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Dear parents and carers

As we come to the end of the academic year at Uxbridge High School, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and your children for a golden year of achievements and milestones. This year has been remarkable, filled with academic growth, personal development, and memorable experiences. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that we have a positive end to this academic year and a golden start to the next.

Reflections on Year 9:

Year 9 have shown real commitment this year to their curriculum, working hard in lessons across their range of subjects and of course making their important option choices. Outside of the classroom, they have had many opportunities this year, including multiple educational trips to the HS2 construction site, working with artists from the Harry Potter films at Leavesden studios and being a part of a workshop on habitats and animal conservation at Chessington Zoo.

Additionally, our students have also been involved with setting up and running charity events, sports, and cooking competitions. As Head of Learning for Year 9, it has been fantastic to witness their involvement with the wider world.

End and Start of Term Arrangements:

The final day of this term will be Tuesday 23rd July. On this day, school will end for Year 9 at 11:40, Please ensure that your child has arrangements to get home safely.

The new school day will begin on **Friday 6th September** for Year 10 next academic year (our current Year 9 students). Year 10 are expected to arrive for line-up at **8:15am** outside the humanities department, ready for a new term. In a change to this year, students will now enter through the school site through gate 1. Please ensure that students come wearing full school uniform and with the correct equipment ready for a successful start to another golden year. Details of exactly what students require is found on our website here:

<https://www.uhs.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform+and+Equipment&pid=307>

Please also be reminded that there have been changes made to the timings of our school day as per the communication sent out earlier this term.

Keeping up with learning over the summer:

Year 9 was the last year of Key Stage 3. Throughout the final few months of the academic year, students have chosen their subjects that they will be learning in Year 10.

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Students were involved with a career's day as well as multiple GCSE taster sessions run by their teachers, so we are confident that they have made the right decisions and are ready to take the next step in their education journey.

As Year 10 will be the start of their GCSE courses, students may wish to explore their subject topics and keep up with their learning over the summer. To support with this, subject curriculum maps can be found on the Uxbridge high school website here: <https://www.uhs.org.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Areas&pid=326>

Students may also want to use the following sites to keep up with learning over the summer, or to access any homework given:

- Sparx Maths
- DPR for homework or set tasks
- Bedrock Learning
- Kerboodle

All links can be found on the Uxbridge High School website under "quick links". Some curriculum areas have set work to be completed which students will be aware of.

Tuesday Enrichment Afternoons:

As communicated earlier in the year, we are excited to announce that Tuesday afternoons will now be dedicated to enrichment activities for all students, concluding at 3.45pm. This new initiative aims to develop wider curriculum skills through a variety of engaging and educational activities. In their first session in September, students will have the opportunity to choose from a range of options, including sports, arts, technology, community service, and more. We believe this enrichment time will enhance their overall school experience and personal development.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout this year. We look forward to welcoming your children back in September for another successful and enriching academic year. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

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