



We would like to welcome everyone back to the new term and wish you a Happy New Year. As ever, many of us take time to reflect and make resolutions. For our staff and students the term started with Academic Review Day a time to reflect on progress and set new targets. It was great to see so many parents/carers attending appointments to discuss their child's progress. Thank you for making the time to attend.

Our Year 11 students returned with an air of anxiety, there was plenty of tension as they received their mock examination results. For some it was a time of great celebration; for others the stark realisation that they need to work harder to achieve the grades that they are capable of. However, staff were on hand to reassure students that they will get all the support they need in the run up to the exams. Over the coming weeks, each Year 11 student will have an individual careers appointment to discuss their options for next year. Thursday 15th January is the Year 11 Parents' Evening. We hope that parents/carers will use next week's Parents' Evening to discuss mock results, subject and post-16 choices with staff. There will also be a number of presentations during the evening to support parents and students. There are now only 13 school weeks until the exam season begins.

Our Year 13 students have also received mock results and are busily preparing for life after Hendon School. Over 90% of our students have applied for University; many have already secured offers to their first choice universities including Fred Varley who has been offered a place to read Physics at Oxford University. Fred will be writing about his love of Physics and his three day interview in another edition of the Hendon News. Other students have gained places at Russell Group Universities. We also have a number of Year 13 students who have successfully gained paid gap year placements through the National Citizen Service, Step Forward Scheme.

Hendon Students are the Top BBoy Crew in London!

Competition venue: Evelyn Grace Academy - Brixton host school. Jack Petchy Foundation Step into Dance project.

Odin crew members: Mona Elghazal, Zubair Shaikh, Noah Henry, Prerak Shah, Alex Liow, Gabriel Infante, Chloe Tettey.

The competition included different dance crews from a variety of schools around London, with the event being a celebration of Hip-Hop Dance styles. The judges included a member of Soul Mavericks, a seven times BBoy champion as well as 2 other professional dancers. The final battle went to 15 minute rounds between Hendon's Odin Crew and the Wansteady Crew representing Wanstead School. The battle displayed complex combination of top rocking, power moves, footwork, and routines. Each round got better and better as the intensity started to build the atmosphere, the energy from the dancers and the audience was electrifying with Odin having a clear edge. By the last round the whole of the audience were up on their feet waiting for the outcome from the judges. Soon after Odin were given the title of the Top BBoy crew in London and completely wowed the judges with their flavour, skill level, passion and flair.



Competitions like this offer a very different learning experience for young people. Students get to meet other dance crews and professionals.

The style of BBoy is it is not about just big tricks. It requires strength, agility, discipline and commitment to get to perform with the clarity and ease that Odin crew display. Our young, talented dancers are amazing, dedicated, humble, talented, and creatively unique. The Dance department are extremely proud of the crew's achievements, hardwork, effort and commitment. We look forward to what 2015 holds for them as it is going to be an exciting year!!

The Dance department is forever growing so look out for our next event and the showcase of students work this half term.

Miss Choolun - Head of Dance

The nomination process for parent governors is now open. Further information and nomination forms are available from the school website or school reception. Nominations will close at 9am on Monday 19th January.

Hendon School in the news

Following from last terms announcement that Avishka Attanayake won a National Volunteering Award, the Hendon Times published an article about her. Follow the link below to read:

http://www.times-series.co.uk/news/11677342.Student_picked_to_represent_Britain_as_volunteering_ambassador/

Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 15th January 2015

Four sessions will operate as follows:

Parents/carers of students with surnames beginning	A - D	4.00pm - 4.45pm
Parents/carers of students with surnames beginning	E - K	4.45pm - 5.30pm
Parents/carers of students with surnames beginning	L - R	5.30pm - 6.15pm
Parents/carers of students with surnames beginning	S - Z	6.15pm - 7.00pm

Please email nagles@hendonschool.co.uk no later than Wednesday 14th Jan, should you wish to change your appointment time.

At the end of the 45 minutes you will be asked to make your way to the Sixth Form Centre where Mrs Weatherhead (Deputy Headteacher) will deliver a short presentation about Hendon Sixth Form and current information regarding post-16 options. Our IAG coordinator, Mr Mustafa will be available to speak with parents. There will also be a talk from The National Citizens Service (The Challenge) about an amazing residential opportunity for all our Year 11 students.

Keep Hendon Safe

Hendon School is a safe school. As part of our commitment to Keep Hendon Safe we work with the Metropolitan Police. Like all schools in London we have a school police officer. PC Maddi supports the students and staff, as well as delivering sessions on personal safety and your rights and the law.

As a school we also have agreed to support the police in preventative measures to reduce knife crime. As part of this initiative, we have scheduled Knife Arches on the school premises on an ad hoc basis. We have done this for the last four years and have never had any weapons found. As a school we are also able to bring drugs dogs into school. Clearly, the dates of any Knife Arches or dog visits are not published, as the rationale behind these is that the students do not know when they are scheduled in advance.

School staff can also search students for any item banned by the school rules. Items include: weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, shisha pens and lighters, fireworks, stolen items, phones and electronic devices and any items likely to be used to cause offence. School staff, also have the power to use reasonable force to prevent students committing an offence, injuring themselves or others and damaging property.

We know the vast majority of parents/carers are fully supportive of these initiatives as they are focussed across London trying to keep young people safe. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Weatherhead Deputy Headteacher

Friends of Hendon School Association (FOHSA) launch Thursday 22nd January at 7pm

Hendon School officially launches FOHSA on Thursday 22nd January, in the school canteen. The aim of FOHSA is to develop the Hendon School Community to support the school and advance the education of the students.

It will be the responsibility of the FOHSA to decide how best to support the school but this could include fundraising, careers talks, volunteering, meeting other parents and offering support. We hope that as many parents, carers, staff and students (past and present) will attend in order to support the school.

We look forward to welcoming you all

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Sign Of the Week – New Year



Diary Dates

❖ Tuesday 13 th January	Year 10 Art Trip
❖ Thursday 15 th January (4-7 pm)	Year 11 Parents' Evening
❖ Tuesday 20 th January	Year 10 Art Trip
❖ Thursday 22 nd January	Year 11 Media Trip
❖ Thursday 22 nd January (7pm)	Friends of Hendon School Association launch
❖ Monday 2 nd February	Year 9 Synagogue Trip
❖ Tuesday 3 rd February	Staff Development Day
❖ Monday 9 th February	Year 9 Synagogue Trip
❖ Tuesday 10 th February	Year 10 Art Trip
❖ Wednesday 11 th February	PSHE Day
❖ Thursday 12 th February	Year 10 Art and Photography Exhibition
❖ Wednesday 11 th - Wednesday 18 th February	Spanish Exchange Trip
❖ Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Half Term break