

In The Heights – School Production 2023



Thursday the 9th of February 2023; parents, students and staff were transported to the vibrant and colourful atmosphere of Washington Heights in New York, with this year’s school production of *In The Heights*. The original performance back in 2008 starred, and was written by, Lin Manuel Miranda (who also wrote the award-winning show *Hamilton*). The musical focuses on a group of working-class people finically struggling to survive, then rumours about when they discover someone in their tight-knit community has won the lottery. With a live-action version of the musical released two years ago, we felt that it was a modern musical that the kids would love to perform.

Since the auditions and rehearsals started last May, the students have risen to the challenge magnificently, performing the first musical that has been performed at Hendon in five years (because of COVID restrictions). Behind the scenes, the students established their love and dedication for performing, taking their free time after school and during lunch periods to rehearse and practice the myriad of songs and scenes necessary for the performance. Furthermore, a large contingent of students and staff gave up what little free time they had to help behind the scenes, assisting with rehearsals, searching for props and costumes, and creating the fantastic sets.



Special thanks to Ms Choolun and Miss Goodman (Dance Dept.) for creating phenomenal dances numbers and all their help behind the scenes. The students really enjoyed the hip-hop and salsa dances, making the production lively and enjoyable.

Thanks to Mr Keller, Ms Schmid and Miss Cowles (Art Dept.) for all their help creating the amazing props and scenery used in the performance. Thanks also to all the GCSE and A-Level Art students who assisted in making the wonderful art work that made this show unique and special.

Big thanks to Mr McEvoy-Stevenson and Ms Zou (Music Dept.) for their assistance in helping the student’s confidence in singing (and in some cases rapping) during the performance. Their enthusiasm is only matched by your dedication in supporting and encouraging the student’s talents.



Lastly a massive thank you to everyone who turned up on the night to show their support to the school and had the opportunity to watch the amazing performance from the students.

With the fantastic Creative Arts team, and support from SLT and Governors, we helped create a performance that staff, students, family and friends could enjoy and was such a tremendous success that students are already buzzing about how they can get involved with the next production!

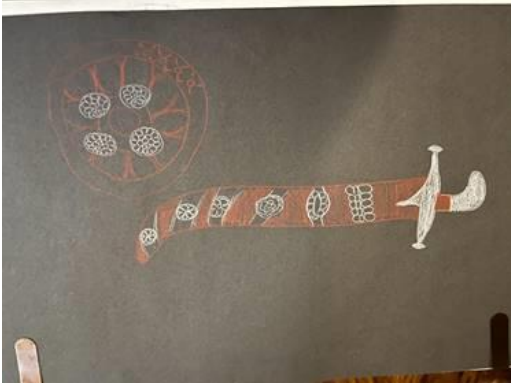
Mr Chappel - Creative Arts

PDS students visit The Wallace Collection

On Wednesday 1st March, the PDS students and staff visited the Wallace Collection for a bespoke BSL-supported 'Sketch' workshop. Aimed at promoting our London culture and resources, reflective thinking and well-being the workshop was an opportunity to explore the rooms of the Collection and ask questions and share thoughts on the numerous paintings and artefacts from history.

Students were given the opportunity to sketch their inspirations and share their thoughts on these using various mediums. The Great Hall was particularly impressive, which the owners (Sir Richard and Lady (Julie) Wallace) used as their own private art gallery.

The students said how calm and enjoyable they found the experience of sketching.



The students were an asset to the school and behaved impeccably.

The Wallace Collection were inclusive, welcoming and accommodating making the day a thoroughly enjoyable event.

Huge thanks goes to Mrs Patel and Mrs Hanak for their support on the visit



and to Amy and Rubbena who led our workshop.

Mr Jewell- Head of PDS

Summerside Transition Visit

On Thursday 9th March, three of our students - Jasmine (9.4), Lucas (11.4) and Cedrick (13.4) - returned to their primary school, Summerside, to share their transition experience with students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their parents.

The students were mature and engaging in their presentation and interactions with staff, students and parents.

A huge congratulations to these students for their commitment and lending their time to this visit.

Mr Jewell - Head of PDS



REACH students were learning about the Romans in History last term. They made their own costumes and visited the Verulamium Museum. Below are some of the students with their costumes.

Ms Robles - REACH



Humanities Holocaust Workshop Trip

On 8th and 9th September, Year 9 went on a trip to Belsize Square Synagogue to learn about the Jewish religion and to enrich their understanding of the Holocaust.

In Religious Education lessons, students had been learning about the events of the Holocaust with a specific focus on Warsaw - the ghettoisation of the Jewish people and the Warsaw uprising. The workshop at Belsize Square Synagogue has been a regular trip for many years and, students have consistently fed back on the value and significance of the experience.

Going to school in Hendon, many student's only experience of the Jewish community is of the largely Orthodox community which lives in and around Hendon, so this excursion is extremely valuable in helping student's achieve a more varied and broader impression of the Jewish community. An essential part of this is a question and answer session with the Rabbi at Belsize Square, whose explanations and anecdotes about Judaism and the history of the Jewish people are fascinating and enlightening for all.



The workshop began with a series of small presentations about aspects of Jewish life, including the importance of the Torah and an overview of the main Jewish festivals. The main focus of the day, and one of the most important, is an outline of the Holocaust, as propaganda turned to discriminatory laws, then to violence and the Final Solution.

Following this, students learnt about an individual victim's stories of the Holocaust whose story was brought to life through modern day hip hop. The day finished with an opportunity to have a personal presentation from survivors and relatives of survivors of the Holocaust. On the second day, the Year 9 S-band students were especially lucky as they were able to experience a presentation from actual Holocaust survivors, in their 90s by now. Students were able to hear first-hand accounts of how the Holocaust had affected their lives, as displaced children of the Kindertransport.



The day finished with students lighting candles for victims of the Holocaust and other genocides in a moving and solemn ritual of remembrance.

As always, students expressed how valuable they found the experience. Now a regular annual feature of the Humanities curriculum, the experience gives students the opportunity to confront some of the most serious aspects of modern History in a safe environment. The RE and History departments are incredibly indebted to Belsize Square Synagogue for the dedication and hospitality.

Mr Meldrum - Head of Humanities

4th Plinth School Awards Entries from Year 9 Art Students

We would like to share the entries of our Year 9 art students which were created in response to the Mayor of London's 4th plinth school awards competition.

Thank you to following students for their amazing sculpture ideas for the Trafalgar Square 4th plinth statue: Adonis C, Alissa T, Harriet W, Keisha D, Horace T, Lea T, Narjis Y, Nicolay F A, Olannah I, Pasindu, Raihana, Rayyan M F, Reiyu H, Samuel M G M, Yan K, Zahra K.

We are very pleased with the students' engagement and their creative efforts. The work will be part of a display in the C block corridor.



Visit the online gallery to see the work:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/arts-and-culture/current-culture-projects/fourth-plinth-traffic-square/fourth-plinth-schools-awards-2023/fourth-plinth-schools-awards-2023-gallery>

The Art Department: Ms Cowles, Ms Schmid & Mr Keller

Bupa HQ trip for Year 12 students

On Monday 20th March, 17 students from Year 12 (comprised of Careers-Ready and Health & Social Care students) were fortunate enough to have an opportunity to see Bupa HQ in central London for a day. They had a tour of the building and an introductory talk about Bupa's origins and all the services they currently offer. They were also introduced to different people of varying roles within the company - ultimately showcasing the various career pathways/opportunities available for our students e.g. internships, work placements, volunteering schemes etc. Seeing the London skyline on their rooftop terrace was also a bonus!



The students also benefited from a talk from Bupa's Head of Financial Crime - he explained to the students what his current role entails and how he managed to get to where he is today. Overall, the workplace visit was a great success and incredibly informative and valuable for the students!

Ms Ege - Science Department

Senior Team become Barnet champions



After finishing first in their pool this year the Senior netball team attended the Barnet play-offs on Tuesday 14th March. The play offs involved Hendon playing the winners of the other 3 pools; Ashmole, Compton and Mill Hill County. The girls played brilliantly beating both Compton and Ashmole comfortably and securing a draw against Mill Hill County. After some fantastic displays of netball, the girls were awarded the title of 'Barnet champions of Senior Netball' for the second year in a row.



Pulse Netball Trip

On Monday 20th February our elite netballers went to watch London Pulse Vs Severn Stars at the home of Netball, The Copper Box Arena, Stratford. The students who attended had previously had two training sessions led by a regional coach and were then able to analyse the tactics they had worked on in the Super League game. For Mr Harper, the netball was secondary to meeting his childhood hero Paul Scholes after the game.



Year 8 Sports Leaders



The year 8 Sports leaders recently hosted the Barnet Primary & Secondary New Age Kurling event at Burnt Oak Leisure centre. The students received training in the morning in how to lead and officiate the tournament. Despite being new to the sport, the leaders were phenomenal and received so much positive feedback from all schools involved in the tournament. Leaders led by example and were great role models to the primary school students.

Year 7s visit from Paralympian Hope Gordon

On Monday 6th March, as part of the PE Departments celebration of International Womens Day, we had a visit from Paralympic Athlete Hope Gordon. Students worked with her in a fitness session designed to test their physical resilience and then took part in an assembly where they had the opportunity to ask questions about her journey to the Paralympics. Students in forms 7.5, 7.6, 7.7 and 7.8 were particularly impressive and showed great determination in their fitness session.

Hope Gordon PLY
Para Canoe

Year of Birth: 1994
Coach: Matthew Lawrence
Representing: Great Britain & Scotland



The students in the photo below with Hope Gordon were selected as students of the day.



Year 7 Football Tournament

The Year 7 team were invited to an end of season friendly 7-a-side tournament at Compton School on Friday 10th March. There were 4 other schools in attendance, which contributed to the fun environment. The opportunity for the students who haven't previously represented the school to show off their abilities and skills was provided by this football tournament, which was a wonderful experience. Hendon got off to a shaky start, losing the first two games. However, with some tweaks to their positions and calming of nerves, they were able to turn things around and win the next two games. There were many positives to be learned from the games; the players gave their all in every game by cooperating as a team and striving to win. Some standout performances coming from Alessia who played excellently at left back and Daort scoring 3 goals was always a threat upfront.



Inspire Festival

Thank you to the 16 students from Year 8 who went to the Redbridge Inspire Festival on Tuesday 21st March. Your behaviour and engagement was commendable throughout.

Students selected were able to try and participate in the following sports: cricket, ultimate frisbee, handball, boxing, skateboarding and Abula. It was a great day out with everyone enjoying themselves and some even picking up a new inspiration for a less common sport!"



The PE Team

Jack Petchey Winners

Chidi 11.2

Chidi was nominated for being a very well respected student at Hendon School who is always willing to help others. She is always positive and shares that positivity with those around her. She works extremely hard in all of her classes and her behaviour is exemplary. She is part of a number of school committees and consistently helps others in her free time. Her caring attitude towards all those in her presence has a positive impact on both student and staff well-being.



Irdina 11.1

Irdina was nominated for the Jack Petchy award for her consistent hard work in all her D&T and Food Technology lessons, going above and beyond any requirements and expectation in all her work from small tasks to big things. She is always ready to learn despite any difficulty she might face. She is always very polite, reliable and helpful and supportive to other students in her classes and being very active in extracurricular events. She is a great role model to many students around the school and I think she really deserves recognition.

Osman 9.2

Nominated for being an exceptional student that makes good choices all of the time. He has been extremely dedicated to the student voice team ensuring he is at every meeting and sharing the messages to his year group. He is always willing to take on tasks and responsibilities to support others. He stands up for what he believes in and looks out for other students whether they are within his friendship group or not. He has strong morals and stands by these encouraging his friends to do the same. He is a great role model to all his peers. He is extremely polite to both to staff and students and embodies the Hendon Values. Alongside this he has been nominated for PE student of the month and has been a dedicated sports student during his time at Hendon. He manages his time well to ensure he exceeds in sport, community work and academic studies.



Ms Downing

Congratulations to all of the Golden Ticket Winners so far:



Minhaal Yusuf - 7.1	Zuzia Jankowska - 7.1	Arix Ntita - 7.3	Hoby Ma - 7.3
Inbha Jessadas - 7.3	Gabriel Ferraira - 7.3	Liliana Rodrigues - 7.3	Ali Owen - 7.4
Hadiyah Rehman - 7.4	Naagappan Sathappan - 7.4	Almerah Pinagayao - 7.5	Anthony Zullafi - 7.8
Ruth Piscuc - 7.8	Victor Martins - 7.8	Jasmine Donegan - 8.5	Annaliese Rajan - 8.5
Elena Bulliqi-Sabani - 8.5	Hamed Wahid - 9.3	Lilianna Phillips - 9.6	Parmis Karami - 9.6
Sophie Kuzia - 9.8	Matilda Zeneli - 10.6	Imran Shinwari - 10.2	Nicole Lau - 10.6
Gursharan Kaur - 10.4	Mehika Shome - 10.5	Babatunde Bolaji-Molade - 10.6	Aryana Sattari - 11.6
Ambeta Balla - 11.1	Cameo Stewart-Smith - 11.3	Sayna Nezhadyahya - 11.4	Scarlett Johnson - 13.4
Emma Doku - 13.3			

Barnet Dance Festival



On Thursday 9th March, our Dance students represented Hendon School at the Barnet Dance festival. It was an incredible experience to be involved in and a high level of dedication and commitment was demonstrated by all of those involved.

We had two groups that were involved in this year's pieces. One of which was the KS5 exam street dance piece. The students were highly commended for their high level of skill that they demonstrated and the sophistication within their performances.

Students involved were: Aurora (13.3), Ayushi (13.5), Moe (13.5), Lily (13.4), Alicia (13.6), Kornelia (12.6), Rihanna (12.5), Teida (12.1), Reiyu (9.6), Rebecca (7.8), Xhesika (9.3), Anastasia (8.2), Vivianne (8.2), Solomiia (7.8), Caitlynne (9.1), Ellie (9.4), Harriet (9.4), Kateryna (7.2), Alexandra (7.8), Xhoi (7.8), Katie (8.4), Karina (7.8) and Riziki (8.8).

You were all outstanding! A massive well done and thank you to all students involved.

Miss Choolun & Miss Goodman - Dance Department

Award winning author visit on World Book Day

As part of World Book Day this year, we arranged a visit from the award-winning author Sita Brahmachari. She delivered a talk for year 7 students and a writing workshop for 30 Year 7 students.

Sita Brahmachari's workshop and talk were incredibly engaging and interactive with so many of our students telling us how useful and thought-provoking they found it.

Students participated well and asked insightful questions. They showcased their great depth of knowledge and understanding of the importance of books and reading. The author went away with a wonderful impression of our school and would love to visit us again



Her latest novel, "When Shadows Fall", has been shortlisted this year for the Yoto Carnegie book award 2023.

Mrs Indran - Librarian

Diary Dates

❖ Thursday 30 th March - 7-10 pm	Community Iftar
❖ Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Spring Term - Students finish at 12.15 pm
❖ Friday 31 st March	Non Uniform Day
❖ Monday 3 rd April - Friday 14 April	Easter Break
❖ Monday 17 th April	INSET Day (School closed to students)
❖ Thursday 27 th April	Year 8 Student Progress Evening (Virtual)
❖ Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
❖ Wednesday 3 rd May	Year 10 Information Evening (Face to Face)
❖ Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
❖ Tuesday 9 th May	Sports Day
❖ Thursday 11 th May	Year 13 Leaving Day and BBQ
❖ Friday 12 th May	Year 11 Leaving Day and BBQ
❖ Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June	Half Term Break

HS6 Physics students trip to CERN



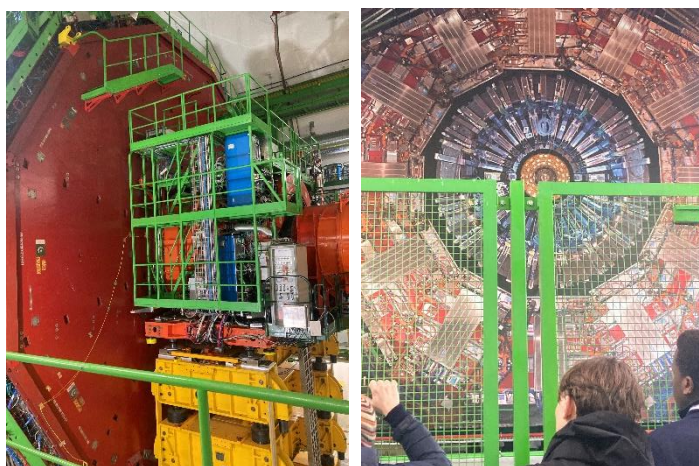
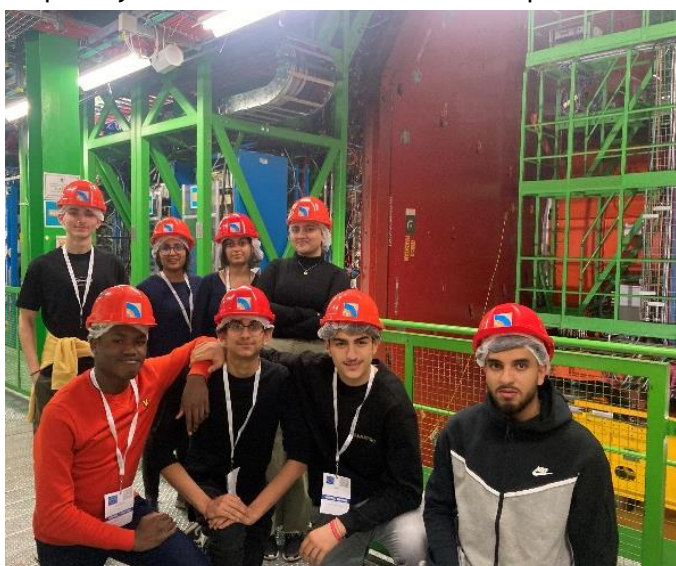
On the 9th of March, both year 12 and 13 A-level physics students went on a school trip to Geneva, Switzerland where we were lucky enough to visit CERN, which is the European organisation for nuclear research whilst also operating the world's largest particle physics laboratory.

We arrived in Geneva at around 11:30 am and later took the tram to the city centre where we found our accommodation.

After lunch, we took the tram to the CERN Globe of Science and Innovation where all projects and inventions that led to the particle accelerator are kept. Both the students and teachers took their time

to take in the vast amount of research and work that was done in order to complete this particle accelerator. We then went to a CERN lecture, where we learnt about the history behind CERN and how they got to where they are today.

The next day started with an early morning when we took the tram to the outskirts of the countryside of France. We walked to the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) and were warmly greeted by the lovely Sonia, who is one of the particle and data analysts. She gave us a lecture and insight into the world of particle physics and how she got into the position of being one of the top analysts for CERN. We later then took part in



analyzing some of our own data and then went down to the particle accelerator and were amazed by the size of the accelerator (which weighed over 13,000 tonnes) and the engineering that was needed to complete this. We ended the night at a nice restaurant on the outskirts of France and flew back to London the following morning.

I enjoyed my time in Geneva and it was an amazing trip to have experienced alongside my peers and teachers.

Andrin (12.4)

British Science Week

This year we celebrated British Science Week focussing on the theme of Connections. All Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students participated in a STEM project during three of their science lessons where they were encouraged to work collaboratively and think of practical solutions to modern day problems. Year 7 focussed on optimising the best crystals for use in computing and beyond, Year 8 designed their own profitable eco-farms and Year 9 took part in a global experiment to help solve the pressing issue of energy sources by investigating batteries and wind turbines. We were extremely pleased with how well all students engaged with the activities and would like to congratulate their efforts.

Additionally, we encouraged students to participate in some optional lunchtime and afterschool activities - including a magnetic challenge, creating balloon molecules and an opportunity to embroider a nerve cell.

Centre of the Cell Workshop

Our Year 10s and Year 7s had the exciting opportunity to take part in a workshop led by Queen Mary's University. Year 10 learnt all about the different ways in which our brains trick us and how quickly they work to make us aware of dangers. Year 7 learnt about genes and their important role in shaping different species. We hope the opportunity inspired some of the students to learn more about these emerging areas in biology.

Winners of the Chemistry Olympiad

Our Year 13 Chemistry students took part in the Chemistry Olympiad this year and we are pleased to announce that all participants obtained the Silver Award placing them in the top 20% of participants who entered. Congratulations to Christopher Pukas, Aniqah Buckingham, Bilal Qamer and Aalishan Farooqi.

Ms Haria - Head of Science

Science Lessons at Bell Lane Primary School

Our A Level Science students have been working alongside each other to show students at Bell Lane Primary School the fun and excitement that is, Science! The first session showed the students the physics that comes into play when building a bridge. Each group had a respective sixth former, who helped the children in making their bridge with just plastic straws, wooden sticks and tape. In the second session, the sixth formers taught the children how to make cheese with just a lemon, milk and a Bunsen burner. Our sixth formers taught the children how to be careful when performing such activities with an adult. In the third session, the children were taught about chromatography and why water is able to cause the ink to move up the paper in such a way. The fourth session that occurred last week taught the children how to make a rocket with just a small container, Alka-Seltzer and water. They were taught the science behind the reaction of paracetamol and water, and why it causes the container to shoot up. Our A Level students have shown fantastic leadership skills and will hopefully continue to go above and beyond in the next few sessions!

Samy Zuhair 12.6

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Year 11 & 12 2D Animation Workshop

As part of careers week, Ilyes Latchemot, a 3rd year BA student in 2D Animation at Middlesex University visited our department to speak to Y12 A level and Year 11 GCSE Photography students. He presented his own animation clips in an engaging manner and explained the design process. He spoke about the rigors of the degree course and was very passionate about his chosen career which was really useful in providing our students with an insight into the animation industry.



Y10 GCSE Photography Animation project

A big congratulations to Myles Rowe in Year 10 for his fantastic stop motion animation. We were so impressed with Myles' Photoshop expertise, the variety of creative ideas and the way he evaluated his final outcomes.

Congratulations also to Halima and Lauren for their creativity, work ethic and brilliant stop motion work!

Miss Schmid - Head of Photography

