



HENDON NEWS



Year 10-12 Japan Trip



A music lesson at Konan High School

It was an early start for the Hendon Japanese students from Year 10, 11 and 12 at Heathrow Airport, flying with KLM to Narita, Japan on what was going to be a combined flying time of 12 hours.

When they finally landed in Japan the reality finally hit everyone and the excitement began, it was nice to hear the Japanese words and phrases learned in the Japanese lessons already being spoken. We were greeted by the organiser of the Japan side of the trip, the wonderful Mr Iwai who was soon to become a favourite with all the

students, so much so they all asked if he could come to Hendon and be a teacher!

The first 4 days of the trip saw us going to all those famous places in Tokyo such Akihabara, Shinjuku, Shibuya Junction and the Imperial Palace where the Japanese Emperor and his wife live. The weather was particularly kind

to us and verged on being too hot. We could only imagine how hot those famous Tokyo summer days can be.

In lessons at Hendon the students are often spoken to about the Japanese culture and how different it is and here they were all experiencing it first-hand. From the scrupulously clean streets with not a dustbin in sight to the many thousands of vending

machines, including some that sold 'chips' and oh how delicious they were!! The culture and language experience continued with the special lines we all had to queue in to board a

train, and the quiet manner the Japanese people go about their daily lives including the way everyone bows to each other in such a respectful manner. All the Hendon students commented on how respectful and polite everyone is in Japan and how happy they all are. I guess the two go hand in hand!

Part of our stay in Tokyo saw the students have a day out and about with some older Japanese University students giving them the chance to experience Tokyo with people close to their own age. This was a very popular day and the swapping of 'selfies' and e-mail addresses seemed to confirm the success of that day.

We left Tokyo for Hamamatsu and Konan High School, but not before we stopped off at Starbucks next to the iconic Mt Fuji, and what a truly amazing sight it is. The student's cameras were clicking away furiously making sure Fuji San was not to ever be forgotten.

Konan High School arrived and we were greeted in a manner that is one of the most welcoming ways you can ever imagine, it was a very humbling and emotional experience. Our hosts were there to meet us and the students from Hendon quickly went off to stay with their Japanese

families for the week, no doubt feeling the nervousness of that experience as you can imagine at such a young age. But the nerves soon went away and each of the students were soon to discover friends and families for life. One letter from a host mother to one of our students brought a tear to my eye when I read the letter as it



Visiting a Japanese kindergarten



Making friends after a day of Tokyo sightseeing



At the entrance to Meiji Jingu Tokyo



Washing hands at the entrance to The Great Buddha, Kamakura



At a temple in Kamakura



In front of the Great Buddha in Kamakura



Dressed in yukata for a Japanese festival

went on to say, 'you have become one of my own daughters'!!

The week at Konan went too fast and it soon became the experience of a lifetime. The opening ceremony in front of the whole school of 1200 students and staff with the big jazz band playing and dancers dancing could and never will be forgotten by us all. We all felt so welcome and the welcome was as genuine as you will ever get.

Throughout our time at Konan, Hendon students experienced, Maths, Science, Calligraphy, Japanese Culture, Judo and

Kendo lessons to name but a few, and with most spoken in Japanese. But seeing our students have the chance to strike the Japanese Kendo master as hard as they could with those big Kendo sticks was something special to witness. You really had to be there!

Our students made friends for life and the way they embraced the experience was fantastic to see and witness. First and foremost it was a language trip and to see our students practising their Japanese and trying to learn new phrases and new words was to see education in action at its best. Language acquisition is best done in real life and I am sure this experience enhanced the learning of our students tenfold. I was extremely proud to see our students challenge themselves so well.

Below are some student comments:

Tia - the best part of the trip was staying with the host family because you learnt so much about their culture especially having the help of culture lessons in Konan High; one of the best was our Kendo lesson.

Ahmed - Japan was a very hygienic and clean place. People don't drop things which is different to Hendon. There were lots of amazing vending machines.

Misko - the trip was an amazing experience; Konan High School made it unforgettable. I will definitely visit Japan again someday.

Rivaldo - The food was very nice, there was a variety that was unlike the UK. My favourite food was the very salty onigiri (rice ball) that my host mum made for me.

Ayome - Konan High was very different to Hendon as they wear slippers in the school to keep it clean. The cleaning of the school was done every day by the students at the end of the day and was interesting to watch. Japanese culture is very different to English and I think English people should take a page out of their book and be more respectful to everybody, everywhere.

Long may the contact with Konan High School continue and I am sure the legacy will continue to develop and further the opportunities of future Hendon and Konan generations.

Mr G Hall

The Road to Paris 2015

On Wednesday 4th November, 7 French and Geography pupils (Georgie, Abdelrazak, Miryam, Zakiya, Gangah, Tareeq, James) attended a day entitled The Road to Paris 2015, organised by Routes into Languages at SOAS, Russell Square. Below are their comments on the day:

"At the Paris Summit in just a few weeks' time, world leaders will decide the future of our planet. Decisions about how countries should co-operate to reduce carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases will be made by scientists, climatologists and representatives of each UN member state. Not by a bunch of teenagers... though I think we did a pretty good job!"

The day kicked off with a presentation on how climate change is a real threat to our planet: ecosystems, biodiversity and weather systems are all affected by a warming planet. We also learnt about how a UN summit is co-ordinated and how important a role language plays in ensuring everyone's views are heard.

Next, we were each allocated a country and a global group, in which we had to work together to convince the floor that our policies towards climate change are in the world's best interests. Representatives from large, developed countries, oil-rich Arab nations, less developed countries and small island nations debated the future of the planet, disagreeing on responsibility for why the world's carbon emissions are so high and how we should tackle the issue.

Hendon School students represented the small island nations and along with students from other London schools, we fought with passion to ensure that our nations would be protected from rising sea levels in the future. At one point, the USA even cited concern to the fishermen of Papua New Guinea, which gave our fight for the rights of small island nations a real boost. " Georgie Turner

"The day really gave us an insight into how the UN works, from its formality, the strict protocol to the processes used in making these important decisions and on a more personal level, it also gave us a glimpse of university life and better understanding how to prepare ourselves for it."

Miss Kruczyk - MFL Teacher

Student Support - Relationships and Sex Education

The small group Relationships and Sex education single sex sessions for Year 9 will be commencing on Thursday 19th November. If any parent or carer wishes to discuss the content or withdraw their child from these sessions, please call Mrs Shah on 020 8202 9004 ext. 246 or email her at ShahSh@hendonschool.co.uk before Wednesday 18th November.

Thank you



Messages from Hendon students to Konan students

Year 13 Japanese Trip



Recently, our Year 13 A-level Japanese class took a 2 week educational trip to Japan where we visited the cities of Tokyo, Osaka and Hiroshima. We decided to make this trip as our A-level examination requires us to write an essay on a Japanese city of our choice, and what better way to research a place than to visit it? Due to the vast history and culture, it had been decided that we would write about Hiroshima, and so we set out to



collate as much information as possible whilst exploring the town.



From travelling on traditional trams to visiting the Hiroshima castle, we broadened our knowledge of the city. One of the most intriguing places we visited was the Hiroshima Peace Park, a site dedicated to educating visitors about the devastation caused by the atomic bomb. Here, we donated not only the money that we raised through the Peace Week we organised prior to leaving, but also 1000 paper cranes we made to symbolise our hope for world peace. We also visited the museum where we learnt a lot more about the actual bombing and the effects of it on Hiroshima. For example, we learnt the importance of the trams as it was said that the restoration of the tram service just 3 days after the bombing was a source of great encouragement to survivors wondering how the city could recover from the devastating attack. After witnessing examples of both the consequences and the way the Japanese tried to repair their city, we were able to fully comprehend their stance on certain matters such as having a nuclear free world.

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Dear Hendon School Students,

I trust this letter finds you in good health.

Thank you very much for your support for our peace activities.

We are deeply grateful to you for your gracious offering of ¥45,000.

Your donation will be entered into our foundation account and utilized entirely for peace promotion projects.

Thank you again for your generosity and devotion to peace. I close with best wishes for your good health and success.

Yours in peace,

松井一貴

Kazumi Matsui
President
Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation



Admittedly, we may have initially viewed this trip as a bit of a holiday and break from our school work, but we came back having learnt so much more than we expected: the Japanese culture and customs, the history of the country and how previous events still have an influence on modern day Japan, but also aside from Japan, I think we all learnt a lot about ourselves and each other, and were pleasantly surprised by our ability to navigate around a completely new and foreign country, making it a truly invaluable experience.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the kind students and teachers at Hendon who helped us raise money during the Peace Week!

Afsha Dalvi - 13.3

Reminder - Staff Development Day on Friday 20th November (School closed for students)

CCTV

We have invested a huge amount of money in refurbishing the school toilets over the summer holiday. We are considering placing CCTV cameras above the doorways to monitor the large space in each toilet block, in front of the sink and cubicle areas. This would be to prevent vandalism, and also to protect students from bullying. Before we install CCTV, we would like to consult with parents.

We have sought guidance from the police with respect to this and the Department for Education recognise that "CCTV can be beneficial in some cases but this is a decision that head teachers should take." "Schools using CCTV are required by law to adhere to the Data Protection Act." The cameras will be placed to ensure that student modesty is preserved, there will not be a camera viewing into the cubicles. The CCTV footage would only be viewed after incidents of vandalism or bullying which is reported in these areas. CCTV footage would only be watched by trained persons of the same sex as the toilet being monitored.

If you have any concerns regarding the use of CCTV to monitor the toilets, please email weather@hendonschool.co.uk outlining the concerns you have.

Thank you

Mrs Weatherhead -Deputy Headteacher

Welch and Richardson consolidate top 4 positions with well-fought away draws to London Academy

Both Welch and Richardson took their respective Year 8 and 9 teams to London Academy on Wednesday 4th November knowing a defeat may have seen both teams slip out of the top 4. With the rain pouring down and barely a blade of grass remaining on the LA playing pitches both managers sensed a battle ahead.

In the Year 9 encounter, Welch saw his troops come from behind twice to claim a 4-4 draw against a LA team who have made the semi-finals of the Barnet Schools Football Cup 2 seasons in a row. With Abdullahi and Kevin dictating the play from midfield and the front 3 of Hodje (MOM), Dion and Najibe terrorising the LA defence throughout the encounter, fans are now daring to dream that this squad can go all the way. Currently sat in 3rd position, Welch will take his squad to St James and Mill Hill next week as they seek a 2nd place finish in the league.

In the Year 8 meeting, a Jake Lee wonder strike was not enough to see Hendon take home all 3 points, as a defensive lapse allowed London Academy to score a late equaliser. The result sees Hendon tied for second place with St James going in to next week's back to back games against St James and Mill Hill. Man of the match Eugene was in a positive mood after game, suggesting it's still all to play for: "We are obviously gutted to concede a late equaliser but we are still in second place and on track to meet our pre-season target of finishing in the top 4".

Harper's hopes of claiming a top 4 finish in the West Barnet School football league are now dangling by thread after suffering a 6-0 defeat to London Academy at home in a league and cup double. With Hendon missing key players through injury and suspension, Hendon never really got going in the encounter and Harper was clearly devastated after the game to lose Hendon's 100% record at home this season across all age groups. With league games remaining against St James, Mill Hill and Christ College, fans are hopeful that the Year 7 team can finish the season strongly and sneak into the play-offs.

Harper was hoping his Year 7 'B' team would provide a tonic for his 'A' team's performance earlier in the week, however this was not to be the case. The Year 7 'B' team ended up being on the wrong side of 7-1 defeat to Archers in the Barnet Schools 'B' Cup, with Jakub getting the only goal of the game for Hendon.

Richardson's Year 11 team ended their school football careers with an 8-2 defeat away to St James. A squad full of talent, they will be desperately disappointed with their record of 1 win and 4 defeats in their senior season. Captain Denzel had a few words to say after the game, "Hopefully a lot of the lads will be back in sixth form to represent the school and put right the wrongs of this campaign."

It was another frustrating game for the Year 10 squad as their game against London Academy was postponed. Holt will be hoping his team can hit the ground running when they return to competitive action against St James next week.

Football Results week commencing 2 nd November			
Year	Result	Goalscorers	Man of the Match
7	0 - 6 London Academy (H)	n/a	Endrit
7 'B'	1 - 7 Archers 'B' (A)	Jakub	Nabila
8	1 - 1 London Academy (A)	Jake L	Eugene O
9	4 - 4 London Academy (A)	Hodje 2, Dion, Abdullahi	Hodje
11	2 - 8 St James (A)	Adnaan, Ebenezer	Denzel

Basketball Fixtures week commencing 16 th November	
Year 7 v LA (A)	Monday 16 th November
Year 8 v LA (H)	Monday 16 th November
Year 9 v LA	Thursday 19 th November

PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

A reminder that we offer PE clubs every day: before school, at lunchtime and after school. All clubs are free of charge and either ran by PE Teachers or fully-qualified external coaches. Students must be in full Hendon PE kit in order to attend clubs.

Mr Richardson - Teacher of Physical Education

Advanced Notice

School finishes on Friday 18th December at 12.15pm and re-opens on Monday 4th January 2016 for Academic Review Day