

HAMPSTEAD BUZZ

Highlights and Achievements - Spring Term 2017



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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Jacques Szemalikowski

At the end of term, it was great to see how focused Year 11 and Year 13 students were on their examinations. We ran well-attended revision sessions at half-term with a comprehensive programme for the Spring Break. We've had record numbers of applications for places in our Sixth Form from within Year 11 and from external students and were pleased to see so many parents at the Year 9 Pathways' Evening. The more rigorous KS4 curriculum, with its all-new grading system, is very full. Year 9 students have all been interviewed and, once we've seen everyone, we will look to see if any tweaks to our options blocks are needed.

Our building works continue and the South Block is due to open at the end of June. Hopefully, it will come with some reclaiming of much needed outdoor space.

At Hampstead School, whilst proud of our success, we continually strive to make our school the best it can be. Learning Together Achieving Together articulates our aims and we very much appreciate your support in working with us to achieve the best provision for our students and your children. In particular, we appreciate your support in:

- Improving student attendance and achieving our school target of 99%;
- Improving communication by downloading My App from which you can access a wealth of information about your child's progress;
- Improving the quality and effectiveness of home learning, ensuring it is being done by checking Show My Homework.

In partnership, we will continue our drive for even greater success. Thank you for your continued and ongoing support.

VISIT TO THE LONDON LIONS HOME COURT

Monica Ande



On 24th January, we took 21 students from Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 to the London Lions basketball home court at the Copperbox in Stratford. The training session was led by the Assistant Coach of the team. The students played three games and finished with practice shots. The students had an amazing time, they tried their hardest and were great ambassadors for Hampstead school.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET PERFORMANCE

Thursday 30 March 2017

Dance Journeys: *REFRESH\RESET* takes inspiration from English National Ballet's Spring triple bill, Bausch / Forsythe / Van Manen. The Dance Journeys Company of 100 dancers are accompanied by young musicians from the Royal College of Music Juniors programme, who bring to life an exciting new score composed by Thomas Hewitt-Jones.



Over the past 12 weeks, each school has worked independently with a choreographer from the English National Ballet to develop their own creative response to the themes of the triple bill. The work has been brought together over two full rehearsals at the English National Ballet's London home to create a powerful performance piece.

The special matinee programme also featured performances by Dance Journeys Company, ENBYouthCo, English National Ballet School, and English National Ballet performing William Forsythe's *In the Middle, Somewhat Elevated*, followed by a Q&A hosted by Donald Hutera.

26 students from Years 7 to 13 from Hampstead School took part in the performance with the English National Ballet at Sadlers Wells. The students have been working with them for a few months every Friday after school and on two Sundays leading up to the performance.

Sarah Catlow said: "It was an amazing performance and our students worked together to a very high standard."

DRAWING ON WORDS – THE WRITERS

Ashley Hickson-Lovence & Charlotte Welch

This new extra-curricular club aimed at Key Stage 3 boys with a particular interest in writing or illustration has officially started. In the first few weeks of this six week project, the writers have worked hard on poetic pieces under the guidance of published historical writer Harriet Salisbury and poet and comedian, Madi Maxwell-Libby. Excitingly, there are more writers scheduled to come in, including the star of the recent Nationwide adverts, Sugar J, and we are enthusiastic about what magical pieces will be produced in the coming weeks.

World Book Day 2017

To celebrate World Book Day this year the English and Media department shamelessly took selfies and 'shelfies' – pictures of their book shelf – and plastered them on the walls of the English corridor. Pupils were given the challenge of matching the English teacher to the right bookshelf with the chance of winning a mystery prize (Most likely a bestselling book). Hopefully the sight of our smiles and book spines shocked them and inspired them in equal measure.



Globe Players

The amazing *Globe Players* returned last month to perform two shows for two expectant year groups. For Year 8, the cast of four dressed up as several characters from a plethora of Shakespeare plays in a medley entitled 'What You Will'. For Year 9, the year group enjoyed the comic – and occasionally rude – production of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Their visit tied in nicely with the Shakespeare edition of Hampstead Story, and Year 7s trip to the Globe.



SOAS UNIVERSITY LANGUAGES CHALLENGE

Anna Pau

Our Key Stage 3 students are participating in an exciting opportunity to apply and develop their existing knowledge of foreign languages through active learning in the Languages Faculty and they are taking part in this year's Languages Challenge run by SOAS University. The students will practice team work, collaborative learning and use their creativity whilst drawing on a range of skills and develop an understanding on how languages apply to ICT, Languages, Science, Food Technology and Music. There are five tasks they have to complete each of which are meant to highlight how language skills are useful in all areas: professional or otherwise.

The winning team(s) will be invited to an award ceremony at SOAS.

BRILLIANT CLUB

Cathryn Israel

Brilliant Club Graduation at Cambridge University January 2017 saw 12 Year 7 students attend a prestigious graduation at Saint John's College, University of Cambridge. This was a celebration of students' achievement after completing the Brilliant Club



Scholarship Programme.

The programme involved students working closely with a PhD Tutor, who is either studying to gain a PhD or already has one, in a series of small group university-style tutorials to study a 'super-curricular' course that explores topics they may not usually study in the school curriculum. Many of these researchers currently act as lecturers to students at university level, so it has been a unique opportunity for Hampstead School students to experience university-style teaching.

All students completed an exciting extended final assignment on 'Understanding Viral Infections: Ebola' that has challenged them to work above their current Key Stage.

Year 9 Brilliant Club programme was launched in February with a visit to Oxford University.

HOLOCAST MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Nedae E, Year 10

On 23rd of January, my fellow classmate Dounia and I along with our History teacher, Miss Kempner, went on a trip to The Chamber, City Hall to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day where their key question this year was 'How can life go on?'. We entered City Hall through a metal detector, got our name tags and were directed to our seats. Many other people arrived, most of whom were elderly, some of whom were Holocaust survivors or relatives of those who were caught in the dreadful event of the Holocaust.

It was unusual yet fascinating, to be in a room with people that had gone through such events and to hear their stories. For example Mala Tribich MBE, who is one of the few still living, Holocaust survivors – it was so touching hearing about what had happened to her and her family, which was really interesting. We also heard a testimonial from Sokphal Din, survivor of the Genocide in Cambodia. His story was extremely touching as he talked about how he lost his family members, one by one at such a young age. The Mayor of London, Sidiq Khan, also contributed to the memorial to commemorate all those who were lost in the Holocaust.

The whole day was a success as it was a new experience for me. We were the last generation to be able to hear the Holocaust survivors' stories in person so it was special. It was able to get the point across of making sure that history does not repeat itself and to value those who have risked their lives to rescue and protect victims.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Saba A, Year 11

Friday 20th to 22nd January the delegations of Israel and North



Korea were represented by Hampstead School students at the bi-annual Model United Nations at Woodhouse College. It was an intense, competitive and fast

paced environment as over 15 schools across the UK were representing the different Nations of the UN.

It was an invigorating experience to debate, express and listen to the viewpoints and (sometimes demanding) propositions ranging from financial aid to world peace. Committees for debate varied from Human Rights to Health to Environment. There was also the prestigiously secret Security Council.

A heart-warmingly memorable moment from the whole experience was the final sitting, where all countries and committees sat together to build solutions towards a more prosperous, socially progressive and most of all peaceful world. A world peace proposal and apology was made by Israel to Palestine.

Hampstead School's North Korea won first place for best delegation with a celebratory plaque and immense glory. Israel also received an honourable mention. Well done to Charlie M, Year 12 for winning best delegate in his committee, and to Eliot T, Year 11, Adam Z, Year 10 for honourable mentions.

This is the third time a delegation from Hampstead School has won the coveted Gold. Many hours of practice and research went into making every point articulated eloquently to perfection for the weekend. It's safe to say Hampstead School's Debate Society has established itself as a dominant force not to be reckoned with at MUN.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS—EDINBURGH

Edward D, (MUN Student Coordinator) Year 12

On Friday 10th March 24 students travelled to Edinburgh to



represent Russia and Saudi Arabia at the annual George Watson College MUN. MUN (Model United Nations) is an extra-curricular activity in which students typically represent delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees.

A wide range of topics were debated from annexation to the Zika virus. As a school we did exceptionally well, winning 8 awards.

Congratulations to Majak A; Theo M; Leo I and Edward D for winning 'Commended'; Eliot T; Charlie M and Athian A for 'Highly Commended' and to Tobi M for winning Best Junior Delegate. A special mention also goes out to Theo M, Majak A, Isaac A and Eliot T for helping to organise and prepare the students.

ATHLETICS TEAM

Dimitri Mousicos



Congratulations to our Year 7 Girls Athletics team for finishing First in the Camden Schools Competition on 17th January.

Our Year 7 Athletics Team – Joseph M, Asha M, Elma J, Zeba S, Jada C, Jayda M, Valencia R, Aysia C; Year 8: Ella Mc, Montana W, Chanez B, Elizabeth A, Danika W, Emma Rose M, Andrea G, Ade-Pierre J, Jayeola C Adem B

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Monica Ande

The Table Tennis Tournament had a good turnout on 7th February, both students and teachers. The semi-finals and final matches were played on the 9th February:

Tyriq D vs Mohamed A Hashim I vs Mr Zhang



Congratulations to Mr Zhang who won and humbly gave his prize to Tyriq who displayed a fighting spirit to the end.

SINK OR FLOAT

Vanessa Grant

On 24th January students had an opportunity take part in the 'Sink or Float' competition. The task set



was for a team of 6 to build a raft in 30 minutes with 2 team members to travel the length of the swimming pool in the fastest time on the raft.

The competition was a huge success filled with fun, laughter, building and sinking.

DODGE BALL – CAMDEN SHIELD

Kate Robertshaw

In January, our Year 9 and 10 girls and Year 8 and Year 7 girls represented Hampstead School in the Dodge Ball, Camden Shield.



All teams worked hard and were resilient with star performances from Pauline A, Year 10, Chanez B and Elizabeth A in Year

8 and Jamila T and Raissa S in Year 7.

The Year 7 team finished fourth in their tournament.

MyEd App

Margaret Johnson

Have you signed up yet?

Hampstead School continues to improve communication with parents/carers, and at the start of the autumn term, introduced the MyEd App alongside its text and e-mail communications. Information was sent out to parents/carers in the summer post followed by e-mail and text message reminders. Parent/carers are encouraged to download the App.

Please do not unsubscribe to the school's e-mail service.

If you have any changes to your contact details, please inform the school immediately. Failure to do so means that you will not be receiving all communications as the school moves towards communicating electronically with parents/carers.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Sarah Catlow

I just wanted to share a few pictures from the International Women's Day event in Camden.

It was a great success, our students were fantastic. We met a lot of inspirational women and came away from the day feeling very empowered and inspired.

A particular well done to Ria and Noor in Year 10 who volunteered to ask the panel of women some fantastic thought provoking questions.



TERM DATES—ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017

(Please note that these dates may be different to that of other Camden schools)

Summer term: 24 April—21 July 2017

Half term: 29 May—2 June 2017

INSET DAYS [School closed to students]

*Monday 3 January 2017

Monday 24 April 2017

Monday 26 June 2017

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM—2017

[Please refer to the Calendar Dates school's website for updates]

10-21 Apr—EASTER BREAK

24 Apr—INSET DAY [School closed to students]

27 Apr—Junior Maths Challenge

28 Apr—Year 8 Girls—HPV 2nd Dose

2 May—Governors Personnel Committee @ 1700

4 May—Public Exams Start

8 May—Student Leadership Council

9 May—Governors Site & Finance Committee @1700

17 May—Governing Body Meeting @ 1700

29 May—2 Jun—HALF TERM BREAK

5 June—Student Leadership Council

6 June—Governors Curriculum & Assessment Committee @ 1700

13 June—Governors Quality Assurance Committee

20 June—Governors Site & Finance Committee @ 1700

21 June—New Year 7 Parents Evening @ 1800 (*Secondary Transfer*)

21 June—Jazz Concert @ 1900

26 June—**INSET DAY [School closed to students]**

29 June—Year 11 Graduation Assembly

30 June—Year 11 Prom

4 July—Sixth Form Graduation Evening @ 1730

5 July—Governing Body Meeting @ 1600

13 July—Celebration Evening @ 1800

14 July—Sports Day @ Willesden Sports Centre 0840 to 1500

18 July—Summer Performance @ 1900

21 July—**LAST DAY OF TERM—Students dismissed @1230**

17 August—A Level Results Day

24 August—GCSE Results Day

TERM DATES—ACADEMIC YEAR 2017—2018

Autumn term: *4 September 2017—*18 December 2017

5 September 2017—Year 7 start at 0830

Year 12 start at 0945

6 September—All students return at 0830

Half term: 23 October to 27 October 2017

Spring term : 3 January—29 March 2018

Half term: 12 February—16 February 2018

Summer term: 16 April—25 July 2018

Half term: 28 May—1 June 2018

INSET DAYS [School closed to students]

*Monday 4 September 2017

Monday 27 November 2017

*Monday 18 December 2017

Friday 9 February 2018

Friday 29 June 2018

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



Article 18 (*parental responsibilities*)

Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child..