



Message from Kevin McKellar

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thanks to the parents who are supporting our strong stance on behaviour. The good news is, is that punctuality to school has improved quite considerably and we now feel that we have the full support of the parents when it comes to promoting our high expectations and standards. A few points for you to note:-

- We had Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th November. We are still receiving feedback from parents about the new arrangement. Feedback so far, has been overwhelmingly positive. However, we must ensure that all parents feel that they are completely informed of the progress that their children are making. Please remember that any parent can come to visit us at any time to talk about progress and achievement. Please contact Jane Theobald if you would like to meet with any member of the leadership team to discuss national curriculum levels, grades etc. The school has a data system called the 'Master Tracker' and we are continually having a dialogue with students about their rates of progress. You should always feel that you are in the loop.
- Closing the gap. We are particularly impressed with our current Year 12 students because they are mentoring our Year 10 students. I will also be asking Mr Janvrin if we can extend this to other year groups within the school. I was particularly inspired by the conversations I heard in the assembly hall yesterday. Year 12 students were being entirely honest about the work load, the time, dedication and effort which is needed to achieve high grades. The main point about this is that together we are aspirational. More information on this to follow.
- You will be aware that Ofsted judgements are tougher in key areas under the revised guidance introduced in September. You need to be aware of the fact that our data, especially for Key Stage 4, is outstanding. For example, Ofsted continually look at levels of progress. In English, students that are making 4 or more levels of progress is 78% compared to national average of 28%. In Maths, students that are making 4 or more levels of progress is 64% compared to the national average of 31%. Our Data Dashboard is looking extremely healthy. Hendon achieved 80.3% this year and we are still striving to do a better job, despite the changes in government policy. We are pleased that the Mayor of London has produced the London Schools Atlas. Please feel free to ask us any questions about this. You know my email address: Kevinm@hendonschool.co.uk.

Given that good behaviour is the key to good learning, I will be meeting with all of the Heads of Year to work on a behaviour audit. Your views about school behaviour are important to us. Emma Kell, our Assistant Headteacher, will be contacting you by email to include your thoughts and feelings about behaviour at Hendon. We are all in this together. Your honest thoughts are always much appreciated.

And finally...

Noelle Doona and Owen Hobbs are organising our Community Awards Evening which is being held on Wednesday 20th November 2013. This is to recognise staff and students who go above and beyond to ensure that our community is a really good place for everyone. If you would like to attend this important event then please contact Noelle Doona: Doonan@hendonschool.co.uk by no later than Friday 15th November 2013.

Kind regards,

Kevin McKellar

Monday 11 November - Friday 15 November		
Monday 11 November	No Events	
Tuesday 12 November	PSHEE Day Year 12 Sociology Trip	
Wednesday 13 November	Year 11 Drama Trip	PM
Thursday 14 November	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening GCSE Maths Intervention	4-7 pm 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Friday 15 November	No Events	

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child should now have completed their first round of homework projects with the next ones on there way. The Year 7 Maths project was delayed this term, a sincere apology for not sticking to the timetable sent out to all students at the beginning of the year. This will now be given out to all Year 7 students on the 11th of this month. The initial feedback from staff and students is very positive and we sincerely hope that this will be developing your child's independent learning skills and creating greater excitement for the subject areas.

Please get involved with your child in these and help extend their knowledge and support their learning. I would really appreciate any feedback from parents on your experiences of these. Please contact me using the details below.

Thank you for your support with your child's learning.

Tom Mann - Assistant Headteacher

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