



## Partner Schools Visit Hendon

Last week we were visited by our partner schools Mr Chakubva Pasi from Mufaskose2, Harare, Zimbabwe and Mrs Joline De Klerk from Zwaanswyk High School, Cape Town, South Africa. It is part of our on-going British Council Connecting Classrooms project. Over the next term we will be developing our links further, Year 8 students will be completing a project about South Africa, our WE Day club will be blogging students about the work they are doing in their communities and Ms Schmid is organising an inter-school photography competition open to all students, where each school will display work from all partner schools.

Below Mr Pasi reflects on his time with us.

I really enjoyed my visit to the school and thought I would like to share some of what I learnt about the school:-

**WARM WELCOME:** Thanks a lot for the hearty warm welcome and hospitality from your staff members and students. Everyone was willing to explain things and show us around.

**ONENESS:** I was happy to see a high level of ONENESS among the students, they were so comfortable, happy, laughing and at ease working with each other irrespective of colour, creed or religion, something which as adults we sometimes fail to do. Congratulations to your students, may that spirit prevail always.

**TEAMWORK:** I was so excited and marvelled at the level of teamwork and teamwork which was so evident and was exhibited by all your staff members. Everyone was aware of his/her role and knew exactly what had to be done, when and how. Everything worked so meticulously like clockwork. I would like you to know that you really have a great team of dedicated professionals.

**AWARDS ASSEMBLY:** This was a totally new concept that I learnt and which I think is quite effective no wonder the level of discipline amongst your students is good compared to what we are generally made to believe back home in Zimbabwe. The assembly made me realise that students need to be rewarded and have special mention for improvement in many things not just academic achievements but behaviour no matter how little because it definitely helps in behaviour change.

**WE DAY & STUDENT LEADERSHIP:** The club is really doing some fantastic work, doing great things for the less privileged in the community. The SILENT DAY - wow what a fantastic way of telling each other that silence is golden. I also liked the idea of allocating various portfolios such as Charity Leaders, Sports Leaders etc. to the Student Leaders, it's a great way of delegating responsibilities to the students and worth trying in our own schools.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST:** The lady at your reception is a fantastic lady blessed with a great smile and wonderful personality she always made us feel welcome and I really felt I belonged to the wonderful Hendon School community.

I really had a nice time and enjoyed myself and would not mind coming back to such a great and happy family.

*Mr Pasi*

## Sports Day - Friday 21st June at Allianz Park (Cophall Stadium)



Students in Year 7, 8 & 9 will attend Allianz Park (Cophall Stadium) for a traditional Athletics based Sports Day. All students will be involved in competing in at least 3 events, choosing from a mixture of track and field.

Year 10 students will not attend Cophall but will choose to either compete in a 5 a side football tournament at Power League (Mill Hill), or choose to stay in school and take part in a variety of workshops, including: yogaliates (yoga and pilates), boxercise, capoeira and inflatables (bouncy castles, sumo suits) or a coursework catch up session. A small number of Year 10 students will attend Cophall Stadium and assist in the leading and officiating of the events.

The day will begin at 8:35 am for Year's 7, 8 & 9, meeting at Allianz Park (Cophall Stadium) and also for the Year 10's that are attending the workshops at school. Those Year 10 students attending Power League should arrive at Mill Hill Powerleague at 9:30am.

Sports Day will finish at 2:20pm for all students in Year 7, 8 & 9. The Year 10 students at school will also be dismissed at 2:20pm, although those at Powerleague will finish slightly earlier at 2pm.

Sports Day is a great occasion and a chance for the students to compete in a world class venue. It is expected that all students in year 7, 8, 9, and 10 attend the day. I am sure they will have an enjoyable and fulfilling day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via email at [welche@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:welche@hendonschool.co.uk), or on the school number.

*Mr Welch - Head of PE*

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## Diary Dates

- ❖ Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip  
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)  
General Election/Polling Day (School closed for students)  
Year 7 Parents' Evening  
Year 10 Oxford University Trip  
Half Term Break  
Year 9 Activity Week

Calling all Old Hendonians - you don't have to be a medal winner to support our students.

Our current students really enjoy meeting and learning from past students. You can inspire the next generation of Hendonians. We are encouraging all former students to register with [futurefirst.org.uk](http://futurefirst.org.uk) who are helping us this year to develop our alumni network.

In return for signing up we will keep you up to date with school news and invite you to reunions. We will also offer you lots of ways to support the young people who now sit in your old seats. Whether you're still in the area or have moved away, we'd love to have you involved.

Signing up is free and only takes a few minutes.

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[www.futurefirst.org.uk](http://www.futurefirst.org.uk)

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**I went to Hendon School and now I'm a University Graduate and Youth Olympic and Commonwealth Medalist."**

Lee, Great British Judo Athlete



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