



## Message from Kevin McKellar

We have had a number of incidents regarding social networking sites. Please remember that this is a supervision issue for parents. The instant publishing of pictures can be extremely dangerous. What sometimes appears as a private space for a child can become public very quickly and this blur between public and private expression can potentially put a child at risk.

It is not easy talking to young person about their social networking habits. Young people often think of these sites as their private domain, in much the same way as they would a personal diary. It is important that they understand the risks and are able to safeguard themselves with the help and support of others.

New social networking sites appear all of the time and it is really hard to keep track of them. The most recent social networking site is one called 'whatsapp?' - It is a cross between social networking and texting apparently. In my view it is extremely dangerous and I would be extremely grateful if you can get back to me if you have any more information which will help us tackle this problem. Please remember that my email address is kevinm@hendonschool.co.uk.

## Other News

- Our school production this year involves having a big top in the middle of the playground! The dates for this highly ambitious, dynamic production are 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July. We will be selling family tickets and we are hoping to raise as much money for the school as possible. It is called The Willow Pattern and it is all about the story behind the willow pattern plate. More information to follow.
- We are preparing for our sports day at Copthall Stadium. It is on Friday 21 June. Parents and carers are more than welcome to attend. Thanks to the PE Department for organising such a dynamic event.
- We are pleased to announce that we have South African teachers and students visiting us on 17 June - 1 July. Noelle Doona, our Citizenship leader, has organised this we are one of the first schools in Britain to lead on a project like this. We have also linked with a school in Zimbabwe to help them with their resources and materials. I am enormously proud of our students for all of their fundraising efforts. Noelle Doona and the students have raised something in the region of £48,000 to help with our vision for international citizenship. This is a remarkable achievement.
- Low level behaviour. I have spoken to all of the students about the impact of low level behaviour problems in the classroom. We are taking very strong action on this now. If any student continues to stay off task and continues to disrupt the learning then I will place them in the Internal Exclusion room for one day and they will have to stay there until 4.30 pm. It is important for our whole school community to realise that we will not compromise on our teaching and learning standards.

## School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) Summer school Monday 22 July - Friday 26 July

An opportunity for Year 9 - 11 students to experience a week at a top university.

The week-long program will include:-

'Master classes' from SOAS lecturers (subjects include international politics, history, economics, film, anthropology, religious, gender and development studies - students choose which to attend) Language taster classes including Chinese, Arabic, Hausa, Burmese, Korean and Turkish Activity including DJ'ing, dance, music, radio, storytelling and sport lecturers and careers advice including from a diplomat, journalist, lawyer as well as what it is like to study at university.

The course runs from 10am - 4.30pm each day. There is no cost for the course and break and lunch is provided free each day.

Students wishing to attend will be accompanied by a member of staff on the first day, the rest of the week they will travel themselves (although they are encouraged to travel together). The university is located a few minutes walk from Goodge Street Station.

Hendon School students have attended in the past and have really enjoyed the experience.

If your son/daughter would like to attend, please ask them to see me or email me to express their interest

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

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## Year 9 Outdoor and Adventurous Activity Week 1 - 5 July 2013

This fabulous experience for our Year 9 students is only 3 weeks away and I hope your son/daughter is getting prepared. One group will be spending the week at Colomendy Activity Centre in Wales. Our school based students will be out in the Hertfordshire countryside every day taking part in outdoor and adventurous activities. These activities include adventure trail, fire lighting and cooking, hiking, orienteering, climbing\*, tunnelling, problem solving, canoeing\*, camping\*. **ALL YEAR 9 STUDENTS WILL BE GOING TO ACTIVITY WEEK**

To help each student to prepare, they will be issued with a timetable of activities for the week so they know what will be happening each day. This timetable will be handed out during the week 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June. Apart from the necessary packed lunch\*\* please be aware that students should be dressed for the weather. We will be outdoors every day in any weather, so a small water proof and hat/sunscreen are necessary. Old comfortable shoes/trainers and clothes are required to walk and climb in, plus a small back pack to carry belongings. Old clothing and a torch are needed for the tunnelling and a sleeping bag if your child is camping overnight. Please refer to the recommended equipment list that has already been sent out.

A consent form for every child should have been returned along with payment for the week. **If you have not already returned this please do so as a matter of urgency. I will be contacting parents if this has not been returned as your child will not be allowed to go to activity week without this consent.**

Please ensure you know what activities your child is doing on each day to help them get organised. This is the key to having a really fun week.

Thank you  
Mrs Hickman (School Based organiser)

\*Activities offered in the Everest or Snowdon options only

\*\*Students on free school meals will have a packed lunch provided each day.

Monday 10 June - Friday 14 June		
Monday 10 June	Year 7 Paper 1 Maths Exam Year 10 Chemistry Exam PSHEE Groups	During lessons PM Period 5
Tuesday 11 June	Year 10 Maths Exam Middlesex athletics championships	AM All day
Wednesday 12 June	Year 8 Paper 2 Maths Exam Cricket Training (All Years) Athletics Training (All Years)	During lessons 3.30 pm 3.30 pm
Thursday 13 June	Year 10 Physics Exam Year 9 Stats trip to Greenwich Year 12 Maths Intervention Year 8 Athletics Meeting (Allianz Park)	AM All Day 3.40 - 4.40 pm 3.30 - 7 pm
Friday 14 June	Year 10 Maths Exam Year 10 Science Intervention	AM 2.30 - 3.20 pm