



## Message from Kevin McKellar

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been extremely inspired by our South African visitors. Two students and two teachers have come from Capetown to learn about our education system. We are building credible links with South Africa and I am enormously grateful to Noelle Doona, our Citizenship guru, for leading on such a dynamic project.



The South African students are also sad at the news surrounding Nelson Mandela. They helped me to deliver an assembly to the Year 8 students last week and I talked at great length about my interest in South African politics. When I went over to South Africa, I took art work and creative writing extracts to the Jewish museum in Capetown. We created a whole school project on Helen Suzman, the great South African Parliamentarian and a great friend of Nelson Mandela. Last night, I started to read **The Long Walk to Freedom** by Nelson Mandela because the Year 8's will be working on a rather ambitious project about South Africa.

I was deeply touched to read about the relationship between Nelson Mandela and Helen Suzman. Their long and close friendship began with a handshake through cell bars during Suzman's first visit in 1967 to Robben Island where Mandela was serving a life sentence for treason. Following that visit, the

horrific prison conditions started to improve. While there were a number of visits throughout the years, the South African Government made it difficult for her to visit Mandela regularly during his 27 year imprisonment. However, each Christmas she sent him classical music records which she knew he enjoyed. She also kept close watch on Mandela's morale after he was moved from Robben Island to a maximum security prison.



Upon his release in 1990, Mandela gave Suzman an enormous hug. It is not surprising that Suzman was at Mandela's side when he was elected president of South Africa and we he signed the new South African constitution in 1996. The two were devoted friends up until her death.

**This is what Nelson Mandela said about Helen Suzman:-**

### This is what President Nelson Mandela said about Helen Suzman:

"Your courage, integrity and principled commitment to justice have marked you as one of the outstanding figures in the history of public life in South Africa."



We have all learnt so much from our South African visitors. They are entirely passionate about the power of education and they loved the fact that we have a photograph of Nelson Mandela with a quote from him on a banner outside our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre.

***'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'***

We have asked our South African guests to write about their experience. This will be in the future editions of the Hendon News.

**And finally...**

We will be celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Hendon School next year. We have already been in contact with the old Hendonians and I have been approached by a number of parents who would like to get involved in the celebrations. If you would like to be part of our 100 year anniversary working party, then please contact Martin Dickie via email on [dickiem@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:dickiem@hendonschool.co.uk) or John Harris via email on [harrisj@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:harrisj@hendonschool.co.uk) or Noelle Doona on [doonan@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:doonan@hendonschool.co.uk).

Thanks for your continued support. Keep on trucking.

### Diary Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- ❖ Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- ❖ Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- ❖ Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- ❖ Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

- PSHEE Day, Classical Recital
- PE Sports Award Evening
- Austria Trip
- Non Uniform Day, Hendonbury III
- Rewards Trips Day
- End of Summer Term (School closes at 12pm)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Enrolment
- Start of Autumn Term (Staff Development Day)
- Year 7 Students Start, Academic Review Day (Year 8-11)

# Sports Day 2013

Wow...what a day!!! The feedback from both pupils and staff has been really positive, so it sounds like everyone had fun. So what did they get up too???



Years 7, 8 & 9 went to Allianz Park to experience the new surroundings of the Saracens Rugby club. The weather was good all day, until the heavens opened just as we were about to present the medals and everyone got soaked! Therefore, the results will not be announced until after Activities Week, and so will appear in the next edition of the Hendon News...the suspense!!!



The attitude of all the pupils there was fantastic and we had lots of pupils taking part in lots of events with smiles on their faces...even when those butterflies arose in their bellies!! Top performances from Haris Raja in Year 9 in the 200m, Abi Babarinde in Year 9 for her 800m sprint finish, Abdul Karim Ali for his 200m dash around the track, and many more. A special THANK YOU to our Year 10 pupils who officiated the events for us and were excellent role models for the school; it couldn't have operated so smoothly without their hard work.



The rest of the Year 10's either completed in a 5 a side Football tournament at Power League or took part in a variety of 'taster' sessions at school which included Boxercise/Body Combat, Capoeira, Yogalates, a bouncy castle and Sumo Wrestling suits. The staff at school had as much fun as the kids which is evidenced in the pictures we have, and the attitude of the Year 10's towards these activities was fantastic. It's sometimes scary trying new things, but the pupils got stuck in and gave it their all.



Well done to Sean, Ben, Travis, Irfan, Mudaber and Omar for winning the Power League Football tournament.



The success of the day is down to the hard work of all the staff involved, be it the PE team for leading the day, the form tutors for scoring the events, the Maths department for collating the results, Mr Humphrey on the microphone, and many others; I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF.



But, the BIGGEST THANK YOU must go to all the pupils involved for having such a positive attitude towards the day and for having so much fun. Looking forward to next year already!!!

Miss Sheehan

Congratulations to the following pupils who performed exceptionally well at the Barnet Championships on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Year 7:** Christian Medina - 1st in 100m - **Barnet Champion**, Ahmed Alanezy - 1st in 800m - **Barnet Champion**, Mubarik Adam - 3rd in 1500m - **Bronze medal**, Recoe Martin - 4th in 200m

**Year 9:** Abi Babarinde - 4th in 100m, Mia Salem - 4th in 200m

**Year 10:** Chloe Goodson - 1st in 800m - **Barnet Champion**, Jay Vizavadia - 3rd in 1500m - **Bronze medal**

# Science News

## My Trip to St. Georges University

Before the Easter holidays, in one of my Reach lessons, my teacher mentioned a “Medicine Spring School” happening in the Easter holidays. A few days later, I went to my teacher and asked about it and she gave me an application form to fill in and send off. Almost a week later I got a letter saying I had been accepted which at the time I didn't think was a big deal but, later on, I found out that only 50 students were selected from the whole of London and altogether there were 500+ applications sent in.



The whole thing was 3 days of medicine based activities run by St. Georges University/Hospital. We started the first day by playing some games to help us get to know each other better (this included both the students and the mentors participating). They gave us all a bag with folder which included our timetable for the three days, a guide on how to apply for the school and a work experience journal. We did some really cool stuff there that I couldn't ever imagine doing in our school.

The activities included:

- ❖ Prosthetics roadshow. In this activity we learned about prosthetics and made our own prosthetic finger.
- ❖ A healthy living roadshow in which we just we had a quiz to see which group knew the most about healthy living. Some of us were even forced to volunteer for some experiments that were just bizarre.
- ❖ Clinical skills in which we went to different stations to learn about bones and reflexes, Pulses, CPR, hearts etc.
- ❖ Clinical communication skills.
- ❖ Paramedicine.
- ❖ Pathology practical. In this activity we had to figure out how a patient died based on the clues they had given us.
- ❖ Physiotherapy, in which we learned about how physiotherapy works and what it does for patients.
- ❖ Radiology. During this session we learned about different types of imaging technology such as MRI scanning and Ultrasound scans.
- ❖ We also had a series of different lectures about stuff like student finance and work experience. I found these very useful as there have been times where I've been so worried about not being able to pay for university and not just the tuition fees but the cost of accommodations and food (if my chosen university is far from home). I am far more relaxed about that now.
- ❖ A debating session about medical ethics. It was really interesting hearing other people's opinions about medical ethics such as abortion or patient autonomy.

My favourite activity was probably the clinical communication skills session. In this session we basically had to pretend to be a doctor and try and sort out different people with different problems. First, I had to help a man with depression. Then I had to tell a dance teacher that she had arthritis and that she could never dance again (both of which were hired professional actors). Afterwards, we got judged on things like how sympathetic we were or how open and confident we were. I found it really interesting.

While I was there I learned many things about working in different areas of medicine: how to get into a good university, how to get financial support and other things. Other than being a very educational experience it was just generally fun, mostly because of our mentors. They were all really fun to be around as they were also students which made it easier for us to connect with them and be able to joke around and have a good time.

This was an unforgettable experience that I enjoyed far more than I thought I would.

Pardis Jahanfar 9.1

## Experts from Mill Hill Medical Research Institute come to Hendon

We were very privileged to have Molly, Danielle and Alex of Mill Hill Medical Research Institute to come into our Year 13 Biology lessons. We were given the challenge of identifying the parents of a mouse! They taught us how to use precise micropipettes as seen on CSI which could measure up to 200 microlitres. We prepared a PCR mixture which contained Primers, Enzymes and DNA. This was then centrifuged and then we prepared the DNA profiles by placing the DNA in agar troughs and left it to separate and then viewed it under UV light. We matched the profile obtained to those of the parents.



We moved onto slicing mouse brains immersed in buffer solution with a razor which gave us wafer thin slices. It was then mounted on a slide and looked at it under an expensive binocular microscope and we were able to see rows of cell bodies and dendrites. Wow!

Kessia Destefanis (Year 13 Biologist)



## Ex Student returns to Hendon's New Science Labs

Ex-Hendon student Mazin Osman has returned to Hendon School. He is spending the Summer Term working with the teachers and technicians in the Science Faculty. Mazin left Hendon School in 2008 with 3 A levels.

Mazin has written about the exciting refurbishment of the Science Laboratories.

“Hendon School is upgrading its Science department with fantastic new labs and facilities, which is a drastic change compared to their outdated classrooms 5 years ago. The changes are still being made to renovate the remaining rooms, but the results will definitely not be disappointing. As an ex-pupil who used to work in these labs, I remember how outdated and old the classrooms looked, which left a dark and gloomy impression. But as someone returning 5 years later as an intern, I can say that the classrooms have been vastly improved with a fresher, brighter and modern feel. After I left Hendon School, I went on to study further at Queen Mary university of London and graduated with a degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, so It's great to be back to see the Science department getting some attention.”

Mazin Osman

**Update on the new labs** - Five laboratories have been fully refurbished and students have been enjoying lessons in a bright, modern environment. The work on the final two laboratories is on-going and should be complete in a couple of weeks' time. Full details of the Refurbishment Project will be included the next newsletter.



## Hendon Students Short-listed for National Award

Two winners of the Hendon School SciCoCo competition have been shortlisted for the Bill Bryson Science Communication Award. Ece Osman and Courteney Mbulu may be in line to win the Royal Society of Chemistry's competition for their children's book about how science keeps us healthy. And the year 10 students will also be enjoying a trip to the University of Cambridge, along with the winners in the key stage 3 age group of the Hendon competition, Kimiya Ali Shamlou and Pardis Jahanfar.

The four girls were among up to 60 students who participated in Hendon's SciCoCo, which was designed to scaffold entrants for success in the national Bill Bryson competition. The students had to create a composition in the medium of their choice that answered the question: how does science keep us healthy? Ece and Courteney's winning entry was a children's book about a young boy called Joey who is set the same question as a homework assignment. In the story, he visits a doctor, a psychiatrist and a research scientist and poses the question to each of them.

Now Courteney and Ece's story will mirror that of their fictional hero as they travel to Cambridge University to meet research scientists there. They will hear about their work and how they secured places to study at one of the world's most prestigious educational institutes. Kimiya and Pardis, of Year 9, will also be taking part on the trip, which was the prize for the Hendon SciCoCo competition.

The winning entries of both teams can be viewed via links on the Science homepage on Frog. The winners of the national Bill Bryson competition will be announced in July. Well done to our winners and all the students who entered and good luck to Courteney and Ece in the national competition!

Mr Husband

## SEN News

### Visits to Primary Schools

As part of our transition programme to help pupils move from primary to secondary school, Ms Williams (Head of Year 7), Mrs Fella (Manager, E.C.M) and Ms Revah (SENCo) visited primary schools to meet pupils coming to Hendon in September.

Many of the pupils recognised Ms Revah from the CAT (Cognitive Assessment Tests) which they took in December 2012. Ms. Williams told them what it would be like in 'big school,' and stressed the importance of getting up on time, working out how to get to school, and being organised. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions: many were concerned about getting lost in a big school, being told off, or getting detentions. They were also very excited about learning new subjects, such as languages, and being able to go on exciting trips.

Pupils with Statements of SEN will be making a visit to the school to meet key staff and engage in some activities, before meeting their form tutors with the whole of the new year group on the taster day (July 4th).

Ms Revah SENCo

A huge congratulations to Georgia Cousins, Dominika Dawbrowska, Rebecca Pederson, Ginni Wong and Jade Leung in Year 10. All of whom during the half term attended a ceremony at Somerset House to receive their certificates of achievement for the artwork that they produced for the National Saturday School project. The ceremony was a very formal affair with candidates from all over the country. After which examples of their work were displayed in the venues galleries.

Congratulations also to Heloise Wooster, Rose Westcott and Mamunah Khan all of whom have had work selected for the Royal Academy A Level on-line Exhibition 2013. Heloise has had work selected for two consecutive years and has had her art work chosen for the Royal Academy on-line home page for two years also.

1450 works were submitted this year and 35 were selected for final stage and 76 were selected for the shortlisted category. For 3 of our students to be chosen is a wonderful achievement.

Tess Jaray from the Royal Academy said 'The vast majority of the entries seemed both thoughtful and daring. It made me feel very optimistic about the future of art! These are the people who are helping us see the world.'

To view the work, please follow this link [www.royalacademy.org.uk/alevel](http://www.royalacademy.org.uk/alevel)

Mr Keller - Art Department



### Students ask Businesses to 'Invest in our Futures'

A dedicated team of Year 12 students in collaboration with Barnet Citizens hosted an event to help address youth unemployment in the area. 'Investing in our Futures' saw students in Years 10-13 meet with local business leaders to find out how to begin careers in their chosen fields. Over 80 students attended the event with 25 business leaders including: the Director of Rothschild who committed to hosting work experience for two students over the summer; Saracens Rugby club offered a range of opportunities; Holiday Inn work experience placements; as well as an engineer who challenged the pupils to solve a maths problem, in return for a week's work experience.



Matthew Offord MP was at the event and said to the attendees "I wanted to say to the young people that the very fact you have organised tonight, I think, is very inspiration to me and others. You have thought about your future and you are forging a path for yourselves. I don't think I did that when I was your age. I'm really proud of what is going on tonight and of what you are achieving".

The students organised and led the event - students arranged tables by career fields, chairing discussion with the relevant business leader on how to enter the industry, different career options within it, and how the business leaders got to where they are today. The businesses were impressed commenting:

"Thanks for your email, I had such a great time last night received a really warm welcome and the evening ran brilliantly" Rosetta Translation.

"Many thanks for a great event; it had a lot of energy - truly wonderful." Design Engineer

"Really enjoyed the evening. Was very impressed by how professional the students were Meeting the students who all showed such enthusiasm and asked intelligent and relevant questions. They showed respect for the visitors and each other when in discussion making the evening flow with ease. Hope to see you next year" Fenwicks, Brent Cross.

Overall the event was a success and it is now firmly in the diary for next year.

Miss Doona

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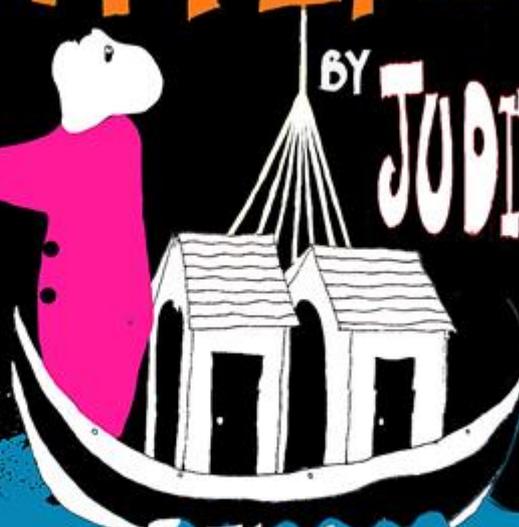
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