

8th April 2024

Dear HSAEL Families,

Arrangements for returning to HSAEL for the summer term

I hope are enjoying a relaxing break. Staff are looking forward to welcoming your child back to the Academy next week, *helping them to become a leader in their chosen field and becoming the best Academy in Newham by 2028*. This letter contains all the information you will need to help prepare your child for a successful return to the Academy. Please take some time to read it carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Return to HSAEL Checklist

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Update uniform from Khalsa Schoolwear here . Reminder: skirts must cover the knee and trousers must be worn at the waist. Makeup and jewellery are not permitted at HSAEL. Students will not enter lessons until their uniform is in line with Academy expectations. Click here to view the HSAEL uniform policy.	
Purchase new PE uniform including Astro turf trainers. See uniform guidance here .	
Purchase and top up stationery, including a whiteboard pen and a reading book. See equipment list here .	
Familiarise yourself with the Academy behaviour policy , taking note that mobile phones, fizzy drinks and sweets, vaping products/ e-cigarettes and personal gaming devices are not permitted at HSAEL. If found on a student, mobile phones will be confiscated for a 6-week period.	
Clear your Parent Pay Balance and top up with money for lunch. <i>We will contact you each day if your child does not have sufficient money to purchase lunch. It is important that all accounts are in credit to enable us to effectively provide meals to each child. For support on how to sign up to Parent Pay, please contact info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk.</i>	
Check your eligibility and sign up for Free School Meals here .	
Check your child has completed all spring holiday homework. To access the winter core knowledge booklets, please click here .	

Return to the Academy

The summer term begins for all students on **Monday 15th April** promptly at **8.25am**. The Academy Day begins at **Clock Mill** for all students with a line up for Year 7-11 and a briefing for the sixth form. Staff will complete a full uniform and equipment check. Please give your support to this by ensuring your child has the correct equipment and is in full Academy uniform. We will contact parents for any uniform or equipment snagging issues and students with incorrect uniform may not enter circulation until these are rectified. Staff will check that students have completed their holiday homework during period 1, while they participate in the termly 'welcome back' assembly. Students who have completed their homework will receive positive £HSAEL, with a rewards event planned for all students who pass their termly knowledge checks. Students who have not completed their homework will not enter circulation until this has been completed.

House System and Key Contacts

Please find below a reminder of our pastoral structure and how we support your child. Your child's form tutor continues to be your first point of contact. To help streamline communication and to ensure your query is not missed, please send all queries to info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk and your message will be passed to your child's form tutor. In addition, each year group will be supported by a member of the senior leadership team.

	Custom House	Clock Mill	Lock Keepers	Senior Leader Head of Year
Head of House:	Mrs Mathieson	Mr Ansell	Ms Dempster	
Year 7	Mr Iwumene	Mr Ali	Ms Gozlugol	Ms Connolly
Year 8	Ms Nadeem	Ms Rajah	Ms Albright	Ms Sarkar
Year 9	Ms Bailey	Mr McPherson	Ms Reid	Mr Myint
Year 10	Ms Pichurski	Mr Kelly	Mr Titus	Mr Hall
Year 11	Mr Perkins & Mr Ayiub	Ms Kowathanan & Ms Kazi	Ms Nazeer & Ms Ali Mr Anderson	Ms Boyle
Sixth Form	Ms Montanaro	Mrs Robin	Mrs Diwaker	Mr Christopher

For specific queries, please see the key contacts below:

SEN Queries	Ms Sarkar – SENCo SEND@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk
Safeguarding	Ms Dempster – Designated Safeguarding Lead Safeguarding@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk
Parent Pay	Ms Zhuzhang Finance@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk
Attendance	Mr N Hall Attendance@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk

Rewarding your child so they feel valued, cared for and celebrated

We concluded the spring term on a high note, awarding over 23,000 positive points and presenting more than 600 certificates. These certificates recognize the top 20 students who excelled in earning positive points, achieved the highest HSAELF, demonstrated excellence in specific subjects, maintained 100% attendance, and consistently embodied the values of 'LEADERS' and 'GRACE' daily.

Moving forward, we will continue to celebrate our students' achievements and have planned five additional special celebration events.

Week	Event
Week commencing 15th April	Points auction goes live
Week commencing 22nd April	Auction winners announced Attendance celebration party
Week commencing 29th April	Homework celebration party Sparx, Bedrock, MyGCSEScience and Holiday homework
Week commencing 6th May	Top HSAELF celebration party
Week commencing 13th May	Pupils that have represented HSAEL Clubs, fixtures and competitions

These events will provide us with additional opportunities to celebrate and recognise the exceptional efforts of our students at Harris Science Academy.

Reflections are now interventions

Homework holds significant importance and should be a priority for all students. Those who consistently complete homework and engage in regular revision tend to perform better in exams and enhance their understanding of subjects.

Moving forward, we will introduce two separate interventions at the end of the day: one focusing on behaviour and the other on homework. The behaviour intervention aims to provide students with an opportunity to reflect on any wrong choices made throughout the day. Concurrently, the academic intervention is designed to ensure that students have the necessary support to complete any pending homework assigned by their teachers.

Attendance

We cannot celebrate your children if not at the Academy. Research suggests students with less than 95% attendance less of a connection with school, which affects their happiness and wellbeing. must attend every day unless they are which case parents or carers must Academy before 9am on each morning

We aim for every pupil to have 100% attendance, as missing 1 day of school 6 hours of missed learning. A pupil will hours behind their peers if they miss 4 school and finish the year on 98% attendance.

An Academic Curriculum for every child

Home Learning



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This term, we are continuing our work to ensure that students know and remember what they have learned in every subject. Over the half-term, students will continue to embed key terms into their long-term memory, using the Look, Cover, Write, Check (LCWC) method. Details of the method can be found in their booklets, and I have copied the method below.

Students were provided with the booklet on Monday 25th March. Further to this, the booklets can be found on our website [here](#) and on each student's MCAS.

Students must have completed at least one page of LCWC, with attempts of each key term per subject. If homework is not completed, students will not go into lessons until it is done. This serves to maintain the Academy's firm stance on raising academic standards, taking responsibility for one's learning and the importance of scholarship.

In the first lesson back for each subject, students will be tested on the subject's key terms. Students must achieve a minimum of 65% to pass. Teachers will use this to know if there is any material to be retaught or knowledge to go over before any new content is taught.

Students who have passed all but one test will get a golden ticket to the Knowledge Party, where we will celebrate their hard work and achievements! Students will be provided with food and have a range of activities to enjoy as a reward for their accomplishments.

The Look, Cover, Write, Check Method:

Watch this video to learn how self-quiz: <https://tinyurl.com/36asjshp>

How students should self-quiz.

- Look at no more than 5 terms at a time.
- Read the terms and say them repeatedly in their head (without speaking aloud) for 2-3 minutes.
- Cover the terms on the following pages with an exercise book, with a black pen, write down as many terms and definitions as they remember.
- With a blue pen, cover the term and check they have correctly spelled and defined each term. Refine spelling and definition in blue.
- Spend 2-3 minutes reading the terms again and saying them in their head.
- Fold your piece of paper so they cannot see the first round of quizzing, cover the terms and write down as many terms and definitions as they remember.
- With a blue pen, cover the term and check they have correctly spelled and defined each term. Refine spelling and definition in blue.
- Repeat this process until they correctly spell and define each term.
- If you run out of space in your quizzing book, you should use lined paper to complete your self-quizzing.

Spring Exams

Years 11, and 13 have all sat their final set of mock exams before their public exams begin. There have been several positive outcomes, and we are proud of the effort students put into their exams. Based on the results data, there are several changes for April.

- Y11 intervention will take place on weekday mornings from 8.00am-8.50am, as we know this is where we will have the most impact.
- Y11s have been given the opportunity to stay in Independent Study until 5pm.
- Some Y11s will have compulsory intervention and ISP to support their growth.

Summer Term Key Dates

	Y7	Y8	Y9
Assessments	w/c 13 th May	w/c 3rd June	w/c 13 th May

	Y10	Y12
Mocks	w/c 17 th June	w/c 17 th June
Parents' Evening	11 th July	11 th July

	Y11	Y13
Assessments	w/c 10 th May	
Parents' Evening	18 th April	18 th April

Character Education

Character Education is an important part of academy life with our aim to help students develop the character to lead in often closed and competitive environments and make a positive contribution to their community.

Character Education Days:

Students will have regular opportunities to develop their cultural capital through our 12 Character Educations days. In the summer we will host these on the last 4 days of the term.

Our next set of Character Education days will take place on the following dates:

CED Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
Tuesday 16 th July	Teambuilding and overnight residential	Globe Theatre	National Gallery/British Museum	Beyond 16 and Harris Alumni day	Queen Mary Visit
Wednesday 17 th July		British Museum	Imperial War Museum	UCL Engineering Event	Imperial University Visit
Thursday 18 th July	Kew Gardens	Teambuilding	Teambuilding	Teambuilding	UCAS day
Friday 19 th July	HSAEL Sports Day				

Careers Programme at HSAEL:

Year 10 Work Experience:

- This will take place on the WB 8th July.
- All year 10 students now have login details for the WEX portal.
- Students will need to login to choose their placements.

Careers Microsoft Teams Page

- Students in year 10-13 have access to the careers MS Teams page.
- This is updated regularly with opportunities that students can be involved in.
- We would encourage you to look through this with your child on a weekly basis.

- All students in year 8-13 have access to UniFrog.
- This platform enables students to complete profile quizzes and explore different career pathways.

Careers Advisor

- We have two careers advisors at HSAEL.
- If you would like your child to speak to the careers advisor, then please contact Mr Christopher who can arrange this.

Leadership Development Time:

On alternate weeks (week B) students engage in Leadership Development Time, which will support the delivery of PSHE to equip our students with the knowledge and experiences they need to live healthy, happy, safe and fulfilling lives. During this time students will also attend their House assemblies, where there will be an opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate those consistently instilling our core values.

Summer Theme: All leaders can leverage their strengths and develop their talent to be at the forefront of their chosen specialism.

The LDT curriculum progression map can be found [HERE](#).

Enrichment Clubs:

The Enrichment Club programme will continue into the summer term. The expectation is that students attend a minimum of 1 club per week. Every time they attend a club, they receive 1 HSAEL£ to go towards their end of term paycheck.

Our breakfast club is open every morning from 7:30am in Custom House. All students can attend to receive a free breakfast and also collect any stationary items they may be missing.

The library is also open every lunchtime and after school until 4pm where students can exchange library books and complete independent study.

The enrichment club programme can be found [HERE](#).

This term is set to be hugely successful for the Academy. I look forward to working with you to help your child achieve the academic currency and develop the good character to be the master of their own destiny and have a powerful impact in their community. This is the education your child deserves, and my team and I are utterly committed to making this happen.

Yours Faithfully,



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Principal