



Message from Kevin McKellar

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are proud to announce that we are one of the top schools in Barnet in relation to our GCSE success. 80.3% of our students achieved 5 A* to C grades including English and Maths. 36% of our students achieved A* and A grades and 89% of our students achieved 5 A* to C grades. Given that we are a non-selective inclusive school this is indeed a remarkable achievement.

You will all be receiving a detailed report on our examination results and there will be information on our website. In the meantime, thank you again for all of your help and support. We are particularly pleased at the fact that so many of our parents turned up on Academic Review Day to work on partnership arrangements. We are all in this together and we are pleased that so many of our parents are asking challenging questions about curriculum changes and changes to the examination process.

We also have good news to share at Key Stage 5 - Recent improvements in our A2 results have been sustained, at AS our Year 12 results improved by 12% at A to B grades and 10% at A to E grades. There were also excellent results for individuals both at AS - where Abubakr Ahmed-Salim achieved 4 A grades in Chemistry; Maths; Physics and General Studies and at A2 where Victoria Koh achieved 3 A grades in English Literature; IT and Maths. We are still enrolling into the Sixth Form with our current roll up by 40 students on last year, and this figure is still rising!

We are currently looking at all aspects of our data. It is all looking really healthy and we will be having celebration assemblies with all students over the next few weeks.

Other information:-

- Noelle Doona, our Citizenship Coordinator has just returned from South Africa and is planning our next student trip to Cape Town. We are also involved in a global project called 'Working in our local communities'. One of our 6th Form students Timbo Cole will be working with Miss Doona to set up a website for this project.
- Prospective Parents Evening is on Wednesday 18th September. Thanks to the parents who have offered to help out. If you would like to help out, then can you please see Jane Theobald, my PA. Her email address is theobaldj@hendonschool.co.uk.
- Our new Year 7 students have impressed us with their excellent behaviour over the last few days. It is a really exciting journey and we are particularly impressed with the number of students who have worked hard over the summer on their literacy and numeracy skills. Charlotte Williams, our Head of Year 7 is very keen for parents to get involved as much as possible. If you would like to be involved with our Parent Voice forum, then can you please contact Debra Levey. Her email address is Leveyd@hendonschool.co.uk. We really want to make parent voice loud and audible this year. Please get back to us if you have any ideas.

And finally.....

We have managed to achieve outstanding results against the odds. Whilst education is in a state of flux at the moment, we have strong evidence that we are improving the life chances of all of our young people. So thrilled at the progress that we are all making. We had a lovely comment from one of our students who achieved the top grades at GCSE this year. When I asked her why she had chosen Hendon 6th Form for her A Level education she said, proudly - 'It's easy sir...Hendon is one of the best schools in London!'. I am not going to disagree with her.

Kind regards,

Kevin McKellar

Monday 9 September - Friday 13 September		
Monday 9 September	Year 10 Football vs Christ College (Home)	3.30 - 5 pm
Tuesday 10 September	Year 9 Football vs Christ College (Home) Year 9 & 10 & Senior Girls Netball training	3.30 - 5 pm 3.30 - 5 pm
Wednesday 11 September	Basketball Training (All Years - Boys and Girls) Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip Year 11 Biology Fieldtrip HARP Trip Basketball Training (All Years - Boys and Girls)	7.45 am - 8.30 am All Day All Day All Day 3.20 - 5.20 pm
Thursday 12 September	Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip HARP Trip A2 Biology Fieldtrip Year 7 Football vs Christ College (Away) Year 8 Football vs Christ College (Home) Netball vs Henrietta Barnet (Home)	All Day All Day All Day
Friday 13 September	Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip A2 Biology Fieldtrip Harp Trip	All Day All Day All Day

Enrichment Days and Homework

Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the past few days a letter will have been sent home with your child further explaining Enrichment Days and for Key Stage 3 students (Years 7, 8 and 9) Homework Projects.

For Years 7 and 8 there will be home work projects sets across all curriculum areas throughout the year. Your child has the timetable for these now stuck into their school planners, please look at these and be aware of what homework is coming home and when. If your child does not have one of these, please ask them to see their form tutor or myself to get one. Other homeworks will be set as normal for all other curriculum areas. Year 9 will have a limited number of these projects over the year; all year 9 students also have a list of these in their planners. This is an important part of our drive to develop independent learning skills, please help your child keep up to date with these and complete them by the deadlines set by their teachers.

Enrichment days will run at one per term. These days are aimed at enriching curriculum areas in Key Stage 3 with each curriculum area delivering a day based around a topic that will develop subject knowledge, inspire greater interest and develop students' ability to cope in that subject area. In Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) and Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13) these days will be spent in preparation for examinations, subject interventions and on more general preparation for, and coping with, transitions to the next phase of their education.

We are hoping that both of these new initiatives will not only inspire your child to develop their learning and understanding but help them achieve better at our school.

Thank you for your continued support for your child's education at Hendon School,

Tom Mann (Assistant Headteacher).

Sign of the Week



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