



Harrow Way Community School

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30th August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 - First Day of Term - Thursday 4th September 2025

As we mentioned at our Information Evening in July, our new students begin their time at Harrow Way on Thursday 4th September. Only Year 7 students are expected to be in school on this date. To help you and your son or daughter prepare for this day, please read the following information carefully.

The purpose of the day is to help our new students become familiar with our site and build strong relationships with both staff and other students that will endure for the next five years. We have an exciting team-building day planned for them; which students will undertake in their tutor groups and houses. There will be a range of activities for students to enjoy. The activities will support social and personal development as well as offer students the chance to develop leadership and problem-solving skills.

School Day

This will be a normal school day. Students should begin to arrive from 8.30am and go straight to the Auditorium via main reception. The school day begins promptly at 8.40am so we encourage everyone to be on time. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed at 3.00pm. School buses will be running as normal.

We kindly remind all parents that, for safety reasons, parents and carers are not allowed on site. Please note that students will be asked to come and find you.

Clothing

It is important that students arrive in comfortable clothing and footwear. **Please do not wear school uniform** on Induction day. We recommend sportswear such as shorts and t-shirts if the weather is fine. As this is an activity day, please do not wear short crop tops. Given the English weather, please bring a hoodie or sweatshirt if the weather is slightly cool. It would also be advisable to bring a raincoat. If it is warm and sunny please provide the students with a hat and sun cream. Please wear shoes that are suitable for running, such as trainers. Flip flops are **not** allowed. Jewellery is not permitted.

Equipment

To help students prepare for their first week at secondary school, we will issue them with a timetable and diary during tutor time. It is important that everyone brings his or her school bag and a pen. Bags will be stored carefully during activities.



Food and Drink

It is essential that students bring their own water bottle with them, especially if it is a warm day. We have cold-water fountains on our site if students are thirsty. There will be short breaks throughout the day. You may wish to send some snacks. Our school canteen will be open to students and our new catering company *Caterlink*, are offering a free meal to each student which they can choose on the day. Of course, your son or daughter may prefer to bring his or her own food.

If you are unsure about any of the information in this letter, please do contact Mrs Law, Mrs Bain or Mrs Roberts at school. We are looking forward to seeing our new students in September and hope that this day will ensure a successful start to their time with us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D German', written in a cursive style.

Mrs D L German

Headteacher