



THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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PARENT BULLETIN - October 7th 2022

Dear Parent,

We have now settled into the academic year and all are endeavouring to make progress across their subjects. It is wonderful to hear the positive reports of how our new pupils have settled and they are enjoying life at The Sacred Heart.

This bulletin includes important information on services we have in school to support your daughter as well as some information about activities that have, or are planned to take place.

Very best wishes,

Ms RM Sorohan, Head of School

Celebrating Diversity

Each year we celebrate the rich diversity that is such a wonderful part of our school community. Last week we celebrated European Day of Languages with activities during PCT time and lunchtime. During the month of October we are celebrating Black History Month. The theme for this year is Time for Change: Actions, not Words. We will mark this through lunchtime 'Show and Tells', a special display and an assembly delivered by our pupils. There will also be follow-up lessons in November which focus on tackling racism. We will be holding our first of two special Cultural Days on Thursday 13th October. This will be an opportunity for students and staff to showcase aspects of their family culture and heritage. We have a rich tapestry of backgrounds within our community which we look forward to celebrating and sharing with one another. A letter has been emailed to you with details. Please discuss the cultural badges, dress, food and recipes with your daughter.

Reading Spotlight

Reading is the gateway to improve vocabulary and is an excellent mechanism for relaxation and enjoyment as well as supporting learning.

Tips for improving reading:

- Encourage your child to read for a minimum of 25 minutes per day
- It is important to encourage your daughter to read a range of texts

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality helps pupils make positive progress. The government has brought out new rules which means they can issue fines after 5 days of absence if it is not supported by evidence. 5 days where pupils are late without good reason can also lead to a fine. Harrow council also checks our registers. As a reminder, we are not allowed to authorise holidays during term time. Thank you to those parents who have already returned the attendance and punctuality agreement. We appreciate your ongoing support for this important area.

Pupil Voice

Pupils are chosen to represent their class to form our Pupil Voice Forum and discuss matters important to the pupil body. The recent meeting brought up the following main points:

- **Year 7-9 need more help with revision:** As a result the Year 11 girls are going to provide information sheets and offer some sessions at lunchtime with them.
- **Toilets:** they would like the toilet facilities improved. We will look to complete a 'make-over' in the near future so will be asking pupil voice for design ideas.
- **Canteen and the limit of £5 per day:** The school sets a limit of £5 spend each day for pupils. Some pupils have asked for this to be raised. To support family finances we are keeping with this limit as it is sufficient to purchase a meal and some snacks each day. If you want your daughter's limit raised or lowered then please contact the school office.

Canteen Prices:

Meal (Main course and a drink or pudding)	£2.34
Pasta Meal	£2.34
Grab Bag	£2.34
Jacket Potato & Salad	£1.25
Chicken Wrap	£2.10
Vegetarian Panini	£1.90
Vegetarian Sausage Bap	£1.65
Muffin	££1.10
Pizza Meal:	£1.45
Cookies/Doughnuts	90p

Please encourage your daughter to make wise or healthy choices about food.

Year 11 Curriculum Evening Information

Thank you to those parents who attended our Year 11 curriculum evening. All information shared that evening can be found on the school website under the learning section.

Link Books

Please remember to check and sign your daughter's link book weekly. Pupils must have them with them every day as this is a really important way of communicating between school and home. For example, If you wish your daughter to leave school during the school day, i.e. for a medical appointment, please write a note in her link book. Your daughter then shows this to her form tutor at registration who will authorise this. This can then be shown to her class teacher granting permission for her to leave. Pupils will not be allowed to leave school unless they have a note from a parent and they must then sign out at student services. Please only call the school about appointments in the case of an emergency.

If a pupil is late this will also be stamped in her link book to allow you to check her punctuality.

Support Service at The Sacred Heart Language College

In the last bulletin we explained the best way of communicating with school was to phone and ask to speak to the form tutor or a subject teacher or contact your daughter's director of studies by email.

In addition, we have a number of different members of staff and links with external agencies to best support and help your daughter. The Director of Studies for each year group will be able to arrange support from the right person.

Safeguarding:	We have a safeguarding team who can be contacted by email at safeguarding@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk . The four people who work particularly with safeguarding are: Ms R. Sorohan (Head of School) Ms A. Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) Ms D. Capp (Associate Assistant Headteacher) Ms C. Conti (Head of History / Safeguarding)
School Counsellor:	Ms Romany Jager is in school 3 days per week. Referrals are made through the Directors of Studies and consent from parents.
School based Social Worker:	Ms C. Neal is based in school 2 days per week. She is able to give advice and help to pupils and families.
School Mentor:	Ms S. Field helps pupils when they need support in a variety of different areas of school life.
External Agencies:	We work with a number of agencies including Harrow Horizons, Early Help at Harrow, Compose, Wish, Mosaic & Grief Encounter.
Safer Schools Police Officer:	Officer O'Rea comes in regularly to give assemblies and offer support to pupils.
Attendance & Punctuality:	Mrs D. Kelleher
Student Services:	Mrs A. Bryan
SENCO:	Mrs L. McCarthy

Final Thought

In this the month of the holy Rosary
'Our lady of good success, pray for us'