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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Pastoral Review Day - Wednesday 4th December 2019 Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

This letter is to inform you that Pastoral Review Day for this academic year will take place on **Wednesday 4th December 2019**. The focus of the day will be on reviewing your child's start to the academic year, particularly their attitudes to learning, and where necessary agreeing purposeful and achievable strategies to help them improve their progress. We are also asking parents to complete a survey about the school. The latest progress check and other data on your son/daughter will be with their tutor, but the emphasis for this meeting is very much on the holistic overview of your child in school. If you have an issue regarding a particular subject, then you should contact the relevant subject teacher. Students should wear **full school uniform** and **must bring their journals** to record targets, no other books are needed.

During Pastoral Review Day, you will have an individual appointment to meet with either your child's tutor, co-tutor or another appropriate member of staff such as their Head of House or mentor, at some point during the day. This should last for approximately 10 minutes. As with Parent Consultation Evenings, appointments for Pastoral Review Day will be scheduled through e-praise. You should already have your login details for this system. If not please email data@hws.haringey.sch.uk. We will alert you by text message when the system for booking is open, which will be during the last week of November.

This is the only time that you and your child need to attend, as there are no lessons on this day for students. It is vital that your child attends the appointment with you, as they need to be involved in the process of identifying ways to ensure improvement and further achievement.

To support our work on encouraging reading for pleasure we are organising a pop-up bookshop in the Dining Hall on the day, running from 8.30am until 4.30pm. Every book you buy can help to get free books for our school library, too. Payments can be made by cash or card at the Book Fair. You can make your money go even further by buying a discounted Gift Voucher in advance to spend at the Book Fair. These vouchers offer you a 20% discount, so a £12 voucher will cost you just £10 and a £6 voucher will cost £5. You can view the range of books and buy vouchers to print out, ready to use at the Book Fair, at http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents

We will also be taking advantage of the day to begin the process of taking fingerprints for those students who wish to use biometric ID in the canteen. More information on this will be circulated separately.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 4th December** so that we can work together to review the start to the year with the aim to set up positive strategies for a successful completion to the remainder of the academic year and beyond. If you have any queries in the meantime, please feel free to contact your child's tutor or Head of House.

Yours faithfully,

Craig Hewitt

**Deputy Headteacher** 

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