



Message from Kevin McKellar

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 11's leave on Friday and we are hoping that the sun will shine for their barbeque. Mr Janvrin and the Form Tutors have worked very hard on their presentations and we are looking forward to the leaving assembly on Friday.

We are absolutely thrilled with the progress that they have made and they have been a wonderful year group to work with. I often think that it is much harder to be a young person these days, especially in relation to understanding all of the changes in education etc. However, our Year 11's have been incredibly resilient and we wish them the best of luck during the exam period.

Important points of information:-

- We have a new Parent Pay system which Keeley Bauldry, our Finance Manager is organising. We will send information about this in a letter form and we will put details on our website. The Parent Pay system should be empowering for all parents. Please get back to Keeley Bauldry with any feedback. Her email address is Bauldryk@hendonschool.co.uk or contact her on 0208 202 9004 extension 249.
- In relation to the school uniform, we have managed to secure a really good deal with School Wear. They have also kindly agreed to open on Saturdays during the month of September to cope with the demand. Please note that you will be able to pay for the school uniform online through School Wear. We will put more information on our website when this facility is available. If you have any questions about the uniform, please contact Jane Theobald by email theobaldj@hendonschool.co.uk or by telephone 0208 202 9004 extension 286.
- Staff worked on our Key Stage 3 Curriculum during our training day on Friday. Most of the work that has been done is to challenge all students at Key Stage 3 and we are hoping that parents are impressed with the effort that we are making in relation to challenging homework tasks etc. Your response is absolutely vital. Tom Mann, our Assistant Head dealing with all curriculum developments would be really interested in hearing from you. His email is Mannt@hendonschool.co.uk and his telephone number is 0208 202 9004 extension 253 and we hope this will be the start of an on-going dialogue with you about the quality of our curriculum.
- Caroline Downs, our inspirational leader in the Autism Unit is currently working on a project in relation to animal therapy. In a recent survey with our students, we found that students really like having trained animals in school. It is even on the Unicef Children's Manifesto (www.unicef.org.uk/Documents/Publications/manifesto10.pdf). We have noticed a considerable difference in some of the students working with our animals. For example, William Ledsham in Year 11 has written about his experience. *'In my opinion, I think that children should be around animals in school. I think it could completely change their outlook on school, their classmates and possibly their views of themselves. You see, the animals are non-judgemental and you can express your feelings to them and they won't make fun of you. Of course it is a question of making sure that the animals are well trained and that they are looked after. We need to make sure that we follow the Health and Safety guidelines'*. If you do have any questions then please contact Caroline Downs by email Downsc@hendonschool.co.uk or by telephone on 0208 202 9004 extension 285.

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Monday 6 May - Friday 10 May		
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Tuesday 7 May	Year 11 Maths Intervention	3.30 pm
Wednesday 8 May	PSHEE Groups Year 13 Maths Intervention Athletics Training (All Years)	Period 1 & 5 3.40 - 4.40 pm 3.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday 9 May	Athletics Training (All Years) Year 12 Maths Intervention Media Studies Oscars Event (Hall)	3.30 - 5.00 pm 3.40 - 4.40 pm 7.00 pm
Friday 10 May	Year 11 & 12 Study Leave begins	