



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for a brilliant 2023-24!



Parents / Carers, your children are absolute delights. It is such an honour and pleasure to be their Headteacher. It has been wonderful to see so many flourish in their learning with some achieving incredible personal milestones. I am so proud of you all! I want to wish all our year 6s: Ishraq, William, Adrian, Brody, Finley, Harry, Oliver, Thomas, Alvin, Amelia, Amir, Frankie, James, Milan, Zain, Harris, Lola, Ayanda and Jenelle the best of luck as they join Upper School in September. Craig and his great team will take great care of you. Yameen, Mackenzie Jayden, Michael, Kenny, Joe and Jocelyn will be moving from our Upper School to the College site. You will be missed from the school site and I know Annie and her great team will take great care of you. Finally, it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to some of our 6th formers: Hank, Alex, Lee, Luis, Yasin, Ben, Suzzie, Nick, Rocco, Luke and Freddie this year. You have achieved so much in your time here and are true ambassadors of Harlow Fields School and College. You have blown me away so many times. Please do stay in touch to let us know how you are getting on in the next exciting part of your journey.

Thank you, families, for your overwhelming support of our School and College. It has been wonderful to work with you this year. You too have blown me away with how well you work with us and your presence at so many events e.g. our merit assemblies, craft afternoons, sports days...and I look forward to spending time with you at our family picnic later today too!

A particular thank you to Emma, Ellen, Darren, Sophie, Sarah, Helen, Maria, Demine and Natalie for setting up our PTA this year. You have made a difference to our school with the huge number of donations you organised for us and by raising funds which will be used to further enhance our sensory offer across the School and College. I am very grateful for bringing our community together for such a wonderful fete too, thank you. Thank you also to Paul who has served as Parent Governor. Having such supportive families has been such a blessing to us all!

This great year would not be possible without my wonderful staff! They are a fantastic group who care deeply about Harlow Fields. So many go the extra mile to do whatever they can to provide the best for our children and young people. All our staff: teachers, LSAs, admin, premises, cleaners, nurse, catering and therapists create such a happy and safe school which is key to helping our children thrive. We are also fortunate to be so well supported by a Governing Body that genuinely care about our school.

I do hope that everyone has a lovely summer break and do keep Craig's safeguarding update to hand in case you need any support during the holiday.

All our pupils return to School and College on the 3rd September. I have pasted below the times of the school day as a reminder to you.

New school day: Monday - Friday (effective September 2024)

8.50-9.10	Pupils and young people arrive inc AM registration (T=8.50am, W=9.00am)
9.10-10.30	Lesson 1
10.30-11.00	Break (supervised and guided play which is part of development)
11.00-12.00	Lesson 2
12.00-1.00	Lunch (supervised and forms part of development)
1.00-1.30	Lesson 3 (Personal Development and Life Skills) inc PM registration
1.30-2.50	Lesson 4
2.50-3.00	Pupils and young people depart (T=2.50pm, W=3.00pm)

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you back on the 3rd September. This will be a full and normal school day for all pupils and young people.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Kathleen

Some useful links for the summer



Virtual Travel links - Places of interest in the UK

Houses of Parliament -

<https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/virtualtour/>

Buckingham Palace -

<https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>

Natural History Museum-

<https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/naturalhistorymuseum/>

Imperial War Museum -

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/imperial-war-museums?hl=en>

The British Library -

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-british-library?hl=en>

English Heritage sites -

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/english-heritage?hl=en>

Tate Britain - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/tate-britain?hl=en>

National Gallery -

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-national-gallery-london?hl=en>

Art and craft online activities

Crazy comic club <https://crazycomicclub.co.uk>

Cbeebies -

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/creative-play-for-kids&ved=2ahUKEwiWwYC8xvyGAXV6YEEAHfZKCCkQFnoECCAQAQ&usg=AOvVaw2AGTSHGYUSNV8bCXFQZQ4o>

Tate Kids -

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.tate.org.uk/kids&ved=2ahUKEwiWwYC8xvyGAXV6YEEAHfZKCCkQFnoECCQQAQ&usg=AOvVaw0TaifYap8y_ifQtY0VFLPS

Visiting places around the world

Musee d'Orsay, Paris - Take this opportunity to explore one of the most famous art galleries in the world from the comfort of your own home with the chance to view and read about some of the world's best known masterpieces.

Yellowstone National Park - This site features moving and static webcams of various key sites in the Park including the Old Faithful geyser, the Volcano Observatory as well as additional educational articles on their unique features.

Great Wall of China Virtual Tour - This is a fantastic opportunity to see one of the Seven Wonders of the World in all its glory with a fully interactive walk-through tour.

San Diego Zoo - Keep tabs on some of the world's most exotic creatures with the wide selection of live cams featuring baboons, polar bears, tigers, elephants and more.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en&tab=pop>

Some other useful links for the summer:

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/come-to-our-discover-digital-summer-festival/>

<https://reachoutasc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/OurDayAtHome.pdf>

<https://www.snapcharity.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Summer-Survival-Guide-24.pdf>

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/holidays/parents>

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