



# HENDON NEWS



You will have read the message from Firoozeh Ghaffari, Hendon's new Chair of Governors, in the Hendon News. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Andrew Macalpine who stood down as Chair of the Governing Body in December of last year. Andrew was appointed Local Authority Governor in June 2008 and then Community Governor from November 2011. He was elected Chair of the Governing Body in November 2010 and had served as Chair since then. Andrew was a strong advocate for Hendon School and community and we wish him all the very best for the future.

A message from Andrew Macalpine

"I feel privileged to have been involved with Hendon during my time as Governor and as Chair of the Governing Body. The school has sustained outstanding results and students who attend are fortunate to have the opportunities provided by a dedicated and talented staff. I have worked with Firoozeh during my time with Hendon and I know she will prove to be an outstanding Chair. I wish her and the school continued success."



**Fantastic Cultural Opportunity!! Host Families for our Japanese exchange students.**

In October 2015 some Year 10 Hendon School students participated in another very successful trip to Japan. After staying in Tokyo, they spent time at Konan High School in a town called Hamamatsu in Shizuoka prefecture, about 4 hours south of Tokyo. During this time, our students stayed with families from the school.



In March 2016, 20 students from Konan High School will be visiting Hendon School. I am therefore looking for Hendon School families to host these students. It will be a fantastic opportunity for everyone to enjoy a cultural experience. You do not have to speak Japanese as the Konan students speak English. It is also fine if you and your family speak a language other than English at home. Host students can share a room with another family member (of the same sex) and all families will receive a small subsidy for the extra expense. The subsidy of about £70 is designed to contribute to the cost of hosting but will probably not cover all of your expenses.



The students will be arriving on Friday 4th March and leaving again on Sunday, 13th March 2016. The students will be in school all day on school days and will spend time with their host families in the evenings and at the weekend.

I hope you will consider this opportunity and if you think you could be a host family, please contact me at school. My e-mail address is; [langsamh@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:langsamh@hendonschool.co.uk)

**Mrs Langsam - Japanese Teacher**



Mr Blain is the new Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral), standing in for Mrs Weatherhead, with responsibility for behaviour, attendance and child protection.

He has worked in several other Barnet schools including the Totteridge Academy and Q E Boys (his old school) as well as others in Hertfordshire, Islington and even as far away as Eritrea (East Africa).

He studied at Cambridge, King's College London and is currently working on a PhD at Middlesex. He is a maths teacher by training, although at Hendon he is teaching Smart Futures.

"I've been made really welcome at Hendon," he said, "This is a great place to study."

Mr Blain is married to another teacher, has three children, and lists his hobbies as karate, skiing and travelling the world.

Thank you to all who supported the first issue of EGG magazine by buying a copy! (We still have a few left, on sale in C1). The editorial team has donated the profit of £50.00 to the Guardian Refugee Appeal.

Many thanks Mrs Schmid

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

## help your School

With tighter budgets, it is becoming more difficult to fund new Technology within our school. With the help of a new scheme and your support, we are planning to improve technology in your classrooms.

With the help of this scheme, unwanted technology can be turned into funds for the School. Hendon School is taking part in a pilot initiative, which, if successful, will be rolled out nationally.

### Want to help?

We need you to donate unwanted working Laptops, phones, PCs or tablets with their power cables either through the special website [www.rdc-cbs.com/partner/hendonschool](http://www.rdc-cbs.com/partner/hendonschool) or by bringing your kit into school between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January–Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

All items donated will be securely data wiped using government approved software.

Look on the school website for more information at [www.hendonschool.co.uk](http://www.hendonschool.co.uk)

