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PARENT BULLETIN - 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parent,

Year 9 STEM Project

This morning it was wonderful to welcome representatives from the Wates construction group to school, including the Director Charlie Wates. They came along to celebrate the achievements of Year 9 who have been involved in constructing a sustainable and eco-friendly house for the future as part of their STEM work. Further details will be shared in our celebration newsletter at the end of this half term. We will also reveal the top three who were presented with their trophies after, what proved to be, a very challenging judging decision as the work was of such a high standard. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback from the Wates group on how impressive our pupils were, both today and as part of their construction work. A special thank you to Mr Lockwood for leading on this exciting project.

Reporting evenings to support pupil progress

It was a real pleasure to see so many of our Year 7 parents attending the reporting evening earlier this week. We are so fortunate to be able to get back to welcoming parents into school for such events rather than the online meetings we have held in the recent years. As the academic year continues we will be holding evenings for all year groups in school to look at the progress for each pupil and to the next steps on the road to excellence.

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| Year 8 | 8 th December 2022 |
| Year 9 | 23 rd February 2023 |
| Year 10 | 1 st February 2023 |
| Year 11 | 19 th January 2023 |

These events are essential in sharing information and aiding communication between home and school. They also sit alongside the pupil progress meetings that take place. After their initial training our Year 10 and year 9 pupil mentors have been brilliant in helping other pupils analyse their performance and set targets to support their learning.

Other important dates to note

Friday, 25th November school is closed to all pupils

Carol Service 15th December

Term ends on Friday 16th December

The new term starts for all pupils on Wednesday, 4th January 2023.

Having your voice heard

Parent voice forum

Your views of future developments in the school are very important. To support this we have a parent voice forum where a panel of parents representative of our school can help us to develop new initiatives. If you would be interested then please email enquiries@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk. The next meeting will take place next Wednesday, 23rd November at 5pm.

Parent representative for the local governing body

Our parent rep on our local governing body is due for re-election. Our present post holder, Mrs Barrett, is happy to continue but if you feel this is a role that would be of interest to you then please get in contact to find out further details regarding the role and the selection process.

Parent questionnaire

You should all have received an invite to complete a parent questionnaire regarding your views of our school. This is really important as it helps us to reflect and amend our work to best support your daughter.

If you have any worries, queries or concerns then please do contact the school so we can address the concern.

Communication

All letters to the whole school are sent via email and links via SIMs intouch. Please make sure that your contact details are updated should you change your email address or mobile number. All information is also posted on the website.

Uniform

We ask for your continued help in supporting school rules and high standards around uniform. The full school uniform list is on our website and in pupils' link books. As a reminder all coats and scarves are required to be plain navy or black. Please discuss the importance of uniform with your daughter and why you chose a school with such high standards for her. It would be helpful if you checked the length of school skirts and jewellery before they leave the house in the morning. Pupils will be challenged if they are not following the rules so we do not want to waste their valuable learning time, your time or teachers' time dealing with any issues.

Lockers

All pupils should have been allocated a locker if they required one. If for any reason they have not please write a note in their link book so this can be sorted as soon as possible. Pupils are reminded that they should place their coats and mobile phones into their lockers at the start of the day. As a reminder mobile phones should not be seen in school although we do understand that many parents do want their daughters to have a phone for travelling to and from school in case of an emergency. At break and lunch times there are plenty of warm areas for pupils to sit so there is no need for coats during the school day.

Punctuality and attendance

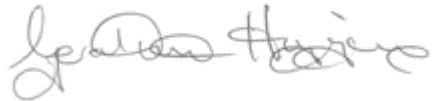
Please let us know on a daily basis if your daughter is absent from school. Illness can occur for everyone but each absence does mean that it can be harder to catch up on valuable learning. Lateness to school has also started to creep up. In poor weather traffic can be a little heavier so please remind your daughter to set off in plenty of time to arrive for 8.20 for a prompt start to learning at 8.30am.

If your daughter needs to leave school for an appointment during the day please make sure

that you have sent a note in or written in her link book. For the safety of all pupils we can not let them leave school if we do not have written permission from you.

Hopefully this bulletin is helpful as reminders about school systems. To further aid communication the web site is regularly updated and also includes the parent handbook and helpful information such as term dates, nature of reporting and links to wellbeing support for all pupils.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Geraldine Higgins'.

Geraldine Higgins
Executive Headteacher