



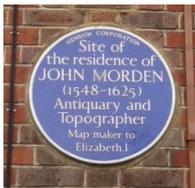
Message from Kevin McKellar

Another year of outstanding examination results underlining consistent success year-on-year

The league tables have just come out and we are celebrating another year of excellent results for students at Hendon School - maintaining the improvements seen over the last 6 years. Compared to similar schools nationally, Hendon is top equal. This is a tremendous achievement. 80% of the students passing English and Maths compared to 60% nationally. In English, 91% make good or better progress compared to 70% nationally, and 83% of the students make good or better progress in Maths compared to 71% nationally. These excellent results show that we are continually trying to do a better job. We are all very proud of the young people at Hendon who now have the qualifications that they need to continue their education and training. This would not have happened without the hard work and dedication of the students themselves, combined with the unstinting support that they have had from the teaching and support staff at Hendon. These achievements have been across the ability range with a third of our students getting A* and A grades. Our school continues to go from strength to strength thanks to the staff, governors and parents who give such brilliant support to help secure this success. We are all benefiting from inspirational and exceptional teaching.



Our current Year 11 students are working tirelessly - even in the face of the changes to their GCSE's. We are also extremely proud of our Year 13 students - they are competing with the top students around the country and many of them have been offered places at some of the best universities, including the Russell Group and Oxbridge. We hope we will help them to be able to fulfil their dreams and ambitions.



Across the school, there is a strong drive on independent learning. I have been talking to the students about how to make a difference. Today, I was working with a group of Year 13 students about their unique contribution to the school and the difference that they have made at Hendon. I talked to them about their power, influence, ability, structures, ideas, potential, knowledge, contacts, support, beliefs, skills, insight, and passions that they have which will allow them to truly make a difference.

This week we are reflecting on the Holocaust. The assemblies are extremely poignant and the Year 13 students talked to me today about the fact that they are so privileged to live in a society where free thinking is celebrated, many of them grateful for living and working within a multi-cultural society. At a time when Facebook and other social media dominate the consciousness of young people, it is reassuring to have such powerful and meaningful conversations with young, emergent adults who really do want to make a difference. We are proud of the fact that so many of our students can say that they have made a meaningful contribution to the school and their local community. Eleanor Kettleton, for example, our wonderful Head girl wants to be a theatre producer and director and she will be directing the school play based on 100 years at Hendon in July.

Please remember that we will be always reminding you of this important event for our school. The old Hendonians are able to talk at great length about World War I and World War II and we are really keen to create a forum to share their experience.

If you would like to be involved in our centenary celebrations, please contact Jacqui Jack, our Parent Voice Coordinator or Trevor Easterfield, the old Hendonian Coordinator. We really do have much to celebrate.

Jack Petchey Achievement Award Winners

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners for last term were;

Henry Lee (Year 11)
Sean Goodwin (Year 8)
Tasuku Azuma (Year 8)



These students have been recognised for their outstanding contributions to the school and to their community. They all have been granted £200 each, to spend within the school on any item they feel will benefit the school.

Henry Lee has decided to spend his money on a new digital camera for the PE department. This will help him and his peers in their GCSE PE evidence logging.

Sean Goodwin has chosen to spend his £200 on Anime Club items that are going to be used to help drive the club forward and help the current members to work on their drawing skills.

Tasuku Azuma has recently purchased 30 recycling bins with his money. He has spent a couple of weeks working out key strategic points where he would like to see his bins placed.

The students should be very proud of their achievements and I am sure they are excited to be giving even more back to their community, peers and friends.

Mr Hobbs

Information Advice and Guidance

On Monday 20th January, 40 year 11 & 12 students were lucky enough to attend a workshop from Leah Brown, Head of Marketing from ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) which is the global body for professional accountants. In this session, students were given an insightful overview of what it takes to be successful in accountancy. Sajad, a Year 11 student stated that the presentation enabled him 'to learn valuable information. I appreciate it so much.'

Students then participated in an activity where they had to balance the books of "Hendon Town FC". Our students were commended by Leah for ensuring they budgeted for a contingency. With financial services being the most popular aspiration for our students, it's pleasing that we are able to offer the students opportunities to meet with employers such as ACCA, Barclays, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and Ernst & Young.

One of the main challenges for myself as IAG coordinator and students is finding high quality and relevant work experience placements. At the moment we are building our database, but are keen to tap into new contacts and in particular from families and friends of students. If you or anyone you know would be interested in offering a work experience placement to one of our students then please do get in touch. My email is EganJ@hendonschool.co.uk or phone number is 020 8202 9004 ext 251. It would be very much appreciated.

Kind Regards

John Egan IAG Co-ordinator

Calling all Old Hendonians

2014 sees the centenary celebration of the school. It has come a long way from its opening as a fee-paying school of just 350 students. Plans are underway for a number of events including a large-scale reunion on Saturday 5th July. Staff, students and Old Hendonians are busy working on the plans. However, we need your help. We are asking all Old Hendonians to sign up to our alumni networking service via Future First. This is a charity that helps ex-students reconnect with their old school. Please go to www.futurefirst.org.uk and follow the 'former students' link. This will allow us to keep you informed of all the events that are planned. Former staff members can use this link or contact the school directly to register on the database. Please also pass on the link to others you may still be in contact with, as we want to ensure that as many of you as possible join us to celebrate our centenary.



Through the Future First website there is an opportunity to sign up to get involved in current school life, through mentoring, careers talks or providing work experience opportunities. It also provides a great opportunity for current students to learn from those who have been at Hendon School before. However, there is no pressure to sign up to this. We just want to build our database and ensure you are able to celebrate with us.

If you want to be involved or want any further information, please email the school on info@hendonschool.co.uk

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Investing in Our Futures

Last year saw our inaugural 'Investing in Our Futures' careers event. Year 12 students organised the whole event. They invited a range of people from different careers to come and talk to them about their jobs, and 30 different careers were represented. As a result our students gained part-time jobs, volunteer opportunities, work experience and invaluable information.

The evening was a great success, and all employers vowed to return this year. Two students were invited to the House of Commons to speak to MPs about the evening and we now know that there are a number of schools across the UK copying Hendon's example.

The next event is on Tuesday 25th February, 6-8pm. We are looking for parents, older siblings or family friends who would be willing to come in and speak about their careers. If you are able to come and speak to small groups of 6-8 Year 12 students, we would be pleased to welcome you. Please contact me if you are able to attend. The students would be very grateful.

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SOAS Saturday Club

For the past four years, Hendon Students have been attending SOAS Saturday Club at SOAS University. It is an opportunity for students to experience what it is like to be a university student and to be taught by university students and lecturers. The club is open to students in Years 9-11 and is free of charge. Students choose from a range of lectures, seminars, language tasters and an enrichment activity. In previous years, there have been over 40 choices including The Crusades, Chinese economics, the Arab Spring, International Development, Mandarin, Japanese, Swahili, Arabic, DJ-ing, Samba drumming and film making.

The club runs from Saturday 22nd February - 22nd March from 10am to 4pm. The course is free and lunch is provided. If your son or daughter is interested please either ask them to come and see me or email me on DoonaN@hendonschool.co.uk.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks

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WE day - Wembley Stadium 7th March

Thirty Year 9 students are currently working together to make a change to our community. They are volunteering their time to make a difference to both local and international communities. They are collecting food for a local food-bank in Colindale. They are working on a peer pressure awareness campaign. They have baked cakes and sold sweets at the Winter concert. They are now preparing the Valentines shop and will be selling goods at the Little Shop of Horrors show. All money they raise is to help build a school in Haiti, as part of the Year of Education.

The students are involved in a year-long WE Act programme. (www.weday.com). The programme launched in Canada 8 years ago and is coming to the UK for the first time this March. Students who have contributed to the programme will earn tickets to attend a concert with 10,000 other students who have been working to make a difference. The majority of the acts are secret until two weeks before. However, we know that some of those confirmed for the concert are Ellie Goulding, Malala Yousafzai, actor Clive Owen, former US Vice-President Al Gore, Paralympian Martine Wright who lost her legs in the 7/7 London attacks, Jamal Edwards from SBTV and Sir Richard Branson.

It is not just our Year 9 students who will be attending, 30 of our Year 11 and 12 students have been lucky enough to be selected to volunteer at the event. Some are crowd pumpers (organising those in the arena to dance) others are responsible for Honoured Guest Seating and they are very excited at the prospect of who they might meet.

Now they need your help to do more and there are a number of ways you can help:-

1. Donate some food (tinned or dried) to their WE Scare hunger food-bank collection. Please bring to reception
2. Buy a WE Are Love badge and rose (£2) from Miss Doona's office or at the Little Shop of Horrors to help build a primary school in Haiti
3. Go to www.weday.com/follow - sign up to follow and educational resources will be donated to a student in a developing country

Look out for much information over the next few months

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Diary Dates

❖ Thursday 6 February	Arts Award Evening (5-6 pm Hall)
❖ Wednesday 12 February	Enrichment Day
❖ Thursday 13 February	Year 10 Art & photography Show (4-6.30 pm Library)
❖ Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 February	Little Shop of Horrors
❖ Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	Half Term
❖ Thursday 27 February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
❖ Friday 28 February	Non Uniform Day
❖ Wednesday 5 March	PSHEE Day



Japanese Host Families

In October 2013, some Year 10 Hendon School students participated in a very successful trip to Japan. After staying in Tokyo, we 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 2014, 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 £60 is designed to contribute to the cost of hosting but will probably not cover all of your expenses.

The students will be arriving on Thursday, 6th March and leaving again on Sunday, 16th March 2014. 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

Helen Langsam Head of Japanese

We are pleased and excited to welcome and be working with Candice Ward and Catherine Mountford both of whom are BA Ceramic students at Central St Martins School of Art. Candice and Catherine are at present working with our Year 10 GCSE class and our year 12/13 BTEC students helping them to develop their skills in Ceramics. They will be working here once a week until the half term.

Mr Keller (Art Department)



SEN News

The SEN Department is delighted to have extra space! After many months of hard work by the building team and the caretakers, our extension is now ready for use! We are lucky enough to have a large open-plan teaching area, which can be used for one large group or two or more smaller groups.

There is a sink and worktop for art and craft activities with pupils benefiting from our alternative curriculum provision (AQA unit awards in Art and Craft activities), which is designed to enable pupils to develop their social and communication skill while obtaining an extra qualification in an area they enjoy and are able to achieve in.

We also have two smaller rooms, for use by our in-house Speech and Language therapist, and another room for visiting professional, such as our link Educational Psychologist, or occupational therapist.

Mrs Revah SENCo

Students design postcards to be sent home



Three students taking AQA Award units have inspired by the art of Patrick Caulfield. They have created beautiful paintings based on fruit and vegetables, using his trademark technique of a restricted colour palette, flat colour, and objects outline in black. These were so attractive that we decided to have them produced as postcards, which will be sent home to parents and carers of student deserving of exceptional praise in the department.

Congratulations to Priyanka, Thomas and Yu Hao in Year 11.

Ms Revah - SENCo

Holocaust Memorial Day

2014 brings around the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide, where over 1 million people perished; unfortunately that has not been the most recent example of genocide on our planet.

Monday 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day, a day where we should all take a minute to reflect on the past, and look towards the future. The theme for this year is journeys. We can learn how journeys themselves became part of genocide, and how the journeys undertaken were often experiences of persecution and terror for so many people who suffered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the subsequent genocides.

Holocaust Memorial Day is a time when we seek to learn the lessons of the past and to recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own; it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. We're fortunate here in the UK; we are not at risk of genocide. However, discrimination has not ended, nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion. There is still much to do to create a safer future and Holocaust Memorial Day is an opportunity to start this process.

In Hendon we are a school of journeys, as our pupils continue on their journey we ask them to reflect on how they can make our environment a better place for everyone.

'It wasn't going to be an easy journey, but we had no other option. We wanted to live.'
H.Hasanovic - Survivor of the Bosnian Genocide.

Mr Griffiths

Sixth Form Matters

University Applications

All the university applications from our Year 13 students were completed and sent off to UCAS (the central applications processing agency) by the end of November, well in advance of the official UCAS deadline of 15 January 2014. This year we processed 95 applications, which is a significant increase on last year. Furthermore, this was achieved a month earlier than in previous years.

Our students have clearly benefited from this; the earlier submission has resulted in many more currently holding multiple conditional offers, weeks earlier than in previous years.

Congratulations to Rachel Mumford, who has been offered a place to study Geography at Cambridge University.

Philippines Disaster Appeal

Sixth Form students raised £164.02 for this appeal from a 'Wear Green for the Philippines' Day on 29 November.

Well done to these students for their fundraising efforts.

Robert Heath Head of Sixth Form

Little Shop of Horrors

The Hendon School Production for 2014
February 13th, 14th and 15th
Tickets on sale next week from Reception: £4 adults, £2 concessions
For more details click the plant on the website.....

