



HENDON NEWS



This term has been extremely busy for staff and students. The year started with excellent exam results, the school has become a member of the Mayor's Gold club in recognition for our continual work in maintaining standards and results. Our students have also received a number of awards in recognition for their volunteering and extra-curricular work. Last night saw our annual Christmas Concert; the talent was amazing as students and staff performed. It is one of the best concerts Hendon has ever hosted. A huge thanks to all those involved.

It is also a time to say goodbye to some of our staff; Simonetta Tacusso, Paul Tompkins, Breeda McManamon and JJ Dunne are moving on to new schools in January 2016. Surinder Thethy and Roy Whisker are retiring. Yvonne Weatherhead is taking a secondment as Headteacher of Northgate House. We wish them all luck.

Next term starts on the 4th January, Academic Review Day; every child has an appointment with their tutor and should have brought their time home for this. We will also be launching PiXL Edge for our Year 7 students. May we take this time to wish you a restful holiday and a Happy New Year. See you on the 4th January

Firoozeh Ghaffari - Chair of Governing Body



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Firoozeh Ghaffari as Chair of the Governing Body of Hendon School.

Firoozeh graduated from University College London with a BSc and MSc in Economics. She is a qualified Chartered Accountant and a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. She worked in practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers where she gained experience in auditing a wide range of blue chip UK industries. Firoozeh later worked for four years as group financial controller in Canada before returning to UK to join Middlesex University in 1996.

Firoozeh is currently the Head of the Accounting and Finance Department in Middlesex University Business School. She has served on a number of committees including the Independent Remuneration Panel for Barnet Council where she was the Chair of the Committee. Firoozeh currently serves on the Executive Committee of Heads of Departments of Accounting and Finance in UK. She also Chair's the Finance Committee at Hendon School.

Message from Firoozeh

I am delighted to be chairing the Governing Body at Hendon School. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to contribute to this Outstanding School which has a strong foundation in teaching and learning, pastoral care and inclusiveness. My aim is to ensure that every child reaches his/her potential, nurture them as individuals with love for lifelong learning and a strong sense of community.

An Hour of Code



Last week every student in Years seven, eight and nine had the opportunity to join millions of children across the world to experience an Hour of Code.

The Hour of Code is a global movement designed to introduce young people to computer science by demystifying coding and to show that anybody can learn the basics.

All the activities were self-guided allowing student to write progressively more complex programs to manipulate the actions of some of their favourite game characters. Rather than play the game our students learned to code the game.

Hendon school joined more than 3 million other participants in the UK for the first ever Hour of Code in the UK with overwhelming response from both students and teachers. Students received a certificate each time they completed a suite of programs, some amassing as many as five certificates. Some of the favourite games codes were Minecraft, Flappy Bird, Star Wars and Frozen.



Mrs Poh - Head of BICT

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Petition for lampposts in Brookside Walk pathway

At the bottom of Bell Lane there is a pathway along Dollis Brook which leads to a subway under the North Circular Road. There is also a children's playground alongside that path. There is currently no lighting along the pathway between the new play area and the brook. This is dangerous, especially in the winter when it gets dark early.

As a local resident I have started a petition on Barnet's website to install lighting there, I would be grateful if parents would support the campaign.

Please sign this petition to install lampposts along the path in Brookside Walk (towards the underpass under the North Circular between Golders Green and Hendon at Bell Lane / Bridge Lane). <http://petitions.barnet.gov.uk/brooksidewalk/>. Please ensure you click on the link in your email afterwards to confirm your email.

Paired Reading

Paired Reading has got off to a good start this term with excellent attendance from both the sixth formers and the Year 7's. We have already seen a marked improvement in the students' comprehension from the on line quizzes. The sixth formers are helping to develop the year 7's self-esteem and confidence which we can see growing all the time.



The challenge partnership visited us in the library a couple of weeks ago and were amazed at the wonderful calm and focused atmosphere that has been created. Last week we celebrated their good work with a visit from a guest author and his dog Misty. While the sixth formers were busy doing their mocks, the year 7's had bean bags, biscuits and pooch in the library! There have been many requests for their return. During this busy holiday time don't forget to just take time out and READ, it is the most valuable thing you can do for your education.

Mrs Williams



We are proud to announce the launch of the first edition of Hendon School's new cultural magazine called EGG.

We have worked on this pilot issue since September and we hope that you will enjoy the collated reviews, stories, photographs and artwork that represent our diverse school community.

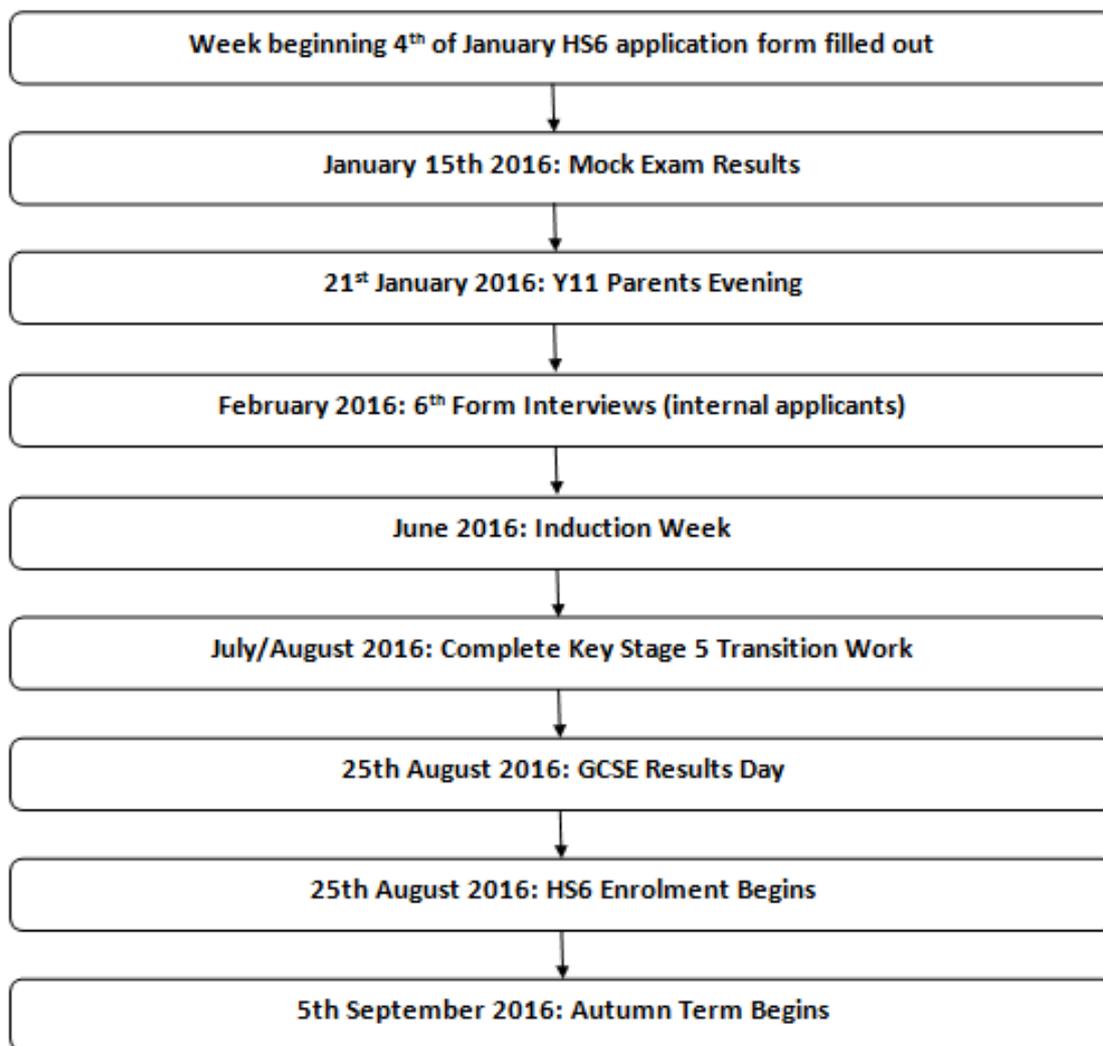
We aim to publish a new issue every 3 months and the purchase price is £1.00.

A big Thanks to the Photography Department for their support.

Brooke Tobie, Justin Ramos, Layla Kourichi-Apcher, Izzy Keltie, Louiza Krokatsis

HS6 Applications for internal students commence in January 2016. Current year 11's will be working with their form tutors during morning registration, discussing subject and career aspirations in order to ensure that students are making suitable choices for the sixth form. All Year 11 students will have had a careers interview with Mrs Mohammed our IAG coordinator, who is also available Tuesday - Friday lunchtimes to meet with students. Students will be given the application forms during form time in the week commencing the 4th of January. There will then be an opportunity for students to take this home and discuss with parents and carers. All applications should be returned to Hendon School by the 18th of January.

Below is a timeline of HS6 enrolment.



<u>Diary Dates</u>	
❖ Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term (School closes at 12 pm)
❖ Monday 4 th January	Start of Spring Term/Academic Review Day
❖ Wednesday 13 th January	Model UN Event
❖ Thursday 14 th January	Year 11 Drama War Horse Trip
❖ Thursday 21 st January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
❖ Tuesday 26 th January	Staff Development Day - School closed for students
❖ Thursday 4 th February	Smart Futures Day
❖ Wednesday 10 th February	Year 9 Holocaust Trip
❖ Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February	Half Term Break
❖ Tuesday 23 rd February	Model UN Event
❖ Wednesday 9 th March	Enrichment Day

Do you have any unwanted technology gathering dust under a bed or at the back of a cupboard?



Want to help?

Please drop off your unwanted technology between: January 11th - 15th February

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at Hendon School as part of our post-christmas campaign to help provide new PCs in the library.

