

29th September 2020

Dear parents/carers

This week would normally have been our annual Open Evening. Although primarily aimed at prospective Year 6 – 7 families, as always we would have been PROUD to invite all parents to view the school on this special occasion.

However, it will come as no surprise that we are unable to hold any open events this term. In line with most Hillingdon secondary schools we have uploaded a new admissions area to our website for families who are choosing a secondary school for their son/daughter in September. The links include a number of short videos in which many of our current students play starring roles. I would encourage you to view them by following the main link on our homepage to 'Year 7 Admissions for 2021'.

As loyal and committed parents of current UHS students, please do not underestimate the support and advice that you can give to local families about the school and all that it stands for. I know that future prospective parents in the community will value talking to you about your son/daughter's experiences at UHS. There is nothing better than first-hand experience.

In maintaining things as normally as possible at school we plan to close school early on Monday 5th October as we have previously done on Open Evening. This will allow staff time to completely refresh all of our learning environment and displays. The job will be considerably bigger than usual as we will be developing semi-permanent year group bubble areas.

We have made the decision to undertake this work as it now looks highly likely that we will be maintaining COVID working conditions with our year group bubbles in place for the duration of this academic year.

As usual we will be asking a number of students to volunteer remaining behind to assist staff in creating their learning bubbles. Any student involved will have a separate letter of permission.

Students in Years 7 and 9 will leave at 12.15pm, Year 8 at 12.30pm and Year 10 at 12.45pm. Sixth form students will leave school after their last morning lesson.

School will commence on Tuesday 6th October at the normal time.

Thank you as always to all parents for your messages of support and encouragement at this challenging time. Staff really appreciate them.

May you and your family remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully



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