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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Greenford High if you are new to the school; welcome back if your son or daughter is returning. We have an exciting year ahead, especially with **the opening of our new KS3 building, the i-Block**. Work on it is just finishing and, although there are inevitably some snagging issues, it looks like a wonderful place for our younger students to learn in. It should be open by 11th September for the new Yr. 7s.

Exam Results

At GCSE, I'm delighted to say that our students have achieved our best ever results. **Our A-A** grades (or their equivalent, levels 7-9) were a record for the school: 35% of grades were at this top level, compared to a national average of 22% (in 2017).** 93% achieved a 9-4 level in English (A**-C); 78% in Maths; 84% in Science, with 77% achieving 2 or more Science GCSEs levels 9-4, while in Languages 66% achieved this. Our Yr. 9s took their first GCSE, Religious Education, 2 years ahead of schedule, with nearly 90% achieving levels 9-4 (A**-C) and an incredible 41% achieving levels 9-7 (equivalent to A**, A* and A grades). At Yr.10, approximately 90% of students who took a language achieved a level 9-4, approximately 30% achieving an A**/A*/A in Spanish, German, French or Japanese. The progress grade for our Yr.11 students has yet to be determined within the national context, but should be positive enough to put us yet again in the top 200 schools in the UK. Congratulations to our Year 11s and 9s on their achievements, and many thanks to all our staff and parents/carers who worked so hard to help these students to fulfil their potential.

At Post-16, we are thrilled **that 240 of our students are off to university – which is another record for us. We are proud of all our students going on to university or apprenticeships, whatever their destination.** A special mention for two students: Hanna Stanczyk, heading to Cambridge, and Ria Chatrath, who will be studying at Oxford. These are two of the most prestigious universities in the world, so they are great examples for all our students, showing just what can be achieved, whatever your starting point in life, if you have a positive and determined attitude to your studies. Again, I thank parents for supporting their “children” as well as our staff for preparing them so well.

Open Evening, Thursday 27th September, 5-8.30pm

Please note that the school has its open evening on the above date. **This is for the parents of primary school children in Yr6 who are considering possible secondary schools for their children.** I will talk to parents in the assembly hall at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. We will provide tours, a prospectus and a chance to look around our new Ks3 building, *the i-Block*, where students will start at GHS in future. **Parents and carers of primary children are most welcome.** Please note that no parking is available except in the local vicinity; entrance will be via Lady Margaret Rd. **As usual, because of the need to prepare the school, students will be sent home on 27th September after lunch, at 1.20pm.** A number of students will be



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invited to return to the school for the evening, to be tour guides or to help in departments. **Please also note that Friday 28th September is an Inset day when school will be closed for students.**

For new parents, please note our “occasional day” (Friday 30th November) when the school is closed for our traditional mid-winter long weekend, which you need to be aware of. We have placed an occasional day at this point in the year for the last 10 years: it provides some much needed rest for staff and students during the long autumn term and the dark days of winter. We have used all our other Inset days and occasional days already or added them to holidays. **This should help parents in terms of limiting the need for childcare during the course of the year.**

Autumn Term 2018	
School Starts – Yrs. 8-11 and Yr.13	Thursday 6 th September
Yr. 12 Start	Monday 10 th September
Yr. 11 Expectations Evening for Parents and Students	5.30 pm Monday 10 th September , Lady Margaret entrance
Yr. 7 Start	Tuesday 11 th September, <i>i-Block</i> , Ruislip Rd entrance
Yr. 9 Expectations Evening for Parents and Students	5.30pm Tuesday 11 th September, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr. 8 Expectations Evening for Parents and Students	5.30pm Wednesday 12 th September, Lady Margaret entrance
P16 UCAS University Applications Evening for Parents and Students	5.30pm Thursday 13 th September, Lady Margaret entrance
BTEC Expectations Evening for Parents and Students	5.30pm Tuesday 18 th September, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr 12 Expectations Evening for Parents and Students	5.30pm Wednesday 19 th September, Lady Margaret entrance
Open Evening for parents of Yr6 students, choosing their secondary school	Thursday 27 th September, 5-8.30pm; Lady Margaret Rd entrance; the Headteacher will talk at 5, 6 and 7pm. Please note, students are sent home at 1.20 pm
Inset Day for Staff- School closed for students	Friday 28 th September
Yr 11 A* -A Evening	Tuesday 2 nd October
Yr.13 Oxbridge/Medicine Application Deadline	Friday 12 th October
Media Awards Evening	Tuesday 16 th October
Autumn Half Term Holidays	Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October; return to school Monday 29th October
Year 7 Parents meet the Form Tutors Evening	Thursday 1 st November, 4pm – 6.30
Yr 9-10 A* -A Evening	Tuesday 6 th November
Yr 8 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 15 th November, 4.30-7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Year 12 A Level Parents’ Evening	Wednesday 28 th November, 4.30-7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Occasional Day – school closed	Friday 30th November
KS4 Pre-Public Exams	Monday 3 rd – Wednesday 19 th December
Year 13 A Level Parents’ Evening	Thursday 6 th December, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
UCAS University Applications Deadline	Friday 14 th December
Winter Concert	Wednesday 19 th December, from 6pm, Lady



	Margaret entrance
Last day of term for Yrs. 11, 12 and 13	Wednesday 19 th December
Last day of term	Thursday 20 th Dec, <i>students leave by 12 mid-day</i>
Christmas Holidays	Friday 21st December – Friday 4th January 2019
First day of Spring Term 2019	Monday 7th January 2019
KS4 PPE Exam Results - Yr 9-11	15 th - 17 th January
Yr 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 17 th January, 4.30-7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 31 st January, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr 9 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 13 th February, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Half Term holidays	Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Feb; return 25th Feb
KS4 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) for two weeks	Monday 25 th February -Friday 8 th March
Yr 7 Parents' Evening (meet subject teachers)	Thursday 28 th February, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr. 13 Pre-Public Exams	Monday 11 th March – Friday 22 nd
Yr 12 and 13 Parents' Evening- for students causing concern only	Thursday 14 th March, 4.30 - 7pm, Main Hall/Dining Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Red Nose Day - <i>Non-uniform/charity day</i>	Friday 22 nd March Date To Be Confirmed
Raising Achievement Day/Last day of Spring Term	Friday 5th April, <i>students do not attend lessons but, with their parents/carer, have a pre- arranged interview with a member of staff</i>
Easter Holiday	Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April
Summer Term 2019 begins	Tuesday 23rd April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May
Summer external exams – GCSE & A Level	Tuesday 7 th May – Wednesday 26 th June
Yr 13 Final Day before study leave	Friday 24 th May
Summer Half Term	27th May – 31st May; return 3rd June
Yr12 PPEs (Pre-Public Exams)	10 th – 21 st June
KS3 (Yr7-8) Internal Exams	24 th – 28 th June
Welcome Evening for Yr 6	Wednesday 26 th June, Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance
Yr 11 Final Assembly and Prom	Thursday 27 th June
Induction Day for Yr 6 into Yr 7	Friday 28 th June
Higher Education Days for Yr12	Mon-Tues 1 st -2 nd July
School Summer Concert	Thursday 11 th July, from 6pm, School Hall
Last Day for Yr.12	Friday 12 th July
Sports Day	Monday 15 th July, Perivale Athletics Stadium
Enrichment Week	15 th - 18 th July, including trips and activities
Last Day of the Academic Year	Thursday 18 th July 2019, whole school assembly, goodbye to staff who are leaving; student party in form groups. Students leave by 12 mid-day
A Level Results 2019	Thursday 15 th August, Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance. 8.30 a.m. Yr13
GCSE Results 2019	Thursday 22 nd August, Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance. 8.30 a.m. Yr11; 9.30 a.m. Yr9 and Yr. 10
New Academic Year: 2019-20	Yrs7 & 12: start Weds 4 th September 2019 All other year groups start Thursday 5 th September



New Smartphone App

Alongside our new website that launched in the Spring, Greenford High School is now available on the free smartphone app **School News**. This will give you quick access to our latest news, calendar and contact details and also provide push notifications for school events and messages. Search for **School News** in the **App Store, Google Play or Windows Store** or find further details in the **News** section of our website. You can also join 650 other followers of the school on **Twitter @ghsofficial**.

Ready, Respect, Safe

Our key school rule is above: three words making one rule. We would be grateful if parents reinforced this at home.

Ready:

- Prepare your school bag the night before, putting in all the right books and equipment
- Do your homework the day that you receive it
- Read at home very day
- Don't be on time for school, be early
- Limit the time you spend on social media and computer games; make sure you get a good night's sleep
- A smart uniform shows that you are ready to learn

Respect

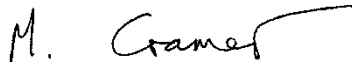
- Politeness at all times – smile, say please and thank you
- Hold the door open for others, as we will for you
- Do not defy or argue with teachers
- Respect the environment by cleaning litter
- Respect our neighbours and the community
- At GHS, we do not accept any prejudice, such as racism or sexism

Safe

- At the end of the school day, go straight home
- Inform teachers if you know someone is being bullied or to prevent any conflict
- Be safe online and always inform parents of any issues
- **Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Grimley, Associate Deputy Head. She is vastly experienced and parents/carers should consult her and/or the website if you have any safeguarding or Child Protection concerns.**

I hope the above information is of use to you. We wish our parents, carers and students good health and every success in this new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



M. Cramer
Headteacher



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