

July 2011

Dear Parents and Students

It has been a very successful year for all at Uxbridge High School and I must thank all students, parents, staff and governors for their hard work and support. Highlights of the year include:



*Mr Lang discusses the Ofsted report with students*

- Outstanding Ofsted judgement
- National awards for students and staff
- More students than ever going on to university
- Our largest ever Sixth Form
- Year 7 full for September with a large waiting list
- Growing local, regional and national reputation
- New Converter Academy status
- Key Stage 3 Celebration of Success

### **Academy Mark II status (Independent State School)**

This was achieved on 1 June 2011 and is an important milestone in the development of UHS. Once again thank you to all who have worked so hard to achieve this status in such a professional manner and by the end of the academic year. The school signage and letterhead will be adapted this summer.

### **Ofsted 2011 (OUTSTANDING)**

A draft Ofsted Action Plan has been drawn up following our outstanding Ofsted inspection. The plan has been published to all staff and a copy will be placed on the school website. Ofsted at the moment removes from its website all reports of a school once it becomes a converter academy because it is then deemed to be a new entity. UHS has made representations (as have many other new academies) to Ofsted, the DfE and the Secretary of State on this and it is expected that this policy will change and the report will be reinstated. In the meantime, our report can be viewed in full on the school's website ([www.uhs.org.uk](http://www.uhs.org.uk)).

### **Standards**

The whole school has taken either external or internal exams this summer.

Results Day for Year 11 GCSE/GNVQ:	Thursday 25 August
Results Day for Post 16 AS/A Level/GNVQ:	Thursday 18 August

### **Head Boy / Head Girl**

I am delighted to announce that Haneelam Virdee and Jake Lamport will be the new Head Girl and Head Boy, with Mirwais Patang, Fjolla Krasniqi, Ben Lines, Michaela Joseph, Hodan Egeh, Aqeela Shamsudeen, Sema Dinc, Malack Marwan and Kirandeep Seahra acting as their able Deputies.

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### **Sixth Form enrolment**

We are delighted that following a successful exams season many of our Year 11 students plan to return to continue their studies in our Sixth Form. A wide range of courses are available. Enrolment is on **Thursday 1 September** from **9.30 am to 2.00 pm**.

### **School Equipment / Uniform**

The school expects that all students come to school with all the equipment and kit necessary for lessons. Students should also have with them a reading book.

At Uxbridge High School we believe a smart and functional uniform is a commitment to the school and creates a sense of belonging. It sets the standards of appearance, behaviour and success we encourage from our students. Uniform can now be ordered online at [www.swi.co.uk](http://www.swi.co.uk), by phone (0845 519 0099), by fax (0845 519 0055) or by post (Sportswear International Ltd., Fair oak Lane, Whitehouse Industrial Estate, Runcorn WA7 3DU) and paid for via debit/visa/master cards or by cheque/postal order. Full details are on the Parents page of the school website ([www.uhs.org.uk](http://www.uhs.org.uk)). There is the option of home or school delivery. 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.

### **Free School Meals**

Families receiving income support or job seekers (income based) allowance may be entitled to a free school meal. Applications / enquiries should be directed to the school.

### **High Achiever programmes**

A wide range of programmes are available including Latin, Karate, Chess, Chinese Studies, Mandarin, Fencing, University visits, Philosophy, individual music tuition and public speaking. The school has active links with Merchant Taylors' school and students from both schools were recently involved in a Shakespeare project with the Globe Theatre.

### **Admissions**

The school is full in Year 7 for September. There were 8 appeals held on 30 June 2011, two of which were upheld.

### **Professional Development**

A very successful Teaching and Learning Conference took place on Friday 1 July. UHS was asked to contribute to a seminar at the prestigious Wellington College Education Festival on Sunday 26 June. The school has also been asked to contribute to the national training of the new cohort of 150 Teaching Leaders at the National College in Nottingham during the summer holidays. Senior colleagues and others have visited other institutions of outstanding practice including Peter Symonds College, Twynham School and Banbury Federation.

### **Teaching Awards**

The Inclusion Team at UHS won the London and the South East Award for School Team of the Year. The national judging panel will be in school on Friday 15 July. Peter Lang received a commendation for the London and the South East Award for Headteacher of the Year in a Secondary School. The Head Teacher will be attending a Teaching Awards reception at the House of Commons hosted by Baroness Shirley Williams.

### **Induction Day and Parents' Evening for new Year 6**

A very successful and positive induction was held on 12 July for all the new Year 7 students about to start in September followed by a very well attended and informative new Parents' Evening when parents met with senior colleagues and their tutors.

### **Glee and Arts Private View**

A very successful event was held on 28 June bringing together visual and performing arts. Students, parents, staff and governors were joined by visitors and competing Glee team from Douay Martyrs School. The Director of the Compass Theatre, Tim Seward, attended as a guest of honour and congratulated all students.

### **Olympic Torch London 2012**

To help Uxbridge High School win the chance to carry the Olympic Torch for London 2012 in the torch relay, please could you pledge your support to the school by filling in the simple form on the link below:

<http://www.lloydstsblondon2012.co.uk/In-your-community/National-School-Sport-Week/School-Search/?p=ub8%2b2pr&hs=1&tab=1>

You then need to click in the secondary schools tab and fill in the few simple details. The school needs over 100 pledges (from people who are over 16 years of age) to become a Gold School which will enable us to progress to the next round of the competition.

### **School Trips and Activities**

A wide range of school trips and activities have taken place throughout the year including a residential trip to France; the Summer Arts Private Viewing; a Year 7 trip to Warwick Castle; a theatre trip; an outward bound residential trip to Norfolk and university visits. Students in the Sixth Form visited Morocco as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

### **International Week / Evening**



*UHS students perform with the Boston Children's Chorus*

A very successful International Evening was held on 6 July. Students and their families were able to visit internationally themed stalls, French and German markets, a mini Olympic village and participate in such events as henna hand painting, the fashion show and international hat competition and watch performances from the Notting Hill Carnival steel pans band, the percussion ensemble and Indian instruments. The Boston Children's Chorus, an internationally acclaimed choir who have performed for royalty, came to give a workshop and performance with UHS students in the morning.

### **Year 11 School Prom / Sixth Form May Ball**

These events took place recently for Year 11 and Sixth Form students. Governors' awards were presented at both events.

### **Technology Week**

Students participated in a wide range of events during this event including jewellery making, badge making, creating a sustainability mural, designing and making suncatchers and origami. The week rounded off with a competition to make a hat from newspaper and a designer's competition where students had to find out which designer staff were representing. The school received publicity in the local newspaper for this event.

### **Sporting Success**

There has been a wide range of sporting success in the past term including Cricket (Year 9 Boys' Middlesex Plate semi finalists; Borough semi finalists in Year 7, 9 and 10); Rounders (Borough finalists Years 8 / 9 and 10 mixed teams); and Soccer (Year 11 Soccer Borough cup winners). Four students attended the Middlesex athletics championships in discus, triple jump, shotput and high jump. A very competitive and inclusive Sports Day was held on 30 June. The school has also started a mixed Tennis club with coaches from the Lawn Tennis Association.

### Eco Garden

The formal opening of the Eco Garden took place on Friday 8 July by John Randall MP. He was able to see the chickens, the Stevenson screen and the vegetable garden, as well as the meadow and the artwork.



*John Randall MP being presented with freshly dug radishes*

### Holiday Dates for Next Year

#### Autumn Term 2011

Staff Training Days	Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September
Term Starts	Wednesday 7 September
Half-term holiday	24 – 28 October
Term Ends	Friday 16 December

#### Spring Term 2012

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 January
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 January
Half-term holiday	13 – 17 February
Term Ends	Friday 30 March

#### Summer Term 2012

Term Starts	Monday 16 April
Half-term holiday	4 – 8 June
Staff Training Day	Friday 29 June
Term Ends	Friday 20 July

### Staff

Inevitably in a school this size, there are some staff changes with a number of staff moving on at the end of the year. We thank them all for their enormous contributions to Uxbridge High School. In particular we wish Ms Aisha Sheikh every success in her new and deserved role of Deputy Head Teacher at Elm Green School.

### End of Term Arrangements

School will finish for all students at **12.30 pm** on **Friday 22 July**. Any student requiring lunch will need to let the Catering Manager know in advance.

### Start of Next Term

Term starts for all students in **Years 7 – 11** on **Wednesday 7 September 2011**.

Year 7	<b>Arrive 8.40 am</b>	Go to Lancaster Building
Year 8	<b>Arrive 9.30 am</b>	Go to Tutor Rooms
Year 9	<b>Arrive 9.30 am</b>	Go to Main Hall
Year 10	<b>Arrive 10.00 am</b>	Go to Tutor Rooms
Year 11	<b>Arrive 10.00 am</b>	Go to Lancaster Building

**Sixth Form** students start on **Friday 9 September** at **8.40 am** with their Induction Day which finishes at 3.00 pm. Lessons for Sixth Form start on **Monday 12 September**.

It has been an excellent year in which we have all continued “Making Success Happen”.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Lang'.

**Peter Lang**  
Head Teacher