

May 2010

Dear Parents and Students

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

Volcanic ash meant delays for a number of staff in returning to school. I myself was delayed and Mr Clemens, Senior Deputy Head Teacher, ably supported by members of the Leadership Team, did an excellent job in running the school. All Uxbridge High School staff, both those here and those delayed, showed real professionalism.

Election 2010

The school held an election meeting on Thursday 29 April. Advice was taken from the Democratic Services at the London Borough of Hillingdon and it was run rather like the TV Leadership Debates. Representatives attended from the Conservative, Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties. The students held a mock election at the end of the stimulating and excellent meeting.



The school and the Governors continue to take stock of the education/political landscape. The results of the local and national elections will have an impact on education and there are possible strategic implications such as those for BSF (Building Schools for the Future). The school will remain agile to ensure the best possible outcomes for children and families at Uxbridge High School and the wider community.

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 students. We wish the Year 11 students well with their exams, which 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. Results day is on Tuesday 24 August. **The enrolment date for the Sixth Form is Tuesday 31 August 2010 between 9.30 am and 1.00 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 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. Results day is on Thursday 19 August. Some students 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.

Year 7 and 8 Exam Week

Years 7 and 8 should now be preparing for their important summer exams which take place during the week commencing 14 June.

Year 6 – Year 7 September 2010

The school is full for September (210 students in Year 7) with an active waiting list of about 65 children. Admissions appeals were heard on 20 May. Primary transfer visits by members of staff are about to start. The Induction Day for Year 6 students and the Parents' Meeting is on Tuesday 13 July.

Year 10 Work Experience

This has been another success, expertly arranged by Mrs Kindley-Deeks. Many thanks to all involved, including students, staff and the business partners who provide such a range of placements.

Sports Extra



The PE Department continues to promote both traditional sports and other new and exciting activities and is having particular success this term in cricket and rounders. Students are busy preparing for the school Sports Day on 1 July to be held as usual at the Brunel Athletics Track. Parents and families are welcome.

Olympic Games

Two students from Uxbridge High School are included in the Young Leaders Programme. The school is working towards Olympic Get Set status. Our talented member of staff, Mr Kevin Sempers, is still continuing to represent the UK in the Decathlon.

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 29 June at 5.30 pm at the school. Do come along and be involved.

Oman visit

An important delegation, including the Minister of Education for Oman, visited Uxbridge High School at 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm on Tuesday 25 May. This is a follow up to an original visit some years ago here and the Chair of Governors' recent visit to Oman. The Chair of Governors and myself welcomed the guests and a full programme was arranged for the visit.

Brazil link (Connecting Classrooms)

A visit is taking place in the summer term for five staff who will be working in our link school in Sao Paolo.

ASCL Mentoring

The school recently gained national coverage of our school systems for mentoring. A number of schools have contacted Uxbridge High School to visit as a result of this article written by Ms Barton, Deputy Head Teacher.

World Cup

Arrangements are in hand to use this event to supplement and stimulate the curriculum. The England vs Slovenia match on 23 June (kick off @ 3.00 pm) will be shown at school.



Teacher Awards

I am delighted to tell you that Miss Drew, Ms Herbert, Miss Kumar, Mr Paulo and Mr Wright all received nominations in the National Teaching Awards.

Summer Arrangements

Planning for a range of summer schools is underway, including Transition, Expressive Arts, Science and PE.

Eco Award

Uxbridge High School has gained another prestigious Award – Eco School Status.

Key Dates for next half-term

14-18 June	Year 7 and 8 Exam Week	13 July	Year 6 Induction Day / Evening
29 June	Arts Private Viewing	14 July	International Evening
30 June	Year 11 Prom	16 July	Teachers' Day
1 July	Sports Day	20 July	Key Stage 3 Celebration of Success @ 4.00 pm
2 July	Staff Training Day: School closed to students		

Term ends at 12.30 pm on Thursday 22 July 2010. The Autumn Term starts with two training days for staff on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September. Students return on Monday 6 September 2010.

I wish you all a very enjoyable half-term break and England good luck in the World Cup. **School starts at the usual time of 8.40 am on Monday 7 June.**

Yours faithfully

P Lang
Head Teacher