

HEADMASTER'S LETTER TO  
PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) No.3

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

One of the main events in the school calendar – the annual Charity Week – is coming up in the week: 27<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December. Mrs M. Fideli is leading the organisation of a series of lively fundraising events which will start with a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Pupils can wear tidy non-uniform on that day for a payment of £2.00 which will go into the charity fund. This year pupils voted to support these 3 charities:

**INTERNATIONAL:** Tearfund Rohingya Appeal  
**NATIONAL:** Children with Cancer UK  
**LOCAL:** Refuge (in Chiswick)

May I bring some other matters to your attention.

### 1. ADMISSION TO THE SIXTH FORM IN 2018

More than 200 students proceed to degree courses every year after studying subjects from our wide range of 'A' Levels and BTEC courses in Business and Science. The criteria and application process for Sixth Form courses will be explained to all Year 11 parents and pupils at the Pathways Evening on **THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**. Presentations start promptly in the Hall at 7.00pm. Subject departments will provide information about courses in the Sports Hall until 8.20pm.

The criteria for admission to different Post-16 courses offered will then be on the school's website in the Sixth Form section. Application to the Sixth Form (online) starts on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### 2. YEAR 12: EXAMINATIONS AND PROGRESSION TO YEAR 13

A Level students are preparing for examinations starting on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Parents should note students will have study leave unless they are sitting exams. BTEC students will continue with their lessons. Parents should also note that students will only be allowed to continue their courses if they pass internal examinations in the Summer Term 2018. If students do not reach pass grades in their respective courses, they will be offered alternative Sixth Form courses.

There is an important meeting with subject teachers on **THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**.

### 3. YEAR 11 MOCK GCSE EXAMINATION

These exams are scheduled for the period: **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Year 11 pupils will be on study leave for this period unless they are sitting an exam. For certain pupils we will make provision for revision in school during the exam period, they will be notified by Mr Dodge (Head of Year 11).

Final personalised timetables will be emailed to parents prior to the start of the exams.

### 4. FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals you can apply directly through the school for an application form, or you can apply to Hounslow Borough [www.hounslow.gov.uk](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk) and follow the links *schools, children and families/ early years and childcare/ free school meals.*

Once you have applied the Hounslow Borough will let you know whether your application has been successful.

Receiving Free School Meals will entitle your child to £2.75 per day. This can be used to purchase a meal in our school canteen.

Free School Meal students are also automatically indicated as Pupil Premium, this leads to additional funding for the school. As I am sure you are aware, significant funding cuts have been made to education. Receiving additional funding will reduce the impact of these cuts and will ensure your child continues to receive a high quality education. To read more about the Pupil premium funding and how we use it here at The Heathland School, please see the school website.

### 5. GALA CONCERT: THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM

The Performing Arts department are preparing another lively and entertaining evening of music and dance. I hope to see many parents and pupils at the concert. Tickets are on sale for £2.00 each, the proceeds will be added to our Charity Fund.

Yours faithfully,

**HEADMASTER**