

UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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A TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Students

Another very busy and productive term comes to a close at Uxbridge High School. The Spring Term finishes for all students on **Friday 8 April at 12.30 pm**. The Summer Term starts on **Tuesday 26 April with registration at the usual time of 8.40 am** for all students. **Friday 29 April** will be an additional public holiday for the Royal Wedding.

Japan

Our thoughts have been with all people in Japan at this very difficult time for their country. The school has been in contact with its friends and links in Japan and we have heard that they are all safe.

Ofsted

As you are aware the school had its Ofsted inspection on 14 and 15 February 2011 and was delighted to be judged **outstanding**. I do hope you have had the opportunity to read the report which was sent to you earlier this month and which is available on both the school's and Ofsted's websites. The school has received many messages of congratulations from parents, friends, local and national bodies and others.



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Beauty and the Beast

Last Thursday evening (31 March) I watched the school play with guests. It was superb and shows all the positive school values at Uxbridge High School and the importance of team work. It also demonstrated how strong the arts are here at Uxbridge High School. I was pleased to see so many students from all years involved too. A big thank you to all students and staff involved, especially Ms Pancholi and Ms Wilson.



The summer term is very important for all examinations. Preparations are now under way for both public and school examinations:

- Easter revision programmes have been arranged
- A residential event is organised for target students in Year 11 for 6-8 May
- Year 11 start their exam timetables on Monday 16 May. A subsidised Year Book is being produced and the Year 11 Prom takes place on 29 June 2011 at Stockley Golf Club.
- Year 12 and 13 exam leave starts at half-term.
- The Sixth Form May Ball is on 27 May 2011 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Sipson.
- Year 7 and 8 Exam Week starts on 13 June.
- Year 9 Exam Week starts on 9 May.
- Year 10 Exam Week starts on 3 May.

Uniform

The majority of students are in very good uniform but some students need to update their uniform over the school holidays. The Ofsted Inspector commented that school uniform and the wearing of it could be better. A full list of school uniform is available from the school office and is in the student diary. Please remember that all students should have full school uniform including a tie, blazer and correct school shoes.

Uniform checks will be undertaken by Guidance Leaders and Form Tutors at the start of next term. Smart dress code is required for Sixth Form and **no denim** is allowed.

For your convenience and in response to parental requests regarding uniform ordering and purchase, we have made arrangements for you to purchase items direct from our uniform supplier from the beginning of June. You will be able order uniform online, by phone, by fax or by post and pay via debit/visa/master cards or by cheque and you will have the option of home or school delivery. The school will still hold a small supply of essential uniform items in our Uniform Shop. More information will be in my next newsletter at the end of May and on our website.

School Website (www.uhs.org.uk)

I do hope you have had the opportunity to review the school's new website which was launched earlier this month.

Book Week / Drop Everything and Read ('DEAR')

Book Week in March was again very successful. There were quizzes and competitions and a visit from a well-known author, Roy Apps. The whole school celebrated World Book Day by organising a DEAR event when everyone in school read for 20 minutes during the first lesson.

Academy (Mark II) Status

The Governing Body of Uxbridge High School voted on 7 February 2011 to convert to new Academy status following a consultation period with all stakeholders. Browne Jacobson, a leading education law firm, has been appointed to work with the school as it now has DfE approval to convert, aiming for a date of 1 June 2011. More details will be available on our website after Easter.

Friends of Uxbridge High

The Friends of Uxbridge High School will be holding their next informal parent partnership meeting next term on Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 5.30 pm. Do come along and be involved.

Summer Schools

Plans are already under way for our exciting summer schools. These include our very popular Transition School for our primary school students joining us in September; our Sports Camp for our talented sports students and a science forensic CSI event.

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It has been a very busy term for events and activities. Highlights include:

- involvement in Hillingdon Secondary School Book of the Year event
- very well attended Year 9 Parents' Evening and Information Evening
- very well attended Year 8 Parents' Evening
- school visits including to Parliament and Spain. A Duke of Edinburgh scheme trip to Morocco.
- Red Nose Day charity activities.
- the Year 8 Real Game with outside business partners.
- positive press publicity (follow the link News on the school website)
- involvement in the BBC School Report Day (see school website)
- sporting success: the under 13 girls are Futsal Borough Champions; Years 7, 8 and 11 and the 1st XI are in the Borough finals in football; Years 7 and 9 are in Rugby finals and the Year 7 team was placed 3rd in West London in Sportshall Athletics.



- Book Week and World Book Day – competition and a visit by author Roy Apps (see photo on left)
- four Year 7 students and a member of staff attended Commonwealth Day celebrations with the Queen in Westminster Abbey

Key Dates for Summer Term

End of Spring Term:	8 April
Start of Summer Term:	26 April
Royal Wedding (public holiday)	29 April
May Day Bank Holiday	2 May
Year 7 Parents' Evening	3 May
Work Experience Year 10	16 – 27 May
Year 11 Leavers' Day	13 May
Sixth Form Ball	27 May
Half-term	30 May – 3 June
Summer Arts Private Viewing	28 June
Year 11 Prom	29 June
Sports Day	30 June
Staff Training Day	1 July
New Year 7 Induction Day/Evening	12 July
International Evening	6 July
Teachers' Day	8 July
Key Stage 3 Celebration of Success	19 July
End of Summer Term	22 July
Staff Training Days	5 and 6 September
Start of Autumn Term for Students	7 September

Once again, many thanks for all your support this term. We wish Ms Jean-Jean well as she leaves Uxbridge High School to work overseas. A very happy and safe Easter holiday to you all.

Yours faithfully

P Lang
Head Teacher

