



## Message from Kevin McKellar

# Keeping you in the loop

Dear All,

Great strides have been made in relation to improving the quality of Teaching and Learning here at Hendon. Please remember that we have whole school staff training sessions every Friday after school and we are continually sharing good practice. Teaching and Learning is at the heart of all that we do and we are continually striving to do our jobs better. We are currently looking at the qualities of the 'Outstanding' teacher and why we should constantly be reinforcing this outstanding practice as much as possible. We really have worked hard on our ability to share our ideas and experiences. Our Friday training slot is sacred space for us to learn and grow together. There is a quote by Robert Fried:-

**'To be a passionate teacher is to be someone in love with a field of knowledge, deeply stirred by issues and ideas that challenge our world, drawn to the dilemmas and potential of the young people who come into class each day captivated by all of these. A passionate teacher is a teacher who breaks out of the isolation of the classroom, who refuses to submit to apathy or sinicism'.**

Our monitoring figures look quite healthy. 79% of our lessons are currently Good to Outstanding. We also have learning walks which is a focused approach to discovering best practice within the school. The learning walks also help us to look at learning habits, focussing on the skills and attitudes pupils need to become better learners. We are pleased to say that we have all the good features of a learning school. We are constantly reflecting on our practice. We have a relentless drive towards obtaining high standards and achievement for all pupils. We have a huge commitment to building confidence, competence and self-esteem among all learners. And, we have unquenchable intellectual curiosity with reference to fields of knowledge and pedagogy.

Please have a look at the attached letter from David Laws MP. It is great to think that the government thinks that we are giving our students the best possible service.

Currently, we are monitoring the quality of cover lessons and we are very interested in your views on this. Please get back to Jane Theobald if you would like to raise any issues about cover work.

Thanks to the parents and carers who have expressed an interest in being involved in the Parent Leadership Team initiative. More information to follow. Have a great week.

**Kevin McKellar**

Monday 11 February - Friday 15 February 2013		
Monday 11 February	PSHEE Group	Period 5
Tuesday 12 February	BTEC Workskills Bowling trip Barnet College Trip Year 11 Sociology trip PSHEE Group Year 11 Maths Intervention	All day All day Period 1 3.40 - 4.40 pm
Wednesday 13 February	Parents' Coffee Morning (Library) City of London Trip PSHEE Groups Year 13 Maths Intervention Year 9 girls basketball training	Period 1 All day Period 3 & 5 3.40 - 4.40 pm After school
Thursday 14 February	Year 9 & 10 Spanish Trip PSHEE Group All girls netball training	Period 4 After school
Friday 15 February	Year 9 & 10 Spanish Trip USA Trip	