



THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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PARENT BULLETIN

Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of our first full week of the academic year I wanted to welcome you back to the exciting year ahead. Every day provides fresh opportunities for all to thrive and flourish. To support our communication and ongoing partnership between school and home we are introducing a parent bulletin sharing notices and information about the life of the school which will be emailed to you twice a half term. This will sit alongside the weekly pupil bulletin highlighting key information for pupils.



Of course, the end of this week has also seen the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication and commitment are an inspiration to us all. Her lasting legacy is one of service and faith that resonates so powerfully within our school community. We remember her in our prayers and ask that the perpetual light of God's love shines upon her. At this time, we also remember, that although she was part of all our lives, she was also a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We remember all her family

in our thought and prayers and ask for God's blessings on King Charles as he deals with his loss and his new call to service.

This morning all members of our school joined in a moment of reflection and prayer. Next week we will be holding special assemblies and services to mark her passing and offer thanksgiving for her life.

Very best wishes,

Geraldine Higgins
Executive Headteacher

Open Evening Arrangements

Already we are looking to admissions for September 2023. We will be running our two open evenings on Wednesday, 14th September from 6.30pm- 8.30pm and on Thursday, 22nd September from 4pm-6pm. If your daughter is helping she should already have received a letter with full details. If you have any friends who may be looking for a place then please share the dates with them.

Important information: To help with the arrangements the school day on Thursday, 15th September will start at 9.30am to allow time to get the school fully operational after the previous evening. On the 15th we will run all lessons but at a slightly shorter length.

Summer of Success

This summer saw our Year 11 pupils and our Year 10 linguists achieve truly outstanding results far in excess of the national picture. Despite the impact of covid our pupils continued to be committed to their studies, hardworking and resilient. The outcome was a set of exceptional results in excess of the outcomes from 2019 when public exams were last sat and higher than the teacher assessed grades of last year in many cases. Congratulations to all our pupils and, of course, our staff who worked so hard to support and challenge them. The key headlines are:

Five or more GCSEs including English and mathematics 89%

English Baccalaureate reflecting our commitment to a broad curriculum 82%

Pass in English and mathematics 89%

7-9 grades awarded 52%

Year 10 French GCSE 92%

Year 10 Spanish 95%

Communication

As we settle into the academic year a few reminders about communication. If you have made any changes to your contact detail then please let us know. It is important that all mobile numbers and emails are kept up to date as the key way we communicate with you.

If you have any concerns then please do contact us. If it is an urgent matter please telephone the school. The form tutor is the first point of contact or the subject teacher if it is a subject matter. If the matter is not resolved then please contact the relevant Head of Department or Director of Studies.

Please remember that all staff are also teaching so may not be able to get back to you straightaway. We endeavour to respond within 48 hours even if it takes a little longer to fully investigate any matter.

If you prefer to contact via email then you can send messages for the attention of the relevant person via the enquiries@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk email address. If you wish to contact a particular Director of Studies then use:

Year7Pastoral@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk for Year 7, Mrs Flynn and Mrs Usher

Year8Pastoral@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk for Year 8, Ms Clep and Miss O'Loughlin

Year9Pastoral@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk for Year 9 and Ms Woldu

Year10Pastoral@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk for Year 10 and Ms Rodrigues

Year11Pastoral@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk for Year 11 and Ms Capp

The link book

All pupils have been issued with a link book. This is an important communication tool between home and school. It also contains helpful information to support learning. Please check the link book regularly at home and sign it so that any messages are not missed.

Lunch Arrangements

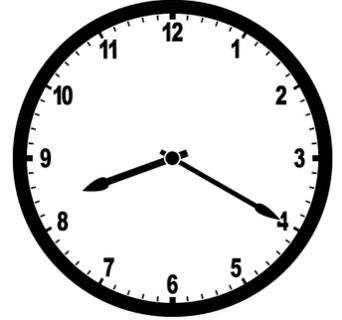
Please remind your daughter that she must bring a packed lunch or order a grab bag for lunch on the days that she is not timetabled for hot lunches in the canteen. The full rota of days can be found on page 10 of her link book.

Uniform

Thank you for the positive start to the new academic year for uniform. The vast majority of pupils look very smart and ready for learning. However, please remind your daughter about the importance of uniform. Some pupils have needed to be reminded about jewellery, length of skirts, sports socks, make-up and hair colours. Please check the uniform list in the link book and web site to check that all is acceptable for wearing to school. This weekend is the opportunity make the necessary changes so our focus can just be on learning next week.

Punctuality

A reminder that all pupils should aim to be in school for 8.20am for the start of lessons at 8.30am. Please talk to your daughter about alternative transport routes and consider the time she needs to leave home to ensure she is on time and therefore avoids the requirement to stay later to make up that time.



Homework

All homework is placed on 'Show my Homework'. This helps you to monitor the work that your daughter is doing. If you can not find your log in then please ask your daughter to speak to her from tutor to ensure a new one can be sent.



Safe Departure

If you are meeting your daughter from school then please arrange a convenient spot to avoid overcrowding at the gates. If parents all gather at gate it can cause a blockage and makes it less safe for everyone. Pupils have been asked to wait in school to meet friends if they are travelling home together so that they can clear the area carefully and safely once they leave the driveway. May we also remind you that parents should not stand in the driveway or drive on to school site. Pupils are not allowed to cross the road outside school as it is a very dangerous road. They must always walk to the traffic lights or zebra crossing.

Car Parking

Unfortunately, we have seen some parents parking in the small car park in front of the school gates. For the benefit of our new Year 7 parents this car park is a private car park for the neighbouring block of flats and is in constant use. If you park there it causes upset with our neighbours and may lead to a fine or your car being clamped.

Closing Thought

The words of the 14-year-old Princess Elizabeth, from her broadcast to the children of the Commonwealth in October 1940 as they dealt with the horrors of war:

“And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place”.

