 were fascinated by the Abbey and in particular they enjoyed visiting where the recent royal wedding was held.



#### Some of the comments from Year 7

*"I really want to go another trip it's so fun",*

*"I really liked looking at Queen Elizabeth's tomb" and*

*"I really enjoyed the trip I would definitely recommend it. Thank you"*

## REMINDER

Clocks go back 1 hour Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



We are delighted to welcome back a number of gentleman from the Old Gaytonians Association who will be joining us on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November for our annual Remembrance Service to be held in the foyer. The traditional 1 minute silence will be observed by the whole school.

## COMPUTER GAMES

With the growing number of computer games currently on the market, there is concern over the amount of time teenagers spend playing these games and the effects they may have. Whilst most parents are aware of their child's activities it is important to be aware of their involvement in this past time and monitor the content.

### **Tips on Managing Teen Media Consumption**

Because of the popularity of video games, completely eliminating them from your child's life might be difficult. However, you can decrease the negative impact that they have on your child. Here are a few tips:

- Know the rating of the video games your child plays (see below).
- Do not install video game equipment in your child's bedroom.
- Set limits on how often and how long your child is allowed to play video games.
- Monitor all of your child's media consumption – video games, television, movies, and the Internet.
- Supervise your child's Internet use – there are now many "video games" available for playing online.
- Take the time to discuss with your children the games they are playing or other media they are watching. Ask your children how they feel about what they observe in these video games, television programs or movies. This is an opportunity to share your feelings and grow closer with your child.
- Share with other parents information about certain games or ideas for helping each other in parenting.

The [ESRB Web site](#) has more details about this rating system, as well as the "content descriptors" that are used in conjunction with the ratings on game packaging. The site is also useful for parents who want to search for the rating of a particular game.

**HARRISONS CATERING**



**Harrow Foodbank**

Foodbank Vouchers (3 days emergency food) are available now for individuals and **families in crisis** from agencies and professionals supporting them: HARROW CAB, HARROW COUNCIL HELPS SCHEME, CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES AND WEST LONDON YMCA. For further information please contact your caseworker or email: [www.harrow.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.harrow.foodbank.org.uk)

**Addition to Extra Curricular Timetable**

|                   |                              |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Maths</b>      | <b>Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.</b> | <b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> |
| - Homework club   | M9                           |                        |
| - Foundation      | M3                           |                        |
| - Higher (D – B)  | M2                           |                        |
| - Higher (B – A*) | M7                           |                        |

**DIWALI**

We wish all families celebrating on 3<sup>rd</sup> November a wonderful Diwali

Have an enjoyable half term half term break.

School re-commences on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.50am

**HALF TERM INTERVENTIONS**  
**28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**  
**YEAR 11**

- You will have received a personalised letter that indicates the sessions that you should attend during the week – if you are unsure please ask.
- You can enter school site by either the front or back gate and you should enter the school building via the archway entrance by food technology or the doors to the English block – then make your way to the identified rooms
- Please go directly to the identified classroom when you arrive in school.
- When your intervention session has finished you must leave the school site
- If you are attending a second session in the morning or an afternoon session you should wait in the playground area during the break – you may leave site but please return on time for your intervention session

| TIME SLOT                          | 9.30 – 11.00  | 11.30 – 1.00  | 1.30 – 3.00                              |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October    | Maths – Village rooms   | Maths – Village rooms   |  |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October   | English<br>11 Y2 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form   | English<br>11 Y2 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form<br><br>Psychology – 6 <sup>th</sup> form                        | Psychology – 6 <sup>th</sup> form        |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October |   | Geography – Yr 10 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form  | Geography – Yr 10 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October  | English<br>11 Y1 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form<br>11 X1 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form<br>11 X2 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form | English<br>11 Y1 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form<br>11 X1 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form<br>11 X2 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form |  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November    |   | Geography – Yr 11 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form  | Geography – Yr 11 – 6 <sup>th</sup> form |



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