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Dear Parents/Carers and Learners,

ATTENTION ALL YOU DJ's OUT THERE!

(learners only, sorry parents!)



Fancy yourself as a bit of DJ?

Then look no further. Mixing workshops are coming to Harrow High School.

Who are they?

'Create Music Workshops' have been running successful workshops for 7 years and have been a huge success in over 50 schools. They have designed the workshops so that you get the very best experience in learning something that you enjoy, and will make you want to come back week after week.

How does it work?

The workshops are all hands on, with each learner allocated to work on a different piece of equipment at one time, otherwise known as a workstation, and this includes headphones and a small set of professional music tools to use on your own. Each learner will take it in turns to have one-to one tuition with the tutor at a designated workstation, whilst the rest of you are

free to explore the other workstations on your own.

How will you benefit from the workshops?

Over the next 12 weeks learners will work towards a Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Award which is a recognised accreditation.

When do they start?

The DJ workshops will start on Monday 4th January 2010. The sessions will run from periods one to four over the next twelve weeks. Each workshop will last for one hour.

How do you get involved?

The workshops allow five learners per hourly session. Those lucky 20 will then work towards their arts award for the next 12 weeks. That means there are only twenty places available so you need to get in there fast!

How do you apply for the workshops?

If you're interested and want to apply you need to fill in an application form that will be available from the welfare 'hatch'.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 11th December** (hand to Ms Joshi). Interviews on **Monday 14th December**

This is a great opportunity so whether you have had experience with DJ mixing or non whatsoever all applicants are welcome!

MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE

The mock exams for Years 10, 11 and Sixth form start on Thursday 10th December and run until Thursday 17th December. Learners should come to school at the normal time and bring all exam equipment. When not taking an exam, learners will be in normal lessons.

December Mocks 2009

	Thu 10th Dec	Fri 11th Dec	Mon 14th Dec	Tue 15th Dec	Wed 16th Dec	Thu 17th Dec
am	GCSE Maths Y10 stage 1 30 mins	AS ICT 2hrs	GCSE Maths Y11 Paper 1 70 min max	GCSE Science Y11 B2 45 mins	GCSE History Y11 Paper 2 1hr 45	GCSE Maths Y11 Paper 2 70 min max
am	GCSE Maths Y10 stage 2 30 min	GCSE Science Y11 P3 45 mins		GCSE Science Y11 C2 45 mins	Physics AS & A2 1 hr 30 max	
pm	GCSE Geog Y11 1 hr 45	GCSE RE Y11 25 mins	GCSE History Y11 Paper 1 1 hr	GCSE PE (Full) Y11 1 hr 30	GCSE Business Y11 1 hr	GCSE French Y11 45 min
pm	Biology AS & A2 1 hr 30 max		Chemistry AS & A2 1 hr 30 max	GCSE PE (Short) Y11 45 mins	GCSE Food Y11 1 hr	GCSE Spanish Y11 45 min
pm	GCSE Law Y11 1 hr					GCSE RM Y11 1 hr 10

YOUR TRASH IS WORTH CASH



Your trash can be worth thousands of pounds to Harrow High School. Old mobile phones and printer cartridges can be recycled by 'Recycloop' and money given back to us in return.

Harrow High School has signed up to the leading recycling programme Recycloop, a scheme that will help boost school funds and divert products from landfill. Every time you donate a cartridge or old mobile phone to us for the Recycloop programme, the school will receive a cash donation.

Lisa Carr of Recycloop says: "Throwing an old mobile phone away is not a good idea to say the least. Mobiles contain cadmium, a dangerous and highly toxic substance. Once dumped in landfill sites, the phone casing corrodes and the cadmium leeches out into the soil. So it's not a very environmentally friendly move to dump your old mobile. But that's not the only reason you should not throw your phone away.

Another reason for recycling your phone is that it can help developing countries. Many developing nations do not have a comprehensive landline infrastructure. As a result, mobile phones may be the only way of communicating over a distance. We send old mobiles to these countries, thereby helping improve communication."

In the coming weeks our Eco Warriors will tell you more about how the scheme will work and how you can get involved.

FACTFILE

- Mobile phones contain cadmium, a dangerous toxic substance.

- Binned mobile phones end up in landfill sites, where corrosion to their batteries causes cadmium to leech out into the surrounding soil.
- Mobiles and printer cartridges are valuable and can be recycled to help the environment.
- Phones that are unsuitable for recycling are disposed of safely, without harm to the environment.
- Less than one in 25 mobile phones is recycled.
- Only 5% of printer cartridges are recycled. The rest, worth approximately £57 million, are buried in landfill sites. They could be helping worthwhile charities.
- It takes more than 1.5 pints of oil to make a new toner cartridge.
- In the last decade it is estimated that printer cartridges worth around £500,000,000,000 were dumped in landfill sites. They could have been used to provide much-needed cash to worthwhile charities.

Science Tests

There will be a science test next week for Year 9 and the topic will be:

- Metal and metal compounds
- Patterns of reactivity
- Energy and electricity
- Speeding up

The topics for Year 8

- Atoms and elements
- Compounds and mixtures
- Food and digestion
- Respiration

Please encourage you child to revise as the results of these tests could result in movement in their sets. The Science Department wish them luck!



Sixth Form

- The January timetable for modules has been published.
- Sixth forms mock exams, revision timetables due soon.
- Students should take the opportunity to attend revision classes
- Exams will be held on the top floor of the sixth form block
- All reports have been issued either at Parents' evening or by post
- Sixth form last day is Thursday 18th December 2009

Many thanks for supporting the Willow foundation - we have raised £275 so far this term
Mrs Campbell - *Head of Sixth Form*

Art Department

GCSE Art Mock Exam

Year 11 made good progress with their work and are now clear about what they need to do to improve further, having received their grades. It was very hard work as the exam spanned across three days but despite the challenge of the task their behaviour was exemplary - working in silence for three days was no mean feat for some of them! Huge 'well done' from me!

Art Club/Intervention Classes

These will be running as normal from 3.05pm, but will now continue until **5.30pm** to enable Year 11 to ensure that their coursework is complete. Please take this opportunity for me to help you as the time you have left is very, very short.

Ms Lee, Art Department

Key Stage 3

Learners had the opportunity to discuss and think about knife crime on Monday 23rd November, asking questions related to a theatre performance that was given by 'The Comedy School'. This was

a great performance that both entertained and informed our learners about the dangers of carrying an offensive weapon.

We look forward, in the future, to be presented with more performances that dissect other social issues around keeping our learners safe and being able to make the best possible choices throughout their lives. (Please see The Comedy School mission statement below)



Miss S Barrett - *Standards & Achievement Leader*

The Comedy School is the only arts organisation of its kind in the UK which works with comedy in many different settings. We aim to raise the profile of the many uses of comedy, from stimulating personal creativity to encouraging social skills and improving literacy. We achieve this through our innovative workshop, performance and arts projects.

PE News

It is getting cold now so for outdoor PE learners should wear a track suit, either the school one or a navy blue one.

Year 11 BTEC Sports Leaders are arranging a number of activities for KS3 learners before the end of term, including Netball, Football and Volleyball competitions. The Sports Leaders will be visiting KS3 forms to give more details.

Parents of Year 9

We are an outstanding school and your son/daughter plays their part in making it so. Mr Myton's Year 9 team are committed to creating an environment which enables and encourages your child to reach out for excellence. Regular attendance is vital for your child to excel as any absence affects the pattern of their schooling. It is your responsibility to send your child to school. Permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence in law and may result in prosecution.

Most learners are making good or outstanding progress in year and most of these learners have 100% attendance. On behalf of the school community, especially Year 9 team; I would like to congratulate these learners and parents for their excellent effort.

Massihullah Amiri

Mariana Fusle

Czarea Pataueg

Nilam Hirani

Tequila Wilkins

Oliwia Traczyk

Stephen St Bernard

Harshil Shah

Devashish Bishnoi

Mathushan Sivaparan

Hoda Roumieh

Osadebamwen Ogbeide

Jeriel Crossman

Tamiya Cornwall

Abdikadir Abdi

Estera Trip

Kishan Shah

Omaima Raytab

Jeremiah Quashie

Ehsanullah Janebdar

James-Mitchell, Kailen-Kirk

Shiromini Satkunarajah

Ismail Mohamed

Qadir Mansour

Denisa Cati Iacob

Nadezda Valova

Wahiba Omar

Jessica Kouadio

Igor Dos Santos

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Gamble', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

P Gamble - Headteacher (acting)