

HAMPSTEAD BUZZ

Highlights and Achievements - Summer Term 2016



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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Jacques Szemalikowski

It has been a pleasure to meet so many parents and carers at the recent burst of events at Hampstead School: Art Exhibition, Summer Concert; Sports Day, School Production of "Alice", Celebration Evening. Many of these will have been the last event of their



kind in our school hall, after 49 years. I imagine the music being played at the Summer Concert in 1967,



the "Summer of Love", to have been very different.

Our new building has risen from the old quad over the course of the year. We



started with, literally a hole in the ground and as you will have seen, it is now looking fantastic. The inside is



fantastic too, with new cash-free dining hall, assembly hall and some very large classrooms. In particular, as these photographs show, the size and length of corridors lend it a light and spacious feel. The Sports Hall is also

looking good.

We move in straight after October half term!

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL STUDENTS HONOURED WITH AWARD IN MEMORY OF PRINCESS DIANA

An unprecedented three Hampstead School students received the Diana Award for their part in the school's anti-bullying work. Certificates, signed by the Prime Minister, were presented in recognition of our pioneering initiatives in ensuring that every single student feels safe and valued in school.

Since 1999, over 47,000 young people have been recognised with a Diana Award for making an outstanding difference in their communities across the globe and continuing Princess Diana's legacy. With the support of HRH Prince William and HRH Prince Harry, The Diana Award aims to inspire and recognise social action in young people by going beyond its Awards programme with youth led initiatives



that empower young people to achieve their full potential and make a difference.

Tessy Ojo, CEO of the Diana Award, said: "The Diana Award is proud to recognise incredible young people, like Abdullahi, Shandell and Esther, who have the confidence and courage to stand up for what they believe. The Diana Award is presented to inspirational young people who work to improve the lives of others in their schools and communities. With a growing network of over 47,000 Award Holders, we are building a force of young people who are committed to taking action and improving the lives of others."

We at Hampstead School are extremely proud of Abdullahi, Shandell and Esther. The Diana Award will encourage them to continue their fantastic work and will, hopefully, inspire others to make a difference in the community. Abdullahi, Shandell and Esther were delighted to receive the award in recognition of their work.



EX-STUDENT SIGNS PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL CONTRACT



Huge congratulations to Aryan

TRAVEL AMBASSADORS VISIT LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Jyoti Careswell

On Thursday 30th June, our Youth Travel Ambassadors visited the London Transport Museum to present the outcomes of our active travel campaign. Students had organised a competition, tracking Year 7 and 8 students' step counts using pedometers and smart phone apps. The aim was to encourage fitness and reduce congestion on local bus routes.

"We really enjoyed our morning at the museum in Covent Garden, we got the opportunity to watch other schools' project presentations and give feedback, pedal speedily on the smoothie bike and race around the museum collecting fun facts and stamps. Although we did not win, it was fun to participate." *Hamz B, Y8*

Thanks to TfL for organising this event and well done to the particularly active winners of our competition!

KEY STAGE 5 LANGUAGES CINEMA TRIP

Anna Pau

This is the third year in which the Modern Languages Faculty (MFL) had the fantastic opportunity of attending the Spanish Film Festival in London. Each year Sixth Form students enjoy a film screening followed by a Q&A with the director. This year's film 'A Cambio de Nada' (Nothing in Return) directed by Daniel Guzmán focused on the theme of family and relationships, which is a topic within both AS and A2 courses and complemented the module of study.



The screening took place at the Ciné Lumière located in South Kensington, the heart of the French community in London. Not only was the film highly entertaining but, students really enjoyed the enriching opportunity to develop their language skills and use them in a setting outside of school.



ARSENAL DOUBLE CLUB

Sinead O'Doherty & Year 8 Students

On Friday 10th June, the MFL Faculty were invited to take two small groups of students from Years 7 and 8 to the Emirates Stadium for the day as part of a languages competition run by the Arsenal Double Languages Club. This is an innovative, award winning educational programme combining football and language learning. Aiming to inspire and motivate students at primary and secondary level, the programme uses Arsenal and football to show pupils that language learning can be achievable, rewarding and, above all, fun.

Hundreds of entries were received from over 90 schools across the UK and the standard of the activities was extremely high. Only 20 schools were in the final. These students created their own language activity which they presented to judges and primary school students for part of the day. We were treated to a full tour of the stadium and had presentations from associated staff of the Arsenal FC team such as Marc Joss, Sports Translator and Charles Allen, Head of Marketing. This was an exciting and inspiring day for all to experience languages in such a unique experience.

"Taking part in the Double club was a brilliant experience because throughout the day, learned a lot about how important languages are in your life and, knowing that most of the people with great jobs speak several languages, inspires me to do the same. However, I think the best part of the experience was the tour because it was really interesting knowing that the same famous Arsenal players stood in the same spot I was. I also had lots of fun playing with the primary kids and teaching them basic facts about France and its language. My total rating of the experience is 10/10." *Hanna T, Y8.*

"On Friday, we visited the Emirates Stadium. We went to various places within the stadium such as the trophy collection, the manager's office and also the home and away changing rooms. We also had a speech from people talking about how languages benefitted them. Various primary schools came in with judges who spoke to us about our activities. There were other secondary schools from as far as Wales." *Shawntay W, Y8*

CELEBRATION EVENING

Congratulations to all our medal winners on 11th July – well done!

This year's Max O'Connell Prize was awarded to Shaunak in Year 8.

This honour is awarded to celebrate improved achievement in Languages. It is made in memory of Max O'Connell who was a student at Hampstead School from 1995 to 2001. During Max's time he made the not



untypical journey of an irrepressible, irreverent, fun loving boy to the more mature, reflective, but still fun loving student with high academic achievement.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs S O'Connell for their continued support for Hampstead School.

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP –CUCKMERE HAVEN, EAST SUSSEX

Isabella Renney



On Tuesday 28th June, the Geography department took Year 9 students to the south coast to undertake fieldwork on their current topic, 'How and why does the coast change?'. After an early start, our arrival on the beach was greeted with bright sunshine. After much excited photo taking and stone skimming, we began our walk over the cliff top to the bay on the other side.



Once on the beach, students got to work measuring the beach profile with clinometers and tape measures, counting the waves per minute and assessing the likelihood and severity of potential flood risk. Everyone had lunch on the beach or on the cliff top before exploring the water's edge or the rock pools. Luckily the sun stayed out all day!

Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive; Mahyar of 9.6 said the trip was an "unforgettable experience in my life" and staff were incredibly pleased and proud of the energy, positivity and enthusiasm of the students. It was fantastic!

A SCHOOL THAT READS

Rebecca Duncan

Every Key Stage 3 (KS3) student has one hour of reading in the library every fortnight and all of our students are expected to read for pleasure for a minimum of 20 minutes every day. Our library has loaned **5,039** books this year and our KS3 students have read **124,665,406** words between them.

Each year we celebrate the success of the students who have made the most progress with their reading and the students who have passed the highest number of quizzes on the books they have read using the Accelerated Reader software.

Most Progress: Year 7 – Victoria 7.1; Year 8 – Anjum 8.1;
Year 9 – Peris 9.1

Greatest Achievement: Year 7 – Lilli 7.3;
Year 8 – Abdurahman 8.5; Year 9 – Charlotte 9.6

Grateful thanks go to our local independent bookshops for supplying books and book tokens for prizes.

CAMDEN INDOOR ROWING COMPETITION

Dimitri Mousicos



Our fantastic students competed in the Camden Schools indoor rowing competition on 4th May where they did amazingly well.

The boys finished 3rd overall which was brilliant.

The girls only had 2 representatives, but were able to finish in the top 3 in individual races and 2nd in the relays.

SIMON CALDER VISITS HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Gemma Austin



As part of this term's unit on travel writing, students in Year 9 were fortunate to be visited by Simon Calder, Travel Writer and Broadcaster. In their English lessons, the students had prepared a number of questions to ask him which stirred some fascinating responses from Mr Calder, from the perils of inaccurate map-reading to the impact of the EU Referendum on travel.

Students and teachers alike clearly enjoyed the humorous anecdotes and were keen to find out as much as possible about the writer's travels. In their next English lesson, students recalled how Simon Calder made his speech engaging and considered how they might do the same when giving their own speeches.

We would like to give a big thank you to Simon Calder for his insightful presentation.

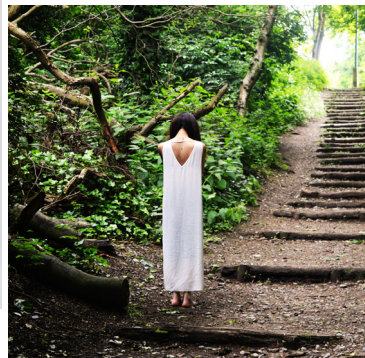
ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

At the end of a wonderful year in which our students have produced some outstanding work, we share some of our highlights with you.

Photography Project with the Photographers' Gallery



GCSE Art & Design and Photography students produced incredibly high standards of work this year.



A Level Exhibition

