

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER- 23RD JULY 2024

UXBRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and express my gratitude for your continued support. It has been a year filled with growth, challenges, and remarkable successes, all of which have contributed to the vibrant, dynamic, and golden community that we are so proud of. Being Principal of this school is an honour and a privilege and my second year in this role has flown by. I continue to advocate the merits of this profession and of course our wonderful school. It is the greatest job in the world and sharing the special moments in this newsletter brings this to light.

First and foremost, I extend my congratulations to our students. Their dedication to their studies, activities, and community involvement has once again been incredibly inspiring. Whether it was excelling in academics, shining on the sports field, or participating in the arts, clubs and events, our students have demonstrated resilience and an eagerness to make the most of every opportunity. I hope you are just as proud of all their achievements as we are.

A special acknowledgment must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts. Their journey through secondary school has culminated in this significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud of each of them. As they embark on the next chapter of their lives, whether it be further education, vocational training, or entering the workforce, we have every confidence in their ability to succeed and make a positive impact in the world.

I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to our dedicated staff. Their unwavering commitment to providing a golden education and fostering a supportive and inclusive environment has been the cornerstone of our students' success. The passion and enthusiasm they bring to their roles have ensured that our school systems are effective to ensure a place of learning, growth, and inspiration. We continue to commit to getting the best out of each other, to in turn get the best out of the young people. Whilst this year has been fantastic, we look to the future with motivation to keep improving and delivering the gold standard in everything we do.

To you, our parents, and carers, thank you for your partnership and involvement in our school community. Your support at home, your engagement with school activities, and your encouragement have been invaluable. We are together, we navigate the challenges, and we celebrate the triumphs of this year. This collaboration reinforces the strong foundation upon which our students can thrive. It is our job to be partners, to continue to provide hope and optimism that the next generation are a force for good.

Louisa Seymour

A FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 11

As we bid farewell to our exceptional Year 11 cohort, we reflect on the memorable final day that marked the culmination of their journey at our school. It was a day filled with pride, celebration, and heartfelt goodbyes.

After their final exams, students were met with a guard of honour from staff, and dear friends, who wished them well as they stepped into the next exciting chapter of their lives. This gesture was a testament to the respect and admiration we hold for each and every one of them. After this, as well as the signing of incredibly designed leavers shirts, the Year 11 boys showcased their sporting spirit in a thrilling x-side vs y-side football game. The match was fiercely contested and ultimately decided by penalties, with the y-side emerging victorious. It was a fitting final game that highlighted their camaraderie and competitive spirit.

One of the most poignant moments of the end of year celebrations was the annual Golden Laurels Awards. This ceremony honoured students who have exhibited excellence throughout their time at our school. We were particularly proud to present the first ever Ollie Raftery Award for Resilience, in memory of our dearly departed community member. This award symbolises the strength and determination that Ollie embodied and serves as an inspiration to us all.

The festivities concluded with a spectacular prom at the Middlesex Stadium. It was a night of joy and celebration, where students all shone brightly, creating lasting memories with friends and teachers alike. The incredible outfits, entrances, and party spirit made this an event to remember! The prom was a great success and a wonderful way to celebrate their achievements.

Finally, as the class of 2024 looks forward to their next steps, we remind them that results day is on Thursday, 22nd August 2024. The school will be open for them to receive their results at 8:30am in the Lancaster Building. Anyone unable to attend must email the school to inform us, so their results can be sent to them on their UHS email addresses. We wish this cohort the very best of luck and are confident that their hard work, determination, and community spirit will be rewarded.

To the UHS class of 2024; we look forward to watching all your successes in the future and are proud to have been a part of your journey. May your paths ahead be filled with opportunities, achievements and ultimately, happiness.



SIXTH FORM UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce what an incredibly successful year it has been for our Year 12 cohort. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, as evidenced by their exceptional performance in the Year 13 entrance exams. Among the standout achievements, we have Aqib S, Emily B, Karim G, Juslina J, Charlie R, and Veron W, each securing an impressive 3 A's. Additionally, Louie B has surpassed all expectations with an outstanding 4 A's. These accomplishments reflect the students' commitment to excellence and the unwavering support from our dedicated teaching staff. Congratulations to all for a year of remarkable success!

France Trip

Year 12 students enjoyed an enriching educational trip to France, organised by the Business & Economics department. The journey included a fun-filled day at Disneyland Paris, where students experienced the magic and excitement of the park alongside observing the financial side of Disney. They learnt how the park earn over £2.2bn every year, with majority of the sales coming from the purchasing of accessories. They also visited the world-renowned Louvre Museum to admire the Mona Lisa and explored the historical significance of the Arc de Triomphe. The trip culminated with breathtaking views from the Eiffel Tower. This adventure was not only enjoyable but also educational, offering students valuable insights into French art, history and culture. Overall, the trip was a resounding success, providing a memorable and informative experience for all involved.



Appreciation for Leadership

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to both the Subject Leads and the Student Leadership team for their extraordinary hard work and dedication throughout this remarkable year. The Subject Leads have been instrumental in guiding their departments, ensuring the highest standards of education and support for our students. Simultaneously, the Student Leadership team has done an outstanding job in organising and running all school events, contributing significantly to our vibrant school community. Your commitment and efforts have been pivotal in making this year a resounding success. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and exceptional contributions.

Good Bye Year 13

Without a doubt, this has been an outstanding year for our Year 13 cohort! Our wonderful Year 13 students have fully exemplified our gold standard, acting as great role models for our KS3 and KS4 students. They have been exceptional to work with and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Academic Excellence

Our Year 13 students have positively engaged in a range of study skills sessions and completed multiple mock examinations – which saw fantastic results – to prepare them for their final exams at Uxbridge High School. We are PROUD of how diligently students approached their exams, and we look forward to seeing them in August for their results where we will be able to celebrate their success together.

Enrichment

Enrichment within Sixth Form continued to go from strength to strength: our students have organised and lead on several clubs and events to improve the school's wider curriculum; they have organised and ran a range of charity events raising money for external organisations; they have continued to mentor and support younger students in their studies, and they have taken an active role in developing the school through their involvement with our school council. We are most proud of our students' involvement with our annual charity football match, which was played in Autumn, in loving memory of ex-student Bilal Khan.

Next Steps

We are proud to declare that we had the highest number of university applications this year, with over 100 students applying to study at university in September. Students have received offers from fantastic institutes including Russell Group Universities, Oxford University and Cambridge University. Not only that, but we have also had several students successfully apply for apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships, some of which have already started – good luck!

Leavers Event

To celebrate our students' success we held a wonderful Leavers' Assembly which was packed with awards and recognitions for our students' successes. Students were also invited to attend their Leavers' Ball at Richings Golf Club – this was an amazing event which was warmly received.



TRIPS

Below are a selection of trips our students enjoyed this

Imperial War Museum

We are excited to share that 100 of our Year 9 students recently visited the Imperial War Museum, enhancing their studies on World War One, World War Two, the Holocaust, and the Cold War.

The trip spanned five floors, each filled with historical artefacts and exhibits. Our students connected with history by viewing hundreds of items related to the events they have studied.

From personal effects of soldiers and civilians to wartime machinery and Holocaust exhibits, the visit brought history to life, offering a day of profound learning and reflection.



Politics and History Students Visit City Hall

On a recent trip, A-Level politics and history students visited City Hall for an educational and insightful experience. The trip provided an in-depth look into the workings of devolution, the responsibilities of the London Mayor and the rich history of London's government. Adding to the day's excitement, students enjoyed a ride on the London cable cars, offering breathtaking views across the river. The excursion was both informative and memorable, enhancing the students' understanding of London's political landscape.



Lords Cricket Visit

Our enthusiastic cricket students enjoyed an unforgettable experience at the iconic Lord's Cricket Stadium on Armed Forces Day! They delved into the rich history of the sport at the grounds museum and even participated in a hands-on training session. It was a day brimming with learning, inspiration, and excitement!

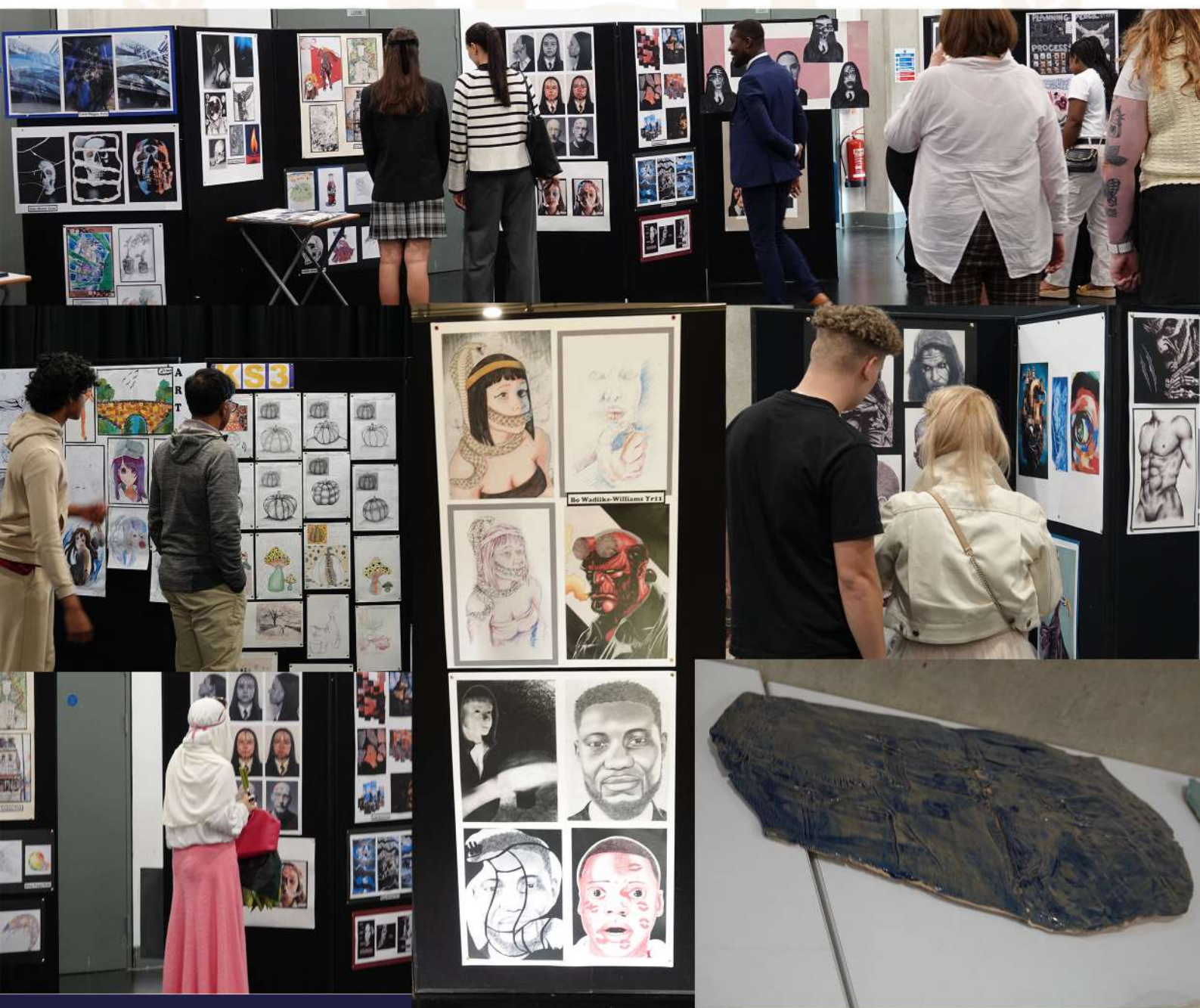


ANNUAL ART & DT EXHIBITION

This term, UHS hosted its annual Art Exhibition, themed "Celebrating Our Rich Creative Diversity." The event showcased the exceptional artwork of the Class of 2023 and 2024, marking a significant milestone for our school community. The exhibition was a vibrant display of student creativity, featuring diverse artworks that highlighted the talent and dedication of our young artists.

Visitors were treated to a wide range of artistic expressions, including paintings, sculptures, digital art, and mixed media. Each piece reflected the imaginative efforts and hard work of our art and DT students. The exhibition was not only an exciting culmination of individual artists' journeys but also a platform for students to explore independently chosen themes and various art-making forms.

The success of the exhibition was evident in the positive feedback from parents, staff, students, and the wider community. Congratulations to all the students for their deeply personal and inspiring work. We look forward to welcoming more visitors to the Innovation Hub in the coming days. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our art and DT Exhibition.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We are delighted to share the success of our Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme this year, which involved three year groups.

Our Year 10 students embarked on their silver award by completing a great 2-day practice expedition near Gerrards Cross in June. They will be completing their final 3 day, 2 night expedition in the beautiful Chilterns.

Our Year 12 students participating in the gold award have had the opportunity to complete their practice expedition and will hopefully complete their full expedition later in the year, they are a fantastic group of dedicated students who love the whole experience.

In addition, we welcomed a new cohort of Year 9 students into the DofE programme. Throughout the year, students have been actively engaged in various activities as part of their DofE journey.

They have taken on a new skill to learn or develop, engaged in a physical activity, and volunteered their time in the community. They have participated in sports clubs or used exercise tracking apps to stay physically active. In June, our Year 9 students completed their Bronze expedition, taking on a new experience as they walked to Paccar Scout Campsite in Gerrards Cross and returned to school the following day, despite facing physical challenges, carrying heavy bags and navigating with maps and compasses.

The expeditions have tested students endurance and team-building skills, which wasn't always easy, especially as fatigue and hunger set in. However, they developed their orientation skills, gained independence and forged strong bonds with their peers.

Many of them experienced camping for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed spending time in nature with their friends. The DofE programme has empowered them to challenge themselves, develop crucial life skills, and cultivate a love for adventure and exploration.

We extend our gratitude to the dedicated staff who provided in-school training, helped students plan their routes, taught them essential camping skills and gave up their time to supervise them on expeditions, they have been amazing. Their voluntary contribution is instrumental in the success of our DofE programme. We congratulate all our DofE participants for their exceptional achievements and look forward to witnessing their continued growth and success, looking forward to them taking on the next level of the award.



CAREERS DAY

At UHS we always aim for our students to achieve and be Gold Standard in school, but also within their ambitions outside of school. Term 3, has been a busy and exciting term for Careers at UHS.

Careers Day

In early July, we hosted our Year 10 career day where they were able to hear from employers, universities and gain online work experience. We partnered with Fujitsu, University of Law and the Civil Service to create an online work experience platform that students were able to work on. At noon students were able to take part in many different career activities with NatWest, St Mary University, the Police, and British Airways. The students were able to gain an insight into these chosen sectors. Some of our students were even lucky enough to take part in a real life film and television production with Cleveland Studios; creating their own short film and advertisement. The day was rounded off with a assembly by Royal Holloway giving students an insight into university life and their post-16 options.



Cambridge University Trip

Our Year 12s were fortunate enough to attend the University of Cambridge open day where we were welcomed by Pembroke College. Students attending talks, seminars and lessons with academics as well as get a feel for university life at Cambridge. On the day we had some of our future applicants work within the engineering department, seeing how infrastructure has changed over the past few years and the advancements welcomed by AI. We hope that many of our sixth formers will be joining university come 2025.

Brunel University

As part of our UCAS preparation, we welcomed in Brunel University who delivered an interactive session on personal statements, super curricular activities and UCAS preparation. Many of our Year 12's left the meeting feeling far more confident and enthusiastic about their options before. Brunel encouraged our sixth formers to get writing their personal statements, which they will be working on throughout the coming few months.

Civil Service: Into Work Programme

At the beginning of the term, we welcomed the Department of Work and Pensions (DoWP) into school to work with a small group of our Year 10s. By the end of the session students covered a wide range of skills and discussions. Students worked on their CV's and discussed different employment and education opportunities including apprenticeships. The DOWP supported the students in filling out application forms and show them the plethora of opportunities offered to them within the Sixth form, local collages and apprenticeships. This scheme took place over the course of 4 weeks.

Personal Development: Careers

During this half term, the focus on careers has taken precedence in the Personal Development curriculum to assist students with exploring their future options. Throughout Half Term, students across all year groups were provided with a tailored insight into living in the broader world. Each year group explored topics related to the job market, finances, and future opportunities. This was facilitated through the DPR for Key Stage 4 and formative assessments for Key Stage 5.



MOCK ELECTION

Thursday 4th July marked a momentous day in British history with voters across the UK heading to the polls. At Uxbridge High School the scene was no different. All year group were encouraged to participate in our school's very own mock election! Throughout Thursday's election day students flocked to the polling booths in the main hall to make their choice on Britain's next Prime Minister.

Democracy came alive in the main hall, the students were enthused by the privilege of voting in an election. At Uxbridge High School we hoped to raise political awareness amongst the students and help them understand the importance of their future democratic right to vote. It was a winning day for Labour in the general election and also at the school's mock election. A big thank you to staff who supported across the history department and to the sixth form students who supported at the polling booths.



GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK

In Year 7, this half-term, students have been learning about urban areas and the associated positives and negatives. As a result, Ms Aymer decided to utilise this opportunity to add a fieldwork element into the curriculum. This opportunity took students outside of the classroom onto The Greenaway, where we conducted several surveys such as a traffic count, Environment Quality Survey, and a person count. Once we returned to the classroom, the students had the opportunity to analyse the data and write up their results.

Fieldwork offers students hands-on, practical experiences that complement theoretical learning in the classroom, thereby fostering a deeper and more comprehensive grasp of geographical concepts. Allowing students the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom plays a crucial role in their educational journey, significantly enriching their understanding of the world around them.



POET RAKAYA FETUGA VISITS UHS

This past week, we had the honor of welcoming the acclaimed poet Rakaya Fetuga to our school. Known for her poignant and evocative works that explore themes of culture, identity and heritage, Rakaya delivered a captivating assembly to our Year 7, 8, and 9 students. Her visit was an inspiring reminder of the power of poetry as a medium for self-expression and cultural celebration.

Rakaya shared her personal journey as a poet, emphasising how her cultural background and personal experiences have shaped her work. She spoke about the importance of embracing one's heritage and using creative outlets like poetry to express one's unique identity. Through her powerful words, Rakaya encouraged our students to explore their own stories and cultures, and to find their voices through writing.

One of the highlights of the assembly was Rakaya's performance of some of her most celebrated poems. With each recitation, she brought her poems to life, illustrating how deeply personal and universal poetry can be. Her performances were met with awe and admiration, as students were moved by the emotion and authenticity in her delivery.



JACK PETCHEY WORKSHOP

On Thursday 23rd May, a group of Year 10 students worked with trainers from Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge to develop public speaking and communication skills.

The challenge encouraged student voice and confidence as it asked students to prepare and deliver a short, yet engaging and well-organised speech. The trainers prepared students as they taught improvisation strategies, and when employed such strategies supported students in clearly articulating their point of view. Students found the day supportive and engaging, and at the end, they delivered and appreciated personal, informative, and emotive speeches that both teaching staff and trainers were proud of. Well done to the Y10 students who demonstrated positivity and respect when delivering and supporting each other with their speeches.



UHS CRICKET ACADEMY

As the cricket season draws to a close, I reflect on the tremendous achievements of our students, who have excelled not only on the field but also in embodying our school's PROUD values. Striving for a GOLD standard, our young cricketers have showcased these qualities in every practice, match, and off-field interaction, making this season one of our most successful yet.

Cricket has proven to be a significant factor in the personal development of our students. The discipline, teamwork, and strategic thinking required in cricket have translated into better academic performance and enhanced social skills. Many students have reported increased confidence, better time management, and improved resilience, demonstrating the far-reaching benefits of the sport.

This year, over 60 unique students participated in the Cricket Academy, a notable increase from last year, reflecting growing interest and commitment. These students dedicated themselves to a rigorous 12-week winter training programme during the autumn and spring terms. Their hard work and perseverance in training sessions, often held in challenging conditions, are commendable and a testament to their dedication to the sport.

A highlight of the season was the unforgettable trip to Lord's Cricket Ground in May. Our students had the unique opportunity to receive coaching from professional players, an experience that inspired and motivated them. The trip was not only a chance to learn from the best but also a moment to bond as a team and experience the rich history and tradition of one of cricket's most iconic venues.

We are incredibly proud to announce that Mithul has been selected for the Buckinghamshire County Cricket Club, making him the first county player to emerge from our academy. This is a significant milestone for Mithul and a proud moment for the academy, showcasing the high level of talent and training provided at Uxbridge High School.

This year, we introduced a new inter-house cricket tournament, adding a fresh layer of excitement and competition to our cricketing activities. The final will be contested between Oxford Warwick Warriors and Brunel Gladiators, promising a thrilling conclusion to a fantastic inaugural tournament.

"This is a great chance for me to have fun and improve my skills while playing cricket for my club. I can also share my experience and abilities with my teammates."

RANVIR-YEAR 9



"I love cricket so much! That's why I joined the cricket academy, so I can play and learn more about the game I really enjoy."

MITHUL-YEAR 8

Our students have shown exceptional skill and improvement throughout the season. We are delighted to recognise the following players for their outstanding contributions:



Year 7 Player of the Year: Ishaan
Year 7 Most Improved: Illagiyan
Year 8 Player of the Year: Mithul
Year 8 Most Improved: Subhan S
Year 9 Player of the Year: Ranvir
Year 9 Most Improved: Farhan K



Each of these students has demonstrated remarkable talent, hard work, and sportsmanship, setting a high standard for their peers.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, the Uxbridge High School Cricket Academy is excited to announce new initiatives aimed at expanding our cricketing community and providing more opportunities for our students to engage with the sport.

In our continued effort to promote inclusivity and equal opportunities, we are thrilled to introduce girls cricket to the academy. This initiative aims to encourage more female students to participate in cricket, providing them with the same high-quality coaching and training opportunities that have benefited our male students. We believe this will not only enhance their physical skills but also foster confidence, teamwork, and leadership qualities.

We are also expanding our programme to include cricket at the sixth form level. This development will allow older students to continue their cricketing journey, refine their skills and compete at a higher level. The inclusion of sixth form cricket is a significant step in our commitment to support our students' passion for the sport throughout their school years and beyond.

These new initiatives and memorable events mark an exciting chapter for the Uxbridge High School Cricket Academy. We are committed to fostering a love for cricket in all our students, providing them with opportunities to grow both as players and individuals. As we continue to build on our successes, we look forward to another year of achievements, growth, and cricketing excellence.



MUSIC CONCERT

Our musically talented students from all year groups provided a rich cultural experience during the music concert held on Thursday, July 11th. From Brit-Rock to Jazz, RnB to Classical, the diversity and high quality of the performances were gold standard throughout. Many performers felt they gave their 'personal best' during the concert, a testament to their courage and professionalism.

This success was made possible by the many technical helpers and supporters in the music and admin teams, as well as our wonderful audiences of students, staff, parents, and friends, who created a supportive atmosphere that boosted performer confidence. Congratulations and well done to all the young musicians who performed.



WIDER CURRICULUM OPPORTUNITIES

At UHS, we are dedicated to offering exceptional sporting, musical, artistic, and a variety of other extra-curricular opportunities to every student. Our commitment to fostering a holistic educational experience is reflected in our extensive range of wider curriculum clubs. These clubs form a vital part of our school's enrichment programme, encompassing drama, sports, art, music, design and technology (DT), and book club, among others.

Wider curriculum clubs are more than just activities—they are essential for the wellbeing and social development of our students. By participating, students gain valuable life skills and develop characteristics that go beyond the academic curriculum. These clubs provide a space for students to explore their interests, build friendships, and grow in confidence.

We are thrilled to announce a significant enhancement to our wider curriculum offerings starting this September: Enrichment Tuesdays. This new initiative will expand our current programme, ensuring that, in addition to the clubs held during lunchtime, break time, and before and after school, all students will now have dedicated enrichment opportunities integrated into their school day.

Enrichment Tuesdays will create a vibrant and dynamic school environment where every student can engage in meaningful activities, discover new passions, and thrive both personally and academically. We believe this initiative will greatly enhance the overall student experience and support their growth in diverse and impactful ways.

Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare to launch Enrichment Tuesdays and continue our commitment to providing an exceptional education that nurtures every aspect of our students' development.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

PRACTICAL DT SKILLS

Join the DT Skills club and boost your creativity! Make cool projects and learn lots of new skills along the way.

Every Tuesday after school

For more information speak to Mr Buckley

GARDENING CLUB

Calling all Year 7 & 8 students! Dive into the world of greenery with the Gardening Club!

Every Tuesday and Wednesday after school



TENNIS CLUB

Want to try a new sport or get better at one you already love? Join the tennis club!

Every Monday & Tuesday after school



For more information speak to Mr Royes

DRAMA CLUB

Join our weekly drama club, open to all students! Enhance your acting, improvisation, and stage presence through fun and engaging activities. Build confidence, creativity, and teamwork in a supportive environment.

Every Wednesday after school



For more information speak to Miss Pradeep

ART CLUB

FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9

The art club provides an energetic atmosphere where you can let your creativity shine, try out new techniques and connect with others who share your passion. Whether you're a seasoned artist or eager to learn, our club offers a supportive community where every artistic endeavor is valued and applauded.

Join us and let's create something amazing together!

Every Tuesday after school

For more information speak to Miss Seymour or Mrs Das

STAGE VOCALS CLUB

Elevate your singing, master note reading, amplify your projection and boost your confidence on stage!

Every Tuesday and Wednesday after school



For more information speak to Mr Dawson

UHS CRICKET ACADEMY



We are currently running the UHS Cricket Premier League.

Every Wednesday after school

For more information speak to Mr Mohammed

The Film Club

FOR YEARS 7 & 9

The MFL Film Club helps students enhance their French skills by watching French movies! It's a great way to relax and enjoy their lunch break while immersing themselves in the language and culture. Join us and discover the magic of French cinema!

Every Wednesday at lunch time for Year 7 and 9 in C7

For more information, please speak to Miss Koubou

CYBERSECURITY CLUB

The Cybersecurity Club for girls aims to provide a welcoming environment for students to develop their skills in IT & cybersecurity.

Every Wednesday after school



For more information speak to Mr. Saxena

TENNER CHALLENGE

Dream of being a business whiz or trying out the entrepreneurial life? Join the Tenner Challenge!



Every Tuesday after school

For more information speak to Ms Polat

PE YEAR ROUND UP

We have had a fantastic year with multiple highlights from the academic year. It has been a pleasure to witness golden efforts and success through lessons, borough tournaments, fixtures and effort during outside clubs.

We have had lots of success, below are some highlights:

- Year 7, 8 and 10 girls all made it to the borough final,
- Year 11 boys football team made it to the final Middlesex County Cup,
- 14 students represented Middlesex in the County Athletics,
- 70 + boys attending weekly football club,
- Diego represented Middlesex in the cross country event,
- Year 8 rounders team came 4th borough tournament,
- Year 7 rounders team came 3rd in the borough tournament,
- Lois became 4x world champion in BJJ,
- Zuhail is now in the England lionesses pathway for football and is now playing for Watford Ladies
- Ellicia became british contemporary dance champion,
- Year 7 girls football team finished 2nd borough,
- We hosted the biggest ever girls football tournament which is now going to become a girls football league.

Sports Day

For the first time in two years, we had our sports day offsite at Hillingdon Athletics Stadium for Years 7-9. This years theme was the Paris Olympics which gave us an opportunity to get students involved not only practically but through English, science, art and languages. Our students demonstrated their PROUD values throughout all different activities and we saw some school records broken.

Thank You

Thank you to all the students who have shown up to each lesson, club and fixture and shown us how determined and proud you are to take on new challenges and take part in borough fixtures. We cannot wait for the new season to start and to continue our rising success.

We are also saying farewell to Mr Royes who has been a credit to the PE department. We wish him all the best for the future.



HAARLEMMERMEER LYCEUM VISIT

On the 15th May, we were delighted to welcome a delegation of students and educators from Haarlemmermeer Lyceum in the Netherlands to our school as part of a vibrant cultural exchange initiative. Designed to nurture global understanding, enrich language proficiency, and exchange educational methodologies, this program was a testament to our commitment to fostering international connections.

Throughout the day, our students had the invaluable chance to engage with their Dutch counterparts across a spectrum of Year 10 classes, ranging from English to science. Guided by 18 of our own Year 10 students, the visitors immersed themselves in our academic environment, sharing perspectives and experiences that enriched everyone involved.

Meanwhile, our faculty had the privilege of hosting their Dutch colleagues for a comprehensive tour of our school and its various departments. This exchange wasn't just about swapping teaching techniques; it was a dynamic exchange of ideas and insights that will undoubtedly influence our educational practices moving forward.

The genuine warmth and camaraderie displayed during the day were truly heartening to witness, whether it was our students and their Dutch peers bonding over shared interests or engaging in friendly sports activities like basketball.

Such interactions resonate deeply with our school's ethos of celebrating diversity, nurturing global citizenship, and striving for academic excellence. We see these exchanges not only as opportunities for cultural enrichment but also as catalysts for creating a more inclusive and vibrant learning environment.

