



UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMY

February 2012

Dear Parents and Students

It has been another very busy and productive period for Uxbridge High School.

Standards

Year 11 students have taken their Mocks and, with early entries in subjects like English, the prognosis for the summer is good. The school is on track to achieve its 2012 targets, as well as improve on its key priorities. Year 11 students also benefited from the very well organised and successful Year 11 Mock interviews. Revision programmes are under way and a number are planned to take place during half-term and during the Easter holidays.

The school has again received a good deal of positive press coverage in recent months about our improving standards, including an article in the Independent newspaper. Copies can be seen on the school website.

Royal Visit to UHS

I am delighted and very proud to announce that on **Wednesday 22 February** the school will host a visit by **HRH The Prince of Wales** and **HRH The Duchess of Cornwall** and a number of other prestigious visitors as part of the celebration of ten years of Teach First (an educational charity with close links to UHS). **This is a significant event in the history of the school and a great honour.**

Some students, staff and guests will be introduced to Their Royal Highnesses during the visit and be involved in an Assembly and, if weather permits, the whole school will have the opportunity to view our visitors as they walk from one part of the school to another.

Some parent representatives from the Friends of UHS will attend the event but it will unfortunately not be possible to accommodate other parents on site during the visit for security and logistical reasons. It is possible for parents and friends to stand outside in The Greenway if they wish to see the royal party arrive and leave. Arrival is scheduled for c. 10.30 am. Further details will be made available about this special event after half-term.

Trips and Visits

A wide range of other trips and visits have taken place or are due to take place this term including a trip to Poland, a Year 7 trip to the London Dungeons and the London Eye, a Year 11 visit to Cambridge University and a Year 12 Drama trip to Sadler's Wells.



Miss Plunkett working with students in the school's new Literacy classroom in the Library

Events / Activities

As usual there have been a wide range of extra activities and events including: House Activities; Parents' Evenings; School Council / Student Voice events including elections for the Youth Parliament; visits by the Children's Commissioner, the Chief Executive of Teach First and a delegation of Dutch Teachers; and Healthy Lifestyles Week.

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Year 9

Next half term starts the process by which Year 9 students will eventually select their option choices for GCSEs in Year 10. Students should be starting to discuss their thoughts and interests including any possible future career inclinations with their subject teachers, form tutors and friends and family at home. There are two very important dates for parents that lead up to this: the Year 9 Parents' Evening (22 February) and the Year 9 Information Evening (8 March) during which students and parents can meet with subject staff to discuss courses. We hope all Year 9 students and parents will attend these events.

Clubs

A reminder that the school runs a number of clubs during lunchtime and after school, the majority of which are free. Do encourage your child to participate – there is a club for everyone. The daily list is published in the Student bulletin.

Shown right are some of our students at Baking Club.



School Play

This year the production is Romeo and Juliet and will be held on Thursday 22 March to Saturday 24 March inclusive. Our new drama team recently took some of our students to perform on the London Underground in front of an audience of surprised commuters and repeated the performance in school as a taster for the production. I am sure tickets will go fast so I would encourage you to support this event.

Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of the culture at Uxbridge High School. All students are expected to be in full uniform at all times. Any new uniform should conform to the school uniform list which can be found in the student's school planner and on the school's website (www.uhs.org.uk).

Book Week

Once again the school is celebrating reading during Book Week from 27 February to 2 March. A wide range of activities are taking place including a visit by author Roy Apps, a "What Book am I?" quiz, book sales in the library and DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) on World Book Day when the whole school will all be expected to read for 20 minutes during Period 1. Please encourage your child to get involved.

Dates for diary

Half-term holiday:	13 - 17 February
Year 9 Parents' Evening:	22 February
Book Week:	27 February – 2 March
Year 9 Parents' Information Evening:	8 March
Year 7 Parents' Evening:	13 March
School Production "Romeo and Juliet":	22 – 24 March
End of Spring Term:	30 March
Start of Summer Term:	16 April

I wish you all a very enjoyable half-term break. Half-term for students starts at **3.05-3.15 pm on Friday 10 February**. School starts for students on **Monday 20 February** at **10.55 am**, following a staff meeting.

Yours faithfully

P Lang
Principal