



Harrow Way Community School

Learning for life, success for all

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back – September 2025

I am delighted to welcome you back to a new school year and the start of the Autumn Term. It has been wonderful to see our school come alive again with students, and to welcome our Year 7 students this morning as they begin to settle in and make new friends.

We were thrilled to host our outgoing Year 11 students on 21st August to collect their GCSE results. It was a morning filled with joy and a real sense of achievement as students received the grades they deserved — a testament to their hard work, the dedication of our teachers, and the support of families who have guided them along the way. We will share more about these successes in our first E-News of the term.

Tomorrow, we look forward to seeing our students in Years 8–11 return to school, ready for the year ahead. A reminder that school starts promptly at 8.40am.

Over the summer, while students enjoyed a well-earned break, we have been busy making improvements across the school site. Our rolling programme of works has continued, with classrooms refreshed and doors replaced. The Auditorium has also received a full refurbishment, with a new floor, fresh paint, and curtains giving the space a much-needed facelift. Students will also notice exciting changes to our canteen, making it an even better space for socialising and eating together.

We have also continued to invest in IT and security. Alongside computer upgrades, a new bell and tannoy system has been installed. This will help keep everyone to time, enable clear whole-school announcements, and support our updated security policy.

Catering Arrangements

We are pleased to welcome a new catering company, Caterlink, who have given the canteen a fresh new look and introduced substantial changes to the food on offer. We are confident students will enjoy the updated menus. Students will continue to pay using their thumbprints, so please ensure their online accounts are up to date.

To help with flow at busy times, we have streamlined the canteen service and expanded indoor seating. Students in Years 7 and 8 will use the gym for seating, while those in Years 9, 10 and 11 will have access to the Auditorium.



Uniform

Our uniform policy is clearly stated on our website, in the student planner and in our Welcome Pack. We have high expectations and do not permit false eyelashes, nail extensions or nose piercings. We ask that students wear only one earring per earlobe. Students should be in their usual school uniform this week, which includes black shoes (trainers are not permitted). Your support in ensuring that students are in full school uniform from Friday is greatly appreciated.

School Site

The pedestrian gates open at 8:10 am for students to enter. May I kindly remind parents and carers that you are not permitted to drive onto the school site to drop off children? The gates remain locked until the end of the school day, with the exception of school taxis transporting students with mobility needs.

We know parking on Harrow Way can be challenging due to the number of cars. To help reduce congestion, please consider arranging drop-off or pick-up at a nearby alternative location. If your child has an appointment during the school day, the pedestrian gate will be released by reception and you can meet them on Harrow Way. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Mobile Phones

Our mobile phone policy was successfully implemented last year, and we continue to expect phones to be switched off and out of sight during the school day. Our “never seen, never heard” approach is clear: phones will be confiscated if used.

Please do not contact your child directly during the day, as this could result in sanctions that cause unnecessary distress. If your child feels unwell or needs assistance, they should go to the welfare assistant who will contact you if necessary.

Home School Agreement

At Harrow Way, we are fortunate to share excellent working relationships with you, our parents and carers, and to have a professional, dedicated staff team who go above and beyond to provide a high-quality education and care for our young people. This was recognised in our most recent Ofsted report.

We all want the very best for our students. To maintain our positive environment, we emphasise mutual respect and collaboration, as set out in our Home School Agreement. This can be found in the student planner, and we ask that students and parents read and sign it over the coming week.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support — it makes all the difference.

Yours sincerely



Mrs D L German
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