



## Step into Dance Battle

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November Odin Crew represented Hendon School once again at the Step into Dance Battle founded by the Jack Petchey organisation and the Royal Academy of Dance. This event celebrates schools from all over London and their achievements. It is a celebration of Hip-Hop culture and Dance styles. The day included cyphes (the dancers surrounded in a circle by the crowd) with a live DJ, MC's and top judges from the UK Hip-Hop Scene. This is always an energetic event bringing together experienced battlers and those trying it out for the first time. It is a celebration of what schools have achieved and a chance to learn, share and become inspired by others. Odin crew competed in both the 2 on 2 competition as well as the Break Dance Battle - (BBoy)



First up on the day was the 2 on 2 battle which includes 8 rounds of different Dance styles battling it out. Alex and Prerak represented Odin for the 2 on 2. The boys had creative, slick and well-structured duets and solo's which demonstrated a variety of different skills and individuality in each round. The final was once again Odin Vs. Wansteady. The final round was extremely close but Odin had the clear edge throughout with perfected routines, tight timing and precision with Alex covering power and Prerak with his intricate footwork. Odin's Alex and Prerak for the first time won the 2 on 2 BBoy Champions!

Last was the BBoy crew battles. The crew started strong, impressing the judges with floorless sets and routines showing a wide range of complex skills: power, footwork, and combinations of solo/duo's demonstrating their musicality, personality and technical skill. In the final round Odin met Wansteady for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. The atmosphere was electric as these crews have got such a reputation behind them. Last year Odin tore up Wansteady and they were ready to do it again despite being one Man down due to injury. Both crews were well prepared. After 6 rounds of high class Breakin, sets, solo's, routines the judges decided that Odin crew were the clear winners of the BBoy battle.

For the second year running Odin maintain the title of 1<sup>st</sup> Place Crew Championships. The judges were blown away with the originality of the crew's variety of skills and were complemented on their level of professionalism.

### Gabriel Infante said the following about the day:

"When we saw the judges vote for our team we couldn't believe it. Knowing that we had won the event two times in a row was just overwhelming, but it was even better participating alongside my friends and sharing an amazing experience with them. The event was also enjoyable as we were able to make new friends, learn new things and enjoy what we love to do! I would definitely recommend students that are interested in dance to come along!"

I am extremely proud of these students and am full of admiration of their attitude towards both their training and studies. Every individual is hard working, putting in 100% in everything they do. I enjoy training with the crew and they are both humbling and inspiring to watch. Their success has been down to pure hard work, dedication to training and perseverance. In the New Year we will be working closely with Step into Dance as they want to find out more about the individuals of Odin Crew. Step Live has requested that Odin and Wansteady put together a showcase as they have met so many times over the years. This will be our final event all together as some of Odin Crew will be leaving Hendon at the end of the Year. The crew and I started together and we will finish together for one final performance in 2016.

**Miss Choolun - Head of Dance**



**Odin Crew: Mona, Noah, Alex, Aaron, Gabriel, Prerak, Zubair, Chloe, Miss Choolun**

**Hendon School Presents**  
**Our Christmas Concert**

Join us for some Christmas  
 Cheer in the Main Hall!

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Christmas market in the canteen  
 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Adult Tickets: £3  
 Children Ticket: £2

Refreshments included

Tickets now available to purchase  
 from reception and through Parentmail

<u>Diary Dates</u>	
❖ Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
❖ Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term (School closes at 12 pm)
❖ Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term/Academic Review Day
❖ Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Model UN Event
❖ Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Drama War Horse Trip
❖ Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
❖ Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Development Day - School closed for students

### Hendon Students Award Winners

This week, two of our students were acknowledged for their outstanding commitment to volunteering:



Avishka Attanyake has been recognised for her outstanding commitment to WE Day work. She has now been selected as a member of the Youth Advisory Committee for WE Day. Her role will include advising on ways to encourage more young people to engage in volunteering and social action, as well as helping to plan the WE Day concert (March 2016) for which she will receive a VIP ticket to attend.



Sharmarke Dhaqane has been awarded Peer Mentor of the Year by local charity Nutmeg. He has been a dedicated peer mentor for two years and an excellent role model. He was in the category with students from London Academy and Whitefield School.

Congratulations to both our Award winners

**Miss Doona - Assistant Headteacher**