

HHS 6TH FORM STUDY WITH THE BEST

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AROUND HARROW HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer and Learners

STUDY WITH THE BEST – YOUR SIXTH FORM AT HHS

HHS IS IN THE TOP 4% OF SCHOOLS NATIONALLY FOR ‘A’ LEVEL PROGRESS

Our learners make much better progress at Harrow High School than at the vast majority of schools both locally and nationally. Out of the 4,273 schools and colleges who offer BTEC, Harrow High is ranked in the **top 3%**. Our sixth form is small and personal. We can offer tailored support and intervention. You may consider the rest – but study with the best at HARROW HIGH SCHOOL!

TRIPS

Psychology/Biology Year 12 Zoological Trip

Psychology students were treated to a wonderful experience during their trip to London Zoo. Our students got to experience a first-hand group therapy session with a qualified clinical hypnotherapist. He firstly delivered a session on treatments of phobias and the learners then session experienced a hypnotherapy session which was aimed at curing anyone of a phobia of spiders. We were introduced to a real life tarantula when many students had the privilege to hold in the palm of their hands!



Before Hypnotherapy session

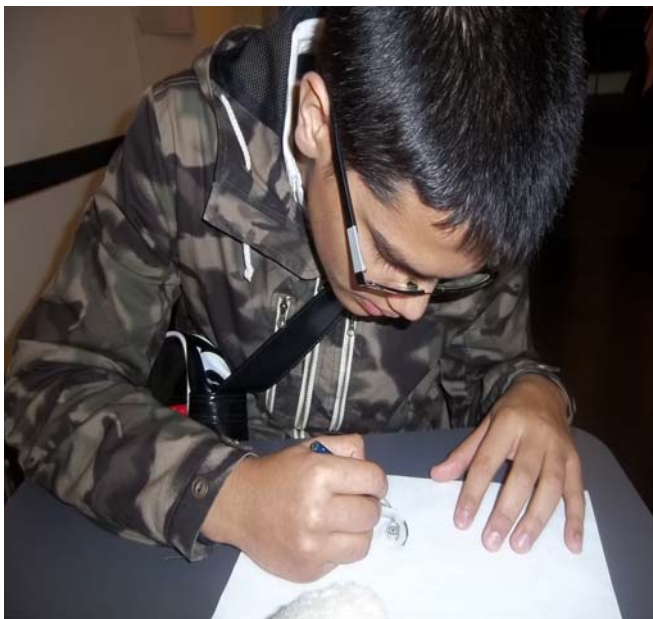


Cured after Hypnotherapy session!

Our learners commented : *“It was an amazing experience having gone through a first-hand hypnotherapy session and then getting to hold a real life tarantula. We have learnt that real hypnotherapy is completely different from the clichéd version we see in the media”*. Thank you to Mrs Corner and Mr Patel for organising the trip.

TATE MODERN GALLERY VISIT – YEAR 11

On Tuesday 4th February, 27 year 11 learners visited the Tate Modern Gallery in London accompanied by Ms. Chohan and Mr Benjamin. The learners were enthused about the trip and this was reflected in their behaviour, which was exemplary.



They were able to see most of the artworks exhibited and some even engaged with an inter-active drawing pad, creating work which they signed and displayed.

LEARNERS' QUOTES:

“It was great. I really enjoyed it”

“Some great sights overlooking London”

“Inspirational”

SAFER INTERNET DAY – TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2014

February 11th 2014 is Safer Internet Day, a day that is very important to our school and pupils. Safer Internet Day is run by the INSAFE network and is celebrated every year across Europe, and in other countries worldwide. In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk), and this year's theme is *“Let's create a better internet together.”* Childnet International, who form part of the UK Safer Internet Centre have produced an online safety presentation to help schools, parents and carers, support children and young people online.

6TH FORM NEWS

Valentine's Day – Friday 14th February

6th Formers will be selling roses on Valentine's Day: £1.50 - single red rose /£1 - single yellow rose. 6th Formers will also be selling Valentine themed cupcakes – proceeds will go to *“The Willow Foundation”*.



BASKETBALL ACADEMY – CHAMPIONS

Congratulations once again to our amazing Basketball Team and coaches Mr Goncalves and Mr Maitland. On Wednesday 5th February 2014 our **Y8 boys became Borough Champions**. Here are the results of the tournament:

HHS 20 – 2 Park High

HHS 14 – 0 Salvatorian

HHS 12 – 8 Whitmore

Semi-final HHS 21 – 2 Cannons

FINAL – HHS 21 – 14 Whitmore

Thursday 6th February saw HHS celebrate yet another win against Greig City Academy 61 : 55 in another exciting game!

THE BIG MARCH

February 11th 2014 – visit the Beat Bullying website: www.beatbullying.org/bigmarch to demand that the European Commission introduces new law to protect the right of European children to go online without fear of being bullied or harassed.

SMSC LESSONS

As part of the year 9 unit on drugs, Miss Assadi has organised for the Company 'Cut Films' to visit during SMSC lessons. Learners are creating their own video clips which will be entered into a local and national competition. Prizes include mini- Ipads! The project is being funded by **The Deborah Hutton Campaign** which is a peer –to peer youth smoking prevention charity.

TALK ON KNIFE CRIME

In addition this week, C019 police officers delivered a session to learners about knife crime and staying safe. Learners were engaged and enjoyed the session learning about legal aspects and prison conditions.



LONDON CHESS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Atreya Mandnikar – 9NAL – Ranked 1st! This was an exceptional result with Atreya playing his first tournament in December. A true inspiration to our aspiring chess players. Should you wish to join the Chess Club at school please contact Mr Chaytor in the Maths Department.

Yours sincerely

Paul Gamble
Headteacher

RESULTS OF YEAR 9 PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE JANUARY PARENTS' EVENING

39 responses out of a potential 139 = 28% response rate.

Good News is

97% of parents are happy with their child's experience at this school and 95% would recommend us to friends

92% say their child enjoys school

91% say their child's planner is checked every week.

Not so Good News

49% don't check the website every week.

10% don't think we inform about their child's progress.

13% don't think we respond quickly to concerns

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	%	%	%	%
1 My child enjoys school.	51	41	5	3
2 Harrow High keeps my child safe.	54	44		3
3 Harrow High informs me about my child's progress.	41	46	10	
4 My child is making good progress at Harrow High	45	54		
5 The teaching is good at Harrow High	49	51		
6 I encourage my son/daughter to read regularly	59	38		
7 Harrow High helps me to support my child's learning	41	51	7	
8 Harrow High makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group)	49	44	5	
9 Harrow High meets my child's particular needs	41	51	5	
10 Harrow High responds quickly to my concerns	43	43	13	
11 Harrow High has an informative website and has effective communication	44	50	5	
12 I check the website every week	18	33	49	2
13 Harrow High deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	44	44	8	
14 Harrow High takes account of my suggestions and concerns	37	51	11	
15 Harrow High is led and managed effectively	39	58	3	
16 Homework plays an important in learning	48	50	2	
17 My son's/daughter's planner is checked and homework is recorded regularly	47	44	8	
18 Harrow High is a caring school that knows my child well	40	60		
19 I would recommend the school to my friends/neighbours	32	63	5	
20 Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	57	40	5	

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this form.