

U HIGH SCHOOL XBRIDGE



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Dear Parents and Students

It has been another busy but very enjoyable half-term here at Uxbridge High School.

Health and Safety

The school has taken the recent alert about Swine Flu very seriously. Staff and students have been briefed and staff have been given written guidance for themselves and to pass onto the students via tutor time and lessons. Students have also been briefed on this during assemblies and via the daily student bulletin. Information has been displayed on the school website: www.uhs.org.uk

Year 11

Year 11 students are now on exam timetable. A wide variety of revision programmes have been and continue to be run. The Year 11 students had a quite superb final assembly in which their achievements and contributions to the school were celebrated. Awards and presentations were made and there were performances by the students plus a Year 11 video. We wish the Year 11 students well with their exams, which for some have already started, and for their future success – “Making Success Happen”. Many of the year group will be returning to our ever-growing Sixth Form in September. The enrolment date for the Sixth Form is **Wednesday 2 September 2009 between 9.30 am and 2.00 pm**.

Year 12 / 13

We will also be saying farewell to our excellent Year 13 students this Friday before they start their exams. They have all been a superb group of students and have not only gained a great deal from Uxbridge High School but also contributed enormously to its success. Some are going on to the world of work, others to exciting gap years and many on to university. The school and Governors will be thanking them and wishing them well at their May Ball which is being held this year at the Renaissance London Heathrow Hotel.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Exam Week 8 - 12 June

Years 7, 8 and 9 should now be preparing for their important summer exams.

Teach For America

A very positive and prestigious visit took place on St. George's Day. Students, staff and governors were able to meet with our visitors – Matthew Kramer (President, Teach for America) and Amanda Timberg (Director, Teach First) and we received very positive press coverage for the visit.



Forthcoming Trips

Ms Weaver has just returned from the Year 7 and 8 outward bound trip to Cannock. This was extremely rewarding and extremely tiring for all involved. During the next half term we have the Key Stage 3 visit to Northern France alongside other trips / visits.

Year 10 Work Experience

This has been another outstanding success, expertly arranged by Ms Kindley-Deeks. Many thanks to all involved including students, staff and the business partners who provided such a range of placements, especially in these challenging financial times.

Admissions / Transmission

Numbers for Year 7 next year are looking very positive. We have 210 acceptances and over a dozen on a waiting list. This year we have recruited from 37 different Primary schools,



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nearly all of which are within Hillingdon. The transition process starts with a Year 6 Induction Day / Parents' Evening and then our Transition Camp is held during the summer break. This year over 120 of next year's Year 7 students have applied.

Sports Extra

The PE Department continues to promote both traditional sports and other new and exciting activities. Year 11 have experienced success, winning borough competitions in football and basketball. The Year 10 rugby team were also winners and there has also been success in Girls' football. Among the activities introduced this year are: Dance Mats, BMX biking, Cheerleading, Rowing, Kick boxing and Fencing. Congratulations to the rowing team who won the first Hillingdon Rowing Machine Championships. The Fencing team is representing Hillingdon in the London Youth Games later this term.



Year 11 Basketball team with Mr Lang, Mr Beazley and Mr Isherwood

Uniform

Uniform checks have been taking place in recent weeks. Can you please ensure that students return to school after half-term in the correct uniform.

Friends of Uxbridge High

The Friends of Uxbridge High School will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday 17 June 2009 at 6.00 pm at the school.

Teacher and Governor Awards

I am delighted to tell you that Ms Weaver, Mrs Sharpe, Ms Wilson and Mrs McLaren have received nominations in the National Teaching Awards. Mrs McLaren has been shortlisted and is attending the final on 23 June.

New build

Our new building is rapidly nearing completion. The wind turbine, green walls and new bike sheds are already in. The building will be opened with a special event on the afternoon of 8 July. More details to follow after half-term.

Key Dates for next half-term

8-12 June	Year 7, 8 and 9 exam week	7 July	Year 6 Induction Day/Evening
24 June	Year 11 Prom	8 July	Key Stage 3 Celebration of Success / Opening of new building
25 June	Sports Day		
26 June	Staff Training Day: School closed to students	10 July	Teachers' Day
		17 July	End of Term
1 July	International Evening	3 + 4	Staff Training Days:
		September	School closed to students
2 July	Arts Exhibition	7 September	Start of Autumn Term

I wish you all a very enjoyable half-term break. School starts at the usual time of 8.40 am on Monday 1 June 2009.

Yours faithfully

P Lang
Head Teacher