



## Career Advisors

We had a visit from the JCP west London schools career advisors who provided our Year 10 students with an interview skills workshop. Our Year 10 students were really engaged with the process and had a plethora of questions for the advisors. This workshop has made a huge impact on students providing them with the tools to make an informed choice for their future. The advisors spoke highly of the students and their future aspirations in their feedback to the college. The students were very excited after the session and looking forward to their mock interviews in coming months.



## Houses of Parliament

On Tuesday 12th September, 30 Year 9 students went to the Houses of Parliament to enhance their grasp of Citizenship and further develop their learning about democracy in the UK. Students were given a guided tour, visiting many places such as the Royal Robing Room and the Palace of Westminster. These tours were followed by a workshop of law making, where the students engaged in a heated parliamentary debate about whether examinations should be abolished. After the students voted, they decided that examinations should remain for the benefit of education and development overall!

After leaving Parliament, students were taking to visit Downing Street to see where the Prime Minister lives and finished their day at the Horse Guard Parade. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day while learning about democracy in the UK.



## Attendance

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that research shows there is a clear link between the attendance rate of students and their level of attainment. Please support your child to attend regularly by ensuring that any medical or other appointments are organised out of college hours. The expectation of the local advisory body is that all students will achieve a minimum annual attendance rate of 96%.

The only circumstances in which absence from college will be authorised is when your child is too ill to attend or permission has been granted due to exceptional circumstances.

## Home/College Communication

We believe that strong communication links between the College and parents, guardians and carers are vital in supporting students in achieving their personal best. Research has shown that students' academic progress achievements are significantly influenced by the extent of parental involvement and interest in their education. The College communicates with parents, guardians and carers in a variety of different ways:

- Verbal: in meetings, by telephone
- Events: information evenings, open evening, academic tutoring
- Written: letters, notes in planners, newsletters
- Electronic: notices posted on the College website, text messages and email


Results from the latest surveys indicate that the majority of our parents, guardians and carers are happy with the quality and quantity of home/college communication.


However, if you have any suggestions for further improving communications, please let us know as we are always receptive to new ideas and initiatives.

## Punctuality

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers of the importance of all students having a positive start to their day by arriving at college at 8:45am.

All students are expected to be in college for morning registration at time. If you receive a communication from the College that your child has been late on more than one occasion, please discuss this with them and support them so that they arrive at college on time. Students who are persistently late will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.

 <b>SEPTEMBER to OCTOBER 2023</b>	
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 28th	Year 7 Open Evening
Thursday 28th	Flu Vaccination
OCTOBER	
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	Half Term

	<b>Week Commencing: Monday 25th September</b>	
	<b>MENU 3</b>	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chilli Con Carne with Pitta Bread or Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Carrots and Green Cabbage	
Dessert Choice	Orange Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Broccoli and Cauliflower Florets	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Chickpea and Lentil Curry	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	French Beans and Sweetcorn	
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in a Ciabatta Roll with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in a Ciabatta Roll with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Baby Carrots and Peas	
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Salmon and Dill Fishcakes with Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 3	Chicken Fillet with Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Broccoli and Mushy Peas	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day. Homemade Soup of the Day and Baked Jacket Potato with Filling, are available daily</i>		

## Open Evening

On Thursday 28th September we will be hosting our annual Year 7 Open Evening to all our prospective Year 7 students, providing students and their parents, guardians and carers with the opportunity to discover firsthand what is on offer at Hewens College. At this moment in time, we are unable to provide precise details as to whether this will be a virtual or an in-person event. As such, please visit the College website nearer to the time for finalised information and any changes in restrictions. We also encourage you to read our prospectus and follow our social media channels for an insight into life at Hewens College.