



## Appointment of New Headteacher

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Rhona Povey as Headteacher of Hendon School. As you know, Rhona has been Acting Headteacher following Kevin McKellar's death last August. She has done a tremendous job in her Acting role - leading the school successfully through an incredibly difficult period. We were able to advertise the permanent post just before Christmas and Rhona, along with a strong external field, applied. We shortlisted 4 candidates - including Rhona - and put them through a rigorous series of tasks, panel interviews, an assembly, a presentation and a final interview. Rhona emerged from this process as the clear front runner and Governors were unanimous in agreeing to offer her the post.



I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing Rhona the very best in her new role and in the challenge of taking Hendon on the next stage in its development as an 'Outstanding' school.

**Andrew Macalpine (Chair of Governors - Hendon School)**

### Media Studies Trip to British Film Institute

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, the Year 11 Media Studies class attended a GCSE Study Day at the British Film Institute on the Southbank.

The day involved exam-specific lectures plus a variety of media clips presented to the group by one of the chief examiners for Media Studies and was based around this year's AQA externally set exam topic of 'Television News'. The true highlight of the day was a question and answer session with Krishnan Guru Murthy, an anchor-man for Channel 4 News who later tweeted that he had spent the afternoon in the company of our students (amongst others).



The ten Hendon School students behaved excellently and were a real credit to the school. They listened

intently to the guest speakers and one of our students even posed one of the best questions of the day to Mr Guru-Murthy.

**Mrs Worboys McArdle - Head of Media Studies**



TFL have advised that the Unite Union are planning a further bus strike on Friday 13th February. Please note that if your child normally travels to school by bus they are able to use their 11-15 Zip Oyster photocard or 16+ Zip Oyster photocard on Tube, DLR and London Overground services on reasonable routes. Passengers should show their Oyster card to a member of staff and ask to be let through the gates. Customers should not touch in or out as they will be charged a pay as you go, which will not be refunded. We expect parents to ensure students attend school despite the strike.

### Diary Dates

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| ❖ Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February                            | Year 9 Synagogue Trip                  |
| ❖ Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                          | Year 10 Art Trip                       |
| ❖ Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                        | PSHE Day                               |
| ❖ Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February                         | Year 10 Art and Photography Exhibition |
| ❖ Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> February       | Spanish Exchange Trip                  |
| ❖ Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February | Half Term break                        |
| ❖ Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                         | Year 9 Parents' Evening                |

We are pleased to announce that payments for school dinners can now be made via Parentmail. If you experience any difficulties in accessing this function then please contact the Finance Office on [accounts@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:accounts@hendonschool.co.uk)

PSHE is an important subject. At Hendon it is taught through SEAL, REACH and IAG lessons, small group sessions, outside speakers and 2 off-timetable days. It is also supported through assemblies, tutor time and other subjects.

By educating students about themselves and lifestyles it helps them to embrace change, feel positive about who they are and enjoy healthy, safe, responsible and fulfilled lives. They build knowledge, confidence and self-esteem and make the most of their abilities. They learn to manage new or difficult situations positively. They learn to deal with challenges and to accommodate diversity in all its forms.

The next PSHE day is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and for Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 focusses on Healthy lifestyles, which includes physical and emotional well-being. Year 12 are looking at career pathways and employability skills. Year 11 will have their PSHE day in March and will complete their English controlled assessment.

In preparation for the day staff have been working with external partners to review the resources being delivered are age and content appropriate. We are confident that the students will have an enjoyable and productive day.

**Miss Doona - Assistant Headteacher**

<b>Year 7</b>	<p><u>Healthy lifestyles (1)</u></p> <p>Activities based around anti-bullying, healthy lifestyles (exercise, diet) and active listening</p>
<b>Year 8</b>	<p><u>Risk Taking</u></p> <p>Activities based around various risks: road safety/public transport safety/health risk from spreading germs/ dilemma - making the right choice and the consequences of different choices.</p> <p>Outside speaker - Transport for London (TfL)</p>
<b>Year 9</b>	<p><u>Healthy Lifestyles (2)</u></p> <p>A range of activities that heighten awareness and allow opportunities for discussion, addressing drugs, alcohol and healthy living. Pupils will experience role play, explore scenarios, discuss real life case studies, debate current headlines, and draw upon their own encounters in order to share enquiries into drug and alcohol misuse.</p> <p>Outside speakers - Dove (Beat) and ICare, with a focus on self-esteem and body image.</p>
<b>Year 10</b>	<p><u>Healthy Lifestyles (3)</u></p> <p>Activities focused on mental health (ensuring an understanding that everyone has mental health, positive and negative) this work is supported by Time to change and the Samaritans. Healthy relationships and issues around drugs.</p> <p>Outside speakers - COMMUNITY Barnet, delivering a peer to peer workshop on healthy lifestyles, supported by TENDER</p>
<b>Year 12</b>	<p><u>Post Hendon Pathways</u></p> <p>Students will be involved in a range of workshops with outside providers, covering Interview preparation (mock interviews will be held for all Year 12's on the 17<sup>th</sup> March), employability skills, a range of universities and apprenticeship providers. More specific talks will include medical, healthcare, law, robotics and retail. Students will be able to select some of the workshops that they attend</p>
<b>Year 13</b>	<p><u>Healthy Lifestyles (4)</u></p> <p>Students have selected one of three options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A certified First aid course (valid for 3 years), students have paid £5 for a book on the day</li> <li>2) Student Come Dine with Me (cooking on a budget) and competition</li> <li>3) Mental Health and healthy relationships</li> </ol> <p>On the day, all students will eat together, the food cooked by the other students in the form and prizes are awarded.</p>