



Dear Parent and Carer

**Advance notice:**

**From September 2023 the school day will end at 14.25pm every Thursday**

I am writing to inform you of some exciting plans that we have to further improve our school curriculum, the quality of our teaching and learning, and the change we will be making to the finish time of the school day on Thursdays, to give us the time we need to achieve these goals. As a result, we believe we will help our students, your children, to better reach their full academic potential.

**The journey to being an 'Outstanding' school**

As you will be aware, it is our intention to work together with staff, students, governors and you as parents/carers to move Heron Hall Academy ever closer towards becoming an outstanding school, and first choice for all students within Enfield. Our students are currently in the top 10% in the whole country in terms of the progress they make after they join Heron Hall. To achieve the outstanding school mark, we regularly need to look at everything we are doing, carefully review it, and then highlight ways, after consideration, as to how we can improve what we do for students, building on the very significant successes we have had over the past 5 years.

**Better teacher collaboration and professional development**

The latest educational research studies repeatedly show that when teachers have specific time to develop and plan the curriculum together, it allows for further depth and challenge to students' learning, and in turn improves student outcomes. Research has also shown that by having very focussed regular professional development for staff in this area, we can ensure that teachers have the highest level of knowledge and skills and ones that are tailored to the specific needs of our students at Heron Hall Academy. Currently, the school day only gives us limited opportunities to undertake this work.

To facilitate this improvement programme, from the start of the new academic year in September 2023, every Thursday the school day will finish at 14.25. All other days will be a normal finish at 15.30. This additional hour each week will provide very valuable time for our staff to work together to ensure we are able to offer the very best education and support to all our students.

To confirm:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: finish time 15.30**
- **Thursday: finish time 14.25**

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can strive to achieve our ambitious goal. It is essential that we have a first-class curriculum in place that meets the needs and aspirations of our students and enables them to achieve their true potential. This change will support and enable our staff to provide our students with the best possible experience as our Academy grows, which includes our exciting new Sixth form provision from next year.

Becoming an outstanding school is a journey, not a destination. It takes time, effort, and commitment. But it is a journey that is well worth taking.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barzey', written in a cursive style.

**Mr Arthur Barzey**  
**Headteacher**