



Marilyn Lee presents award to Lenny Henry for his Outstanding Contribution to Broadcasting

Marilyn Lee who is a long serving member of staff at Hendon School attended the Broadcasting Press Guild Awards Ceremony at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Here she tells us why she presented this award.

The Harvey Lee Award Outstanding Contribution to Broadcasting is in my husband's name, Harvey Lee, who was a journalist, and the No 1 Media Correspondent for The Daily Telegraph. He was also a freelance writer for other newspapers and magazines. As well as Media Correspondent he had been a Theatre and Film Critic when he died very suddenly of cancer in 1991, leaving a widow (me) and 2 very young children. He was the Chairman of the Broadcasting Press Guild - BPG (a Guild for journalists who were either critics of the media or media journalists) and the committee felt that this was a way of honouring him.

So every year I present this the BPG's highest honour, The Harvey Lee Award for Outstanding Contribution to Broadcasting which I present to someone in the media who has contributed to broadcasting.

This year's worthy recipient was Lenny Henry and the award "recognises his contribution to Comic Relief, which began 30 years ago, and also his campaign for greater diversity in broadcasting, which is finally starting to change policies at the UK's major broadcasters."

See the links:

<http://www.broadcastingpressguild.org/2015/03/18/bpg-interview-lenny-henry/>

<http://www.broadcastingpressguild.org/bpgawards/2015-2/>

Meeting Lenny Henry wasn't for me just about meeting a Comedian whom we see all the time on the television or performing to a huge audience, or even being a very capable actor. It was someone who wants to really make a difference.



We spoke about his efforts to raise money for Comic Relief especially to rebuild the Iyolwa clinic in Uganda. He had to get the clinic fully renovated by March 6 2015, this year's Comic Relief night. He told me about when he returned two babies had been born and their mothers told him that one baby was called Lenny and the other Henry.....this really tickled him.

I also discovered his great interest in Education and making it assessable to everyone. I have to say we spent quite a long time talking about this and about racism in schools; companies and the world. We discussed why can we not just accept the way people are and that jobs should not only be for someone who is black, white, Christian, Muslim, Hindu or Jewish etc but that the right person for that job gets it.

It was a great lunch and many other people that day received their awards including the best actress which went to Sheridan Smith for 'Cilla. I just wanted to share this moment with everyone.

Marilyn Lee

Free Saturday Morning English classes for Hendon Parents

A qualified English teacher is offering free classes for our parents. These classes will be on **Saturday 18th April** between 10am-12pm. Classes are suitable for beginners and more advanced learners. If you are interested please email Jacqui Jack our Parent Voice Co-ordinator on JackJ@hendonschool.co.uk

Changes to the Detention Procedure

The majority of our students are well behaved, there are however instances where detentions are issued to a student. Most detentions issued are 15mins and are held either at break or lunchtime. Where a student has been involved in a more serious incident or fails to attend the 15 minute detention, they will be issued a 30 minute detention on the same evening. Should they fail to attend this, then they will receive an hour detention the following evening and you will receive a phone-call from a senior member of staff.

Government legislation states "Schools don't have to give parents notice of after school detentions or tell them why a detention has been given." However, we will endeavour to contact you to let you know, this could be by speaking to you directly, leaving a message on an answer phone or by text. It is vital and your responsibility that we have the correct contact details for you. Please ensure you register for parent mail to ensure more effective communication.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Friends of Hendon Meeting - Wednesday 22nd April at 6pm

Thank you to all those who attended the Friends of Hendon School Association (FOHSA) meeting on Wednesday 25th March. There was a mixture of current and former students, parents and staff present.

The next Friends of Hendon School Association meeting will be on **Wednesday 22nd April at 6pm** in the meeting room (next to the school hall). It has been decided by the Trustee's that this meeting will be focusing on the Summer Fair. The focus will be the planning of the Summer Fair.



The fair is an important fundraising and social event. All current and former students/parent/carers/friends and family are invited to attend.

If you are able to attend please email us on FOH@hendonschool.co.uk. If you are unable to attend but have some ideas re the Summer Fair and/or would still like to be involved please also email us.

The Summer Fair will be held on **Sunday 28th June**. Please keep this day free if you can.

We are trying to raise money for a new dance studio and outdoor fitness equipment to benefit all the students.

Jacqui Jack - Parent Voice Coordinator and FOHSA Trustee

Year 12 Work Experience

Year 12 students will undertake work experience from the 22nd June - 3rd July. The emphasis is on the students finding their own placement. However, for many students this is a difficult challenge. Whilst we have already secured a range of placements for students, including some from parents, we are still short a number of placements.

We are still looking for placements from any sectors to suit the diversity of our student's needs and aspirations. If you are able too, or know someone who could provide a placement then please do get in touch on the following contact details:
MustafaC@hendonschool.co.uk 020 8202 9004 ext. 251



Cem Mustafa, Information, Advice and Guidance Co-ordinator

Diary Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Monday 27th - Tuesday 28th April❖ Monday 4th May❖ Thursday 7th May❖ Thursday 14th May❖ Wednesday 20th May❖ Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May❖ Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 Geography FieldtripMay Day Bank Holiday (School closed)General Election/Polling Day (School closed for students)Year 7 Parents' EveningYear 10 Oxford University TripHalf Term BreakYear 9 Activity Week
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