

# HENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: School Stationary & Equipment

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the importance of all students arriving at school each day fully prepared to learn, with the correct equipment.

Ensuring that students are properly equipped supports their **confidence**, **organisation**, and ability to participate effectively in lessons.

In particular, we would like to draw your attention to mathematics equipment. For **GCSE Mathematics**, two-thirds of the examination papers are calculator papers, meaning that students must have a scientific calculator and, just as importantly, know how to use it confidently. Regular use of the same calculator in lessons is essential for developing these skills and ensuring students are fully prepared for assessments and examinations.

**Students should bring the following equipment to school every day:**

ITEM	CHECK	ITEM	CHECK
Pencil		Glue Stick	
Sharpener		Reading Book	
Ruler		Exercise Books for lessons	
Eraser			
Scientific calculator ( <i>not a basic calculator</i> )			
Protractor and compass ( <i>particularly for mathematics lessons</i> )			
Pens (black or blue and green for self-assessment) <i>please have more than one - my pen ran out or broke is the most common excuse and is not acceptable</i>			

We would also like to clarify that the school **does not have a free stock of equipment available** to lend out. When equipment is provided in lessons, it often comes from teachers' own personal supplies, and distributing equipment during lessons disrupts learning time for all students. Ensuring students arrive fully equipped allows lessons to begin promptly and run smoothly.

**From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, there will be stringent **equipment checks** being carried out in Maths Lessons and mentoring - if your child is missing equipment on any day, they will be issued a **one-hour detention** after school. We have taken this decision due to large numbers of students coming to school without even a working pen to write with.

To help prevent loss and ensure items can be returned if misplaced, we kindly ask that all equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Yours sincerely

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**Director – Key Stage 4**