

HSP/RMT: Headmaster's letter
15th March 2017

HEADMASTER'S LETTER TO
PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) No.5

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

I am pleased to share with you we have received a letter from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State, congratulating The Heathland for being in the top 5% of schools. In fact our GCSE results places the school in the top 1% of all schools in England.

This is based on the progress made by Year 11 pupils who sat GCSEs in 2016 using the new Progress 8 measure.

A copy of this letter is on the school website.

Unfortunately I have to contrast this positive news with the fact that in common with many schools nationally, we are coping with reductions in funding. This will make it harder to maintain our high standard of provision in future as we face a reduced budget next year and thereafter. An informative letter from Councillor Tom Bruce, Hounslow's Lead Member for Education, is also on our website.

Any support parents can offer by writing to MPs about school funding will be helpful.

To prepare students for their final exams we have scheduled another set of 'mock' exams:

Year 11: 19th April – 25th April 2017

Pupils will be granted study leave if they are up to date with coursework and meeting targets

Year 12: 24th March – 31st March 2017

Students will be on study leave unless they are sitting exams

Year 13: 19th April – 27th April 2017 (After school in certain subjects)

1. PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COURSE INTERVIEWS 2017

i. YEAR 11

Study leave begins on **FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2017**.

GCSE and BTEC results will be issued at 9.00am on **THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST** in the Main Hall.

Interviews for Sixth Form courses will start at 10.00am on **FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST** in 60M/61M (Drama rooms).

ii. YEAR 12

‘AS’ Level results will be issued at 11.00am on **THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**.

Interviews for Year 13 progression take place on **MONDAY 21ST AUGUST** in 60M/61M (Drama rooms) at 10.00am.

Please note: Students in Year 12 must complete coursework and pass end of year exams to progress into Year 13.

iii. YEAR 13

Study leave begins at 3.20pm on **FRIDAY 12TH MAY**.

‘A’ Level, BTEC L3 Science and Applied Business results will be issued at 9.00am on **THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**.

Post-results advice for Year 13 students will be available from senior staff, Mr J. Parfitt (Academic Tutor) and Mr C. Couch (Careers Advisor).

Please plan summer holiday trips carefully so that students in Year 11, 12 and 13 are available when results are issued and for course interviews.

2. YEAR 7, 8, 9 AND 10 EXAMINATION DATES

YEAR 7: 5TH – 9TH JUNE 2017

YEAR 8: 22ND – 26TH MAY 2017

YEAR 9: 12TH – 16TH JUNE 2017

YEAR 10: 19TH – 28TH JUNE 2017

3. HEAD OF YEAR 7

Mr P. Dexter (Head of Year) is leaving at the end of term for a promoted post in another school. We have appointed Mr P. Nash to succeed him as Head of Year 7.

4. SCHOOL PRODUCTION: ALICE@WONDERLAND

The Performing Arts department are preparing a lively and updated version of the popular book featuring music, script, physical theatre and puppetry. The production should delight audiences of all ages. Tickets (can be bought for cash) will be on sale from the Resources room for £2.00.

The performance is scheduled for 7.00pm on **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.**

I hope to see many parents at production.

Yours faithfully,

HEADMASTER