



Sir John Rowling and PiXL Edge

Miss Doona and I had the pleasure of meeting Sir John Rowling last week. An inspirational character with years of educational experience behind him, Sir John came to Hendon to discuss PiXL Edge. He was impressed with the progress the school has made and reminisced on his past visit to Hendon, with the reception downstairs and a list of teachers even before my time! PiXL Edge has the potential to transform the culture within Hendon School and to develop the student's character, outside of formal education. It was engaging and thought-provoking to hear Sir John speak so passionately about the project and offer his support and guidance to the school. He truly believes we can achieve great things. PiXL Edge will be launched in January, with more information to come between now and Christmas. I am excited by the opportunities this will offer our pupils, and the impact it can have on their personal development.

Mr Welch



Curriculum In Focus



In a new regular feature for Hendon News, we will be taking a closer look at ordinary life at Hendon School. This week, members of 7.1 and 7.3 tell us about their experiences in Music so far this year.

We always work hard to develop our Music curriculum, and this year has been no exception. Reviving an old staple of music teaching, we've introduced Recorder lessons into our Year 7 curriculum, for all students to have a go. Having spent some time working on our singing as a class, students have confidently taken their musical knowledge and applied it to these new instruments. Following the fantastic and interactive online resources provided by Charanga Music World, students have breathed new life into this ancient baroque instrument (no pun intended). Repertoire includes the funky 'Hot Cross Elephants' (a twist on an old classic), cowboy-inspired 'I'm a Snappy Dresser' (YEE-HAH!), and the widely popular 'Call Me', where the recorders play out a text conversation...

Singing is very good, and the recorder is very good, because the more you sing or play the recorder, you could get to be famous and rich! We have learnt a few notes so far: G, B, A and E, learning to read the music as well. We also learned about high pitch and low pitch.

Maryam, Lina and Szyman 7.1

The music was on the interactive whiteboard, and we learned how to read notation, and to sight-read the notes. I really liked it because I now know how to play a lot of instruments - I hope we can learn the flute too! These lessons were magical, and very fun!

Adam, Konrad and Hannah 7.3

Every Tuesday lunchtime, Mr Wright runs the Recorder Club in A1. If you are interested in carrying on with the recorder, or learning it for the first time, feel free to come along. Everybody is welcome!

Mr Halstead

A Message To Year 7 Parents Regarding Language Choices

At the start of year 7, our students have the opportunity to study the four languages we teach at Hendon School- French, German, Japanese and Spanish. They touch on some of the language, history and culture of these countries. They are now ready to make a choice regarding their first language either **French** or **Japanese**. Your son/daughter will have brought home a letter asking them to make this choice. Please discuss this choice with them as they will continue to study the language they choose through KS3 and possibly into GCSE. To fill student's preferences, please be sure they return their letters to their language teacher by **Tuesday 20th October**. Class allocation will begin on this day and a late return of the form may mean that we are not able to accommodate their language choice.

If you do not have a copy of the letter, please contact me for a copy on CorsoK@hendonschool.co.uk

Thank you

Miss Corso Head of MFL

Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 22nd October

Hello, my name is Michael and I am in Year 11 at Hendon School. On Thursday 22nd October, I will be running a non-uniform day for The Brain Tumour Charity in memory of my little brother Harry who sadly passed away in 2013.

The Brain Tumour Charity is an amazing charity whose sole purpose is to raise awareness for this disease. My brother's condition could have been diagnosed earlier but unfortunately not enough people are aware of the symptoms. How can you help? HeadSmart is a campaign that raises awareness for this disease by distributing symptom cards. These cards contain all of the symptoms to look out for in children and young people. The more cards are distributed, the better aware people will be of this disease. I shall be distributing these cards at school for anyone who would like one and if you would like more information on how to help make the change and get HeadSmart resources distributed in your area then please contact info@headsmart.org.uk. Alternatively, visit <https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/> for more information.



Brain tumours happen...
Symptoms include:

Persistent / recurrent vomiting
Abnormal balance / walking / co-ordination
Abnormal eye movements
Behaviour change, particularly lethargy
Fits or seizures (not with a fever)
Abnormal head position such as wry neck, head tilt or stiff neck



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Delayed or arrested puberty

Additional symptoms
to be aware of

Reduced consciousness Diabetes insipidus (excessive drinking and urination) Abnormal growth

Hendon School lottery!

Our winners this term so far have been Jessica, Tom, Jacqueline, Katrina & Jorge they each won £10. Congratulations to them! The 'yourschoollottery' was launched by Friends of Hendon School to raise money for the school. The minimum prize is £10 (the more tickets sold the higher the prize) each ticket is also entered into the weekly national draw which has a prize of £25,000. We hope you will support us in this. If you have any questions regarding the lottery please do not hesitate to contact me on email FOH@hendonschool.co.uk. A leaflet with further details about the lottery is attached to the newsletter or you can go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hendon-school/

Jacqui Jack - Friends of Hendon Trustee/Treasurer

A Special Coffee Morning For Prospective Parents

On the 8th of October, Hendon School hosted a special Coffee Morning for Year 6 prospective parents, pupils and feeder primary school SENCOs. The aim of the event was to provide a unique opportunity to receive an overview of the different SEN provisions at Hendon School. It was wonderful to see prospective parents, pupils and primary SENCOs responded to our invitation and cheerfully mingled with each other over a hot drink.

A presentation was provided by Mrs Weatherhead and Mrs Sen which was followed by a tour of the school and a question and answer session. Parents were highly complementary about the event.

Mrs Sen on behalf of the Coffee Morning team - SENCO

Don't forget payment for the following trips can be made through ParentMail - Spanish Exchange trip in February 2016, A Level and Year 10 GCSE 'Maths in Action' trip and the dance trip 'Into the Hoods'. You can also top up dinner money and pay for PE kit through ParentMail.

Working In Partnership With Parents

At Hendon School, we understand the importance of working with parents to ensure that each child achieves. We are keen to gather the views of our parents to help us to continually improve our work and maintain our “outstanding” status. One way of doing this is to ask all parents/carers to complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire; the results of which are completely anonymous and it take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Another is to hold a Parent Voice forum, each half-term.



How to use Parent View

The website address is <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

You will need to register to use the site to prevent misuse of the site; you will be then sent a link to use. Once you have registered, click on Search, in the boxes enter

Name of School: Hendon
Address: NW4 2HP

Then select Hendon School

You will then have access to a Questionnaire, there are 12 questions for example “My child is happy at this school” each question has a choice of responses:

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Once you have completed all 12 questions, click on “Finish the survey” and the questionnaire is complete. When 10 parental questionnaires have been completed the results of all responses are then available on the site. You are also able to see the results from previous years.

Miss Doona - Assistant Headteacher

Parent Voice Forum

Each half-term we hold a Parental Voice meeting. The first meeting of the year is **Friday 23rd October 9-10.30am**. The meeting is in 2 parts:

- 1) An open forum, where parents can ask questions about anything to do with the school or education. Ms Povey also attends for this session.
- 2) A talk or demonstration on a topic that parents have requested, last year's talks included the use of Parent pay, FROG, the role of Student Services and curriculum changes.

The talk next week will be an opportunity to preview the new school website.

We encourage all parents to attend. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss or find out more about please let me know so that it can form part of the meeting then please email VIP@hendonschool.co.uk. This is the same email address to confirm your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you to the forum.

Miss Doona - Assistant Headteacher

Parent Governor Nominations

Nominations for Parent Governors of Hendon School are now open. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the school website www.hendonschool.co.uk or collected from reception.

Nominations, statements and declarations should be returned in an envelope marked Clerk to the Governing Body to school reception or electronically, to govnom@hendonschool.co.uk by noon on Tuesday 3rd November.

Diary Dates

❖ Sun 18 th - Sat 31 st October	Year 13 Japanese Trip
❖ Mon 19 th & Tue 20 th October	Year 12 Safe Drive Event
❖ Wed 21 st Oct - Sun 1 st November	Year 10-12 Japanese Trip
❖ Thursday 22 nd October	Non Uniform Day
❖ Friday 23rd October (9-10.30 am)	Parent Voice Forum
❖ Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half Term Break
❖ Wednesday 4 th November	Smart Futures Day
❖ Thursday 5 th November	Sixth Form Information Evening



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- A GUARANTEED prize to someone on our supporter list every week!
- Money raised within our community STAYS in our community – the PROPER way to run a lottery!
- All of our profit goes to OUR school!
- Joining is easy just click the button below...



To Start Supporting, visit:
www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk

And search for:
Hendon

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

