

May 2011

Dear Parents and Students

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

Ofsted 2011

The school has now received the official Ofsted Outstanding logo and a letter congratulating the school from Christine Gilbert, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector.



Academy Status

Following extensive consultation with all stakeholders, the school is poised to become an Academy Mark II on 1 June 2011.

Year 11

Students are now on exam timetable. A wide range of revision programmes have taken place, including a weekend away at Calshott and Saturday and Easter revision sessions. Sessions continue over the half-term as well. The Year 11 students had a 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 Thursday 25 August. **The enrolment date for the Sixth Form is Tuesday 1 September between 9.30 am and 2.00 pm.**

Year 12 and 13

We will also be saying farewell to our excellent Year 13 students this Friday before they start their exams. They have been an outstanding 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 Thursday 18 August. Some students are going on to the world of work and many on to university. The school and governors will be thanking them and wishing them well at their May Ball this Friday at the Holiday Inn on the Bath Road.

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Year 10

Year 10 students have already taken their internal school exams. They are currently on their work experience placements. This has been a great 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.

Years 7, 8 and 9

Year 9 students have already taken their internal school exams. Year 7 and 8 students should now be preparing for their important summer exams which take place during the week commencing 13 June.

Year 6 to 7, September 2011

The school is full for September 2011 (210 students in Year 7) with an active waiting list of about 65 children. Admissions appeals are scheduled to take place on 30 June. 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 12 July.

International Links

The school continues with its international links. In August five staff will be visiting and working in our link school in Brazil. A delegation from Copenhagen in Denmark visited the school on 18 May and a delegation from Holland who visited the school earlier in the year as part of the Microsoft Innovative Schools Programme have asked to re-visit the school later this year.

"Making Success Happen"



U13 Futsal team proudly displaying their Borough medals

There have been a host of successes recently in school including a range of sporting success: Year 8 basketball finalists, 1st XI soccer finalists, a high uptake of cricket for which the school received national publicity and the opening of the new long jump / triple jump facilities. Successes in the Senior Borough Championships included gold medals for Year 9 students Alisha Manahan and Michael Carter in Discus and Bill Lamont in Javelin. Four students now go on to represent Hillingdon in the Middlesex Championships in June. The Girls' U13 Futsal team won the Borough competition and went on to represent Hillingdon in the Middlesex competition, coming 2nd following penalties.

The school was chosen by Teach First as one of the two exemplar schools in London to be featured in their publicity and the school was also selected by a Japanese journalist to feature in an article about innovative schools in the UK. The London Councils selected Uxbridge High School students to be interviewed in a student survey. There has also been very positive publicity in the Times newspaper about our school.

Measles

The school has received information from the Health Protection Agency about a large outbreak of measles in Continental Europe, particularly France. Students travelling to Europe are recommended to ensure their measles vaccinations are up to date. There are no scheduled trips to Europe during the rest of this academic year. The full Health Protection Agency letter has been posted onto the school website for parents to access.

Uniform

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

For your convenience and in response to parental requests regarding uniform ordering and purchase, from 1 June we have made arrangements for you to purchase items direct from our uniform supplier. You will be able order uniform online, by phone, by fax or by post and pay via debit/visa/master cards or by cheque/postal order and you will have the option of home or school delivery. The school will always hold a small supply of uniform items in our Uniform Shop. Please find attached an order form for your perusal. We are holding uniform trying on days for all prospective Year 7 students on 13 and 14 July from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm and for all students on Monday 25 July from 9 am to 3.30 pm. Access to online ordering can be made via the Parents page of our website: www.uhs.org.uk.

Summer Arrangements

Planning for a range of summer schools is under way, including our very successful and popular Year 6 to Year 7 transition school; CSI:UHS Science; and PE Sports Camp.

Friends of Uxbridge High

The Friends of Uxbridge High School will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday 29 June at 5.30 pm. Do come along and be involved.

Key Events this term include:

May Ball (Holiday Inn, Bath Road)	27 May (7.00 pm– midnight)
Half-term	30 May – 3 June
Years 7 and 8 Exam Week	13 June
Summer Arts Private Viewing / Glee Evening	28 June (4.00–6.00 pm)
Year 11 Prom (Stockley Golf Club)	29 June (7.00 pm – midnight)
Sports Day (Brunel Track)	30 June (1.00 pm onwards)
Staff Training Day (school closed to students)	1 July
International Evening	6 July (6.00-8.00 pm)
New Year 7 Induction Day / Parents' Evening	12 July
Key Stage 3 Celebration of Success	19 July (3.30-5.00 pm)

Summer Term ends at 12.30 pm on Friday 22 July 2010. The Autumn Term starts with two training days for staff on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September. Students return on Wednesday 7 September 2011.

I wish you all a very enjoyable half-term break. **School starts at the usual time of 8.40 am on Monday 6 June.**

Yours faithfully

P Lang
Head Teacher