

Spring Term - Edition 4 - 31st January 2014

AROUND HARROW HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Parent/Carer and Learners

ENGLISH RESULTS

Harrow High School's GCSE English Language exams

Results: 97.7% passed with a C or better.

Congratulations to the best Year 11 in the history of Harrow High school! On exam day, I asked the Year 11s to show the exam board what we can do at Harrow High – and they did! I would like to thank ALL the learners of Harrow High who really pushed themselves to achieve their target grades – and in some cases to exceed them significantly! I can say that every learner gave their all!

I would like to thank the English teachers who worked very hard to support the learners. We are delighted with these results and are hoping for the best set of results ever in June 2014! So to those Year 11s who did not take their GCSE English in November, the gauntlet has been thrown: can you put the effort in and exceed your Targets as the November cohort has done? We KNOW you can!

DID YOU KNOW?

Harrow High School is in the top 4% nationally for value added at 'A' level.

We are ranked 165th out of 4,273 – **study with the best at HHS.**

This means our learners make much better progress at Harrow High School than at the vast majority of schools both locally and nationally.

THE PRINCE'S TEACHING INSTITUTE

Harrow High School has been awarded the **Prince's Teaching Institute Mark** which recognises school departments which have developed inspirational ideas and activities which enhance different subjects regardless of pupils' backgrounds or abilities. School departments must have demonstrated their commitment to furthering their students' understanding of and enthusiasm for the subject and enthused students through subject based activities beyond the curriculum. Well done to everyone.

YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

On Friday 24th January, Year 11 attended a 'Mock Interview Day'. We welcomed 24 volunteers from the business world who kindly gave up their time to act as interviewers.

The morning was a great success and we were proud of all the Learners who attended looking extremely smart attired in business suits and smart dress. A special thanks to Mrs Motiwala who organised the event and worked tirelessly to ensure the morning ran smoothly. We hope that the experience helps all the learners in finding future employment.



"I was very impressed. The Year 11 students were lovely, polite, engaging and smartly dressed and I thoroughly enjoyed the day".



We would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to help with the morning.

SCHOOL TRIPS

YEAR 8 CINEMA TRIP TO SEE THE NELSON MANDELA FILM

On Friday 24th January, a number of Year 8 Learners visited the cinema to see a film "Long Walk to Freedom" about Nelson Mandela's life. They were very moved by the film, many close to tears. Although the film was almost 3 hours long, Learners were very much engaged. It was very emotional as the film came to an end. Upon returning to school discussions took place about film. The film complemented our Discrimination Unit part of the SMSC Scheme of learning.

BASKETBALL VISIT TO WORCESTER On Sunday 26th January, Mr Goncalves and Mr Al-Mana accompanied ten learners from Harrow High School Basketball Academy to the University of Worcester Arena to watch two exciting Basketball Finals being fought out.

“A spectacular facility was waiting for us and two big games were scheduled. We were also entertained by cheerleaders, and contests during some of the breaks. In the Women’s Final, Team Northumbria won the Cup after defeat Cardiff Archers (64 - 66) in an incredible game.

The Men’s Final saw Reading Rockets crowned as champions after a big win (93 - 72) over Newham. It was a fantastic day, filled with amazing Basketball moments”.

Everyone had a wonderful day and a special thank you to Mr L Goncalves for arranging the trip.



We would like to thank Worcester University for such a warm welcome and great atmosphere



Learners’ quotes from Sunday:

“It was a good experience to watch basketball players in the National Cup.”

“I was grateful for being taken up to Worcester to watch high professional basketball.”

“I appreciate being taken to a new location for something I am interested in (Basketball).”

“I felt rewarded for being in the Academy just by going to Worcester for a day out.”

Well done to Harrow High School Basketball Academy who exhibited their amazing skills by securing three victories this week:



U13: HHS 70 – 18 Harefield Academy HHS 59 – 38 Pimlico

U16: HHS 60 – 45 Platanos

YEAR 10 VISIT

Mrs Vaghela from the Science Department accompanied eight Year 10 learners to Bentley Wood High School in Stanmore where a Company called EDT were talking to students. The Company were promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and Maths) The Company talked to young ladies in the hope that it would inspire them to take up careers in this field in the future. The afternoon was also about team building skills and lots of judging was taking place by the charity ran company and teachers. All learners had a wonderful time. A special mention to Mr Crippen who gave up his afternoon to drive the learners there and back.

FREUD MUSEUM – YEAR 12 - PSYCHOLOGY

The Year 12 Psychology class were excited about their visit to the Freud museum as they got to experience a true sense of Freudian theories and his career of work on Psychoanalysis.

It was an insightful but rather interpretative journey all through the museum as students got to share their understandings of various different Freudian symbols cleverly placed around the museum.

The highlight of the trip was the very positive feedback given to us from the museum curator who was very impressed by the level of knowledge and passion that our Psych students hold.

One quote received from staff at the museum:

"Schools come and go but it is the first time that I have seen such enthusiasm and passion in students about a subject. You should be very proud of them."



Mrs Corner commented "Indeed I am very proud of my Psych students. Our Year 12 Psychology students have done HHS proud once again on the outside world so well done to them.

Yours sincerely



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