



Message from Kevin McKellar

Our Outstanding Duke of Edinburgh Work

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot begin to tell you how absolutely thrilled I am with the outstanding practice in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. I have just spoken to a group of Year 11 students who came back from a thrilling camping weekend with Mr Dickie and Miss Sheehan. They are all absolutely buzzing about the experience. It was not only a brilliant team building exercise, but these outdoor activities excite and inspire young people. They are achieving their potential while exploring the great outdoors.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award gives our students the chance to set goals and achieve results in a fun and challenging way. Young people are encouraged to connect with their community, they are encouraged to develop new skills, and they go on adventurous journeys to unusual locations. For example, our trip to South Africa was a great success because students raised the funds for it and they were able to work with a school community in a home town to help to make a difference. As a result of this incredible trip, we have been able to secure funding to get some South African students to come and work with us at Hendon School. This is a remarkable achievement. Our teachers (Miss Doona, Miss Sheehan and Mr Dickie) are really working to help make a difference and we are very excited about our South African visitors working alongside us here at Hendon.



It is also a great way to promote physical fitness. Apparently, our Year 11 students had to learn to run around the forest, collecting and chopping wood to build a fire etc. They also had to work on their navigation skills, pitching tents and working on challenging tasks set by the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

As a result of the success of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, we are looking to extend this provision further. Currently you have to be between the ages of 14 to 25. We have a vision to promote the skills necessary to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Award lower down the school. We would like Year 7 and 8 students to benefit from this experience. Mr Dickie and Miss Weatherhead will be meeting with me to discuss how we move forward with this. Thanks to the parents and carers who have helped support the scheme. We have a new minibus arriving on 1st May 2013 which means that more

students (including our disabled students) can enjoy outdoor activities. If you would like to be involved in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme in any way then please email Mr Dickie (dickiem@hendonschool.co.uk).

Have a lovely week.

Kevin McKellar

Work Experience in France for KS4 and KS5

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are looking for interest amongst KS4 and KS5 students to participate in a Work Experience exchange to France. This would entail students going to Normandy to work for a week and a French exchange partner to come to Hendon for a week.

Please contact Mme Delacroix by email delacroixc@hendonschool.co.uk by Monday 6th May:

1. If you would like to participate in the programme or/and
2. If you are able to host an exchange partner.

This is just to gather interest at the moment and more details will follow.

Thank you

Mme Delacroix

Monday 29 April - Friday 3 May		
Monday 29 April	PSHEE Groups	Period 5
Tuesday 30 April	Year 12 Investing in Our Futures careers event (Dining Hall) Year 11 Maths Intervention	4-8 pm 3.30 pm
Wednesday 1 May	Barnet Bar No One sports event Year 7 Hearing Dogs for the Deaf (Hall) PSHEE Groups Year 13 Maths Intervention Year 10 Barnet Championship 5 a side tournament Athletics Training	All day Period 1 & 2 Period 1 3.40 - 4.40 pm 3.30 pm
Thursday 2 May	Year 11 Barnet Championship 5 a side tournament Athletics Training Year 12 Maths Intervention Year 7 Parents' Evening (Hall)	3.30pm 3.40 - 4.40 pm 4 - 7 pm
Friday 3 May	Staff Development Day	