

HENDON SCHOOL

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'Learning Together Across the World'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a restful, enjoyable break. Thank you for your continued support throughout this year.

Start of Term

School will reopen on **Monday 5th January 2026**, and students are expected to arrive promptly for an **8:40am start**. Please ensure that your child returns in **full school uniform**.

Prepared for Learning

We would like to emphasise the importance of all students arriving at school each day fully prepared to learn, with the correct equipment. Being properly equipped has a significant impact on students' confidence, organisation, and ability to engage effectively in lessons.

Mathematics Equipment

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.

Daily Equipment Checklist

Students should bring the following items to school every day:

- A scientific calculator (not a basic calculator)
- Pens (black or blue and green for self-assessment) – please have more than one
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Protractor and compass (particularly for mathematics lessons)

- Glue stick
- Colours / highlighters
- Reading book
- Exercise books for lessons

Please note 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 items during lessons disrupts learning time for all students. Ensuring students arrive fully equipped allows lessons to begin promptly and run smoothly.

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.

Communication of Key Dates

All important dates are communicated in letters emailed home, published on our school website, and shared via our school Instagram account. Please check these regularly to stay informed.

Below is a detailed list of upcoming key dates and events:

Date	Event
05/01/2026	All Students – First day back at School – 8:40am start
05/01/2025 – 14/01/2026	Y12-Y13 BTECS & Cam Techs Exams
06/01/2026	Y10-Y13 HARP Field Trip – Old Vic
08/01/2026	Y8 Student Progress Evening – Book through Arbor Y11 & Y12 Mock Results Day
13/01/2026	Y10 Field Trip – Copthall School
15/01/2026	Catch up Flu Vaccinations Y11 Student Progress Evening – Book through Arbor
20/01/2026	INSET Twilight – Students dismissed at 12:25pm Free School meals to be collected from the canteen
23/01/2026 – 30/01/2026	Y13 Mock Exams
27/01/2026	Y12 Take the Lead Workshop
28/01/2026	UKMT Intermediate Math Challenge
29/01/2026	Y9 Student Progress Evening Y11 Field Trip – Cadbury World
03/02/2026 – 06/02/2026	Children's Mental Health Week
03/02/2026	Y7 – Y9 Field Trip – Community Walk – Love Your Streets
04/02/2026	Jack Petchey Speak out Challenge Y11 Field Trip – Tate Modern & Tate Britain
5/02/2026	Y9 DTP/MENACWY Vaccination Y11 Art Trip

09/02/2025 – 13/02/2026	National Apprenticeship Week
09/02/2025	Y9 Field Trip – Belsize Square Synagogue
11/02/2026	Whole School Smart Futures Day
12/02/2026	Y9 Field Trip – Belsize Square Synagogue Y12 Field Trip - Take the Lead– Royal Bank of Canada
13/02/2026	Y9 Options Marketplace
16/02/2026 – 20/02/2026	Half Term Holidays

Yours sincerely,



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