



Message from Kevin McKellar

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have been spending a lot of time visiting classrooms checking on the progress of our students. This week I have been inspired by Sadiq Barkindo of 11.6. His progress has been quite exceptional. His tremendous determination to learn has meant that he has provisionally been awarded A grades in the performance and composition components of music GCSE. This is yet to be moderated. We are also inspired by the fact that he is a student from our deaf unit and can sing and compose. He has been inspired by the music department and by Louise Whitaker from the PDS. It is always wonderful to comment on the exceptional progress of our students and I am always reminded of the fact that the important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, but that every child should be given the wish and determination to learn.

The quality of teaching and learning is at the heart of our school improvement plan. We are currently working on our teaching and learning philosophy, a shared philosophy and a shared language about outstanding teaching. We are currently looking at the central issues of teaching and learning styles, teaching skills, the importance of questioning, the place of story and explanation, resources for teaching and learning etc.

We are very keen for you to tell us about how you view the experience of learning and teaching at Hendon School. Please do not be afraid to be critical because we want to learn from you. If you have any ideas, or practical suggestions then please do not hesitate to email me on Kevinm@hendonschool.co.uk.

Other News:

- Our students are getting very excited at the fact that we will soon have a circus tent in the middle of our playground. Suzy Graham Adriani, our Head of Creative Arts, is currently working on a production of 'The Willow Pattern' and will include as many students as possible. The Creative Arts team wants to develop circus and performance skills etc. Suzy Graham Adriani will be writing to you all in due course. We are just thrilled that teachers here continue to innovate and inspire.
- Yvonne Weatherhead is currently planning our activities week programme. This is on Monday 1st July and we will be sending you out all of the details in due course. Our Year 9 students will be going to Phasels Wood and some will even be camping in Devon. More information to follow.
- Please remember that we now have the Parent Pay scheme in operation. If you would like us to explain how this all works then please email Keeley Bauldry on bauldryk@hendonschool.co.uk or phone her on 0208 202 9004 extension 249.
- We are currently working on a bid to improve disabled access and we have put a bid in to the Inspired Facilities Fund to try and have a swimming pool on the school site. The students have been nagging me about this for years. I have just met with delegates from the Barnet Sports Leaders Programme and they are very keen to work with us to try and secure some funding for a swimming pool. More information on this to follow.
- Given that this is our busiest time of year, we have decided to keep the library open until 6.30pm every evening. Thanks to John Harris, our conscientious librarian for working with so many of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students. John is also keen to work with you on your views of our library. His email address is Harrisj@hendonschool.co.uk and he is more than happy to work with you in relation to ordering books and films, visiting the library etc.
- We now have a brand new minibus with secure disabled access thanks to a kind donation from parents (who wish to remain anonymous). We can now safely transport our disabled students to important events outside of school. Thanks to Martin Dickie, our Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator for working on the maintenance of the minibus, making sure that it is fit for our needs. If you would like any more information of the D of E experience and the accreditations attached to it then please email Martin Dickie on Dickiem@hendonschool.co.uk. We want to get as many students through the Duke of Edinburgh qualification as possible.
- Well done also to Michael Williams for raising money for the Brain Tumour Charity. He took this initiative all by himself and he is currently on a mission to raise lots more. Please see attached letter.

And finally.....

Thanks to the parents who have contacted me about their ideas for a summer fair. An important point for you all to note is that we are currently looking for a Parent Voice Coordinator within school. This is a key appointment for us. More information to follow.

Kind regards,

Kevin McKellar

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Home Stay needed for an Exchange Student

Our South African partner school are coming to visit in June. We need accommodation for one 16 year old boy. The school arrive on the 17th June and depart on the 1st July. The student hosting will be able to attend the sightseeing elements of the trip and these will be paid for in lieu of hospitality.

Hendon School are also planning a reciprocal visit to Cape Town, and the host student will receive a discount on the trip if they choose to travel.

If you are able to offer support or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me

Many thanks

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Monday 20 May - Friday 31 May

Monday 20 May	PSHEE Groups	Period 5
Tuesday 21 May	Year 11 Maths Intervention Year 9 & 10 athletics competition at Cophall	3.30 pm 3.30 pm
Wednesday 22 May	NON UNIFORM DAY PSHEE Groups Year 13 Maths Intervention All year groups athletics training at Cophall	Period 1 3.40 pm - 4.40 pm 3.30 pm
Thursday 23 May	Year 10 Science Intervention Year 12 Maths Intervention Year 8 athletics competition at Cophall	3.40 pm - 4.10 pm 3.40 pm - 4.40 pm 4-7 pm
Friday 24 May	Year 10 Science Intervention Year 13 Study Leave begins	2.30 pm - 3.20 pm
Monday 27 - Friday 31 May	Half Term Holiday	

Sign of the Week - Self Esteem

