

HAMPSTEAD BUZZ

Highlights and Achievements - Autumn Term 2015



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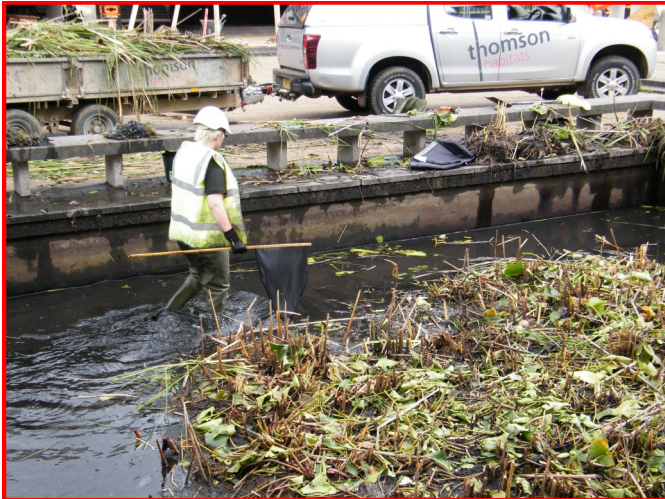
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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Jacques Szemalikowski

A fantastic autumn term at Hampstead School!

Obviously the backdrop to the term has been the rapid progression of our building programme. Clearance work



started in the summer holiday and you can see we now have the steel structure of the new building in place. Work is on schedule for both the new main building and the



sports hall. Whilst it has been challenging, not least with constant background noise, students and staff have risen to the challenge brilliantly—Eyes on the Prize!

I do not, however, want the construction to overshadow the rest of the amazing achievement this term: Level 2 Rights Respecting School Award; Secondary Geography Quality Mark and 2015 Shine A Light Award—more information on our website:

www.hampsteadschool.org.uk.



DIGITAL LEADERS VISIT FACEBOOK HEADQUARTERS

Erica Daniels



As the only school who were invited to represent the Digital Leaders (DL) programme, our DL returned to Facebook headquarters in Central London in October to discuss with government ministers and Childnet, their participation in the DL program and how they promote e-safety within the school. Students took part in a Q & A session with delegates and enjoyed a keynote speech from the Minister for Internet Safety and Security, Baroness Shields.

CLASS OF 2020

Liz Blakemore

Newly arrived Year 7 students started their journey in fine fashion—they arrived nervous, but excited and ready for the challenge at the start of the academic year and have settled into their life at Hampstead School. They have made friends with older students, as well as their peers, won sports competitions, been involved in performing arts events and attended their first Work Review Day.

They are a very talented group, who have already started to show the true extent of their individual characteristics of kindness, empathy, thoughtfulness and ambition. All of which fits in perfectly with our learning ethos 'Kaizen' and Year 7's concept 'Play Your Part':

Persistent	Yourself (don't be a sheep)	Proactive
Loyal	Optimistic	Adaptable
Ambitious	Upstanding	Resourceful
Yes (give things a go)	Respectful	Thoughtful

Well done Year 7—you have made an excellent start.

NAME THE BUILDING COMPETITION



Congratulations to Shenika, Year 7 who won the competition sponsored by Chelsea Square Partnership to name a new building in Cricklewood.

Jessica Naish commented on Shenika's reasoning behind her idea, which explained her objective of drawing in new custom, whilst also incorporating the name of a Cricklewood as a landmark "Cricklewood Crown Mansions".

WRITING ESSAY COMPETITION

Jun Bo Chan



This year's Zadie Smith Prize for Writing essay competition is now open to all Sixth Form students. Supported by alumna Zadie Smith, the competition aims to foster original, analytical and critical thought.

There are a plethora of prizes for entrants, with the best essayist receiving the Zadie Smith Prize for Writing: £100s worth of vouchers, books and a trophy.

Contact Mr Chan, English Faculty for more information about the competition.

CAMDEN YOUTH AWARDS

Joanna de Regibus



Congratulations to Betul, Year 13 who was presented as an exceptional young person at the Camden Youth Award Ceremony at the start of November. The award was presented to her by the Deputy Mayor of Camden at ceremony. Other students

were also nominated for being good role models, but Betul was the winner.

These awards are an opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and give recognition to young people in the Borough who have made significant progress in their own lives, achieved something substantial or have made considerable contributions to other people or their community.

KENWOOD HOUSE

Jessica Kempner



On 22nd October, 6 Year 11 Hampstead School students: Bitu, Stevee, Sophie, Eman, Adam and Fadumo spent the day at Kenwood House as English Heritage's first ever student explainers.

They became experts on 4 of the rooms in Kenwood House and spent the day explaining to visitors to the House about the rich history and its links to Black History Month.

THE BRILLIANT CLUB GRADUATION

All students who submitted their final assignment were invited to a Graduation Event at King's College London. The event was hosted by the university's Widening Participation Department, and students



took part in a carousel of activities led by The Brilliant Club staff, university staff and undergraduates. This included a campus tour and other information, advice and guidance sessions. To round off the event, students attended a formal certification ceremony which included keynote speeches and the presentation of certificates to celebrate their successful completion of the programme.

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

David Lee



Hampstead School is celebrating its best Senior Maths Challenge results in years, with 4 students getting a Gold Medal, 11 receiving Silver and 37 receiving Bronze. The Senior Maths Challenge is a competition aimed at Sixth Form mathematicians, taken by only the top mathematicians in the country. At Hampstead School, we also enter Years 9, 10 and 11, so it is a remarkable achievement that so many of these received medals. The medal winners were:

Gold: Rory M, Mohamed G, Kaihan A (Year 13), David B (Year 12)

Silver: Natalie M, Raston H-R (Year 13), Robby R, Bence F, Nadia K, Caitlyn I, Shivaum M (Year 12), Asha I, Daniel S (Year 11), Leo I-G (Year 10) and Adam Z (Year 9).

There are too many Bronze medals to list, but particular mention should go to the Year 9 and 10 students who received Bronze. This is a significant achievement for students at their age: Yaqub A, Zahra A, Daniel A, Abdul T, Theo M, Alex C, Eliot T, Paiman A and Mohamed S.

Senior Maths Team

Alongside these excellent Senior Maths Challenge results, the Hampstead School Senior Maths Team finished fifth out of 39 schools in the West London final, one of three finals around London, but marks the retirement of three of the four team members from competitive team mathematics.

The team consisted of Mohamed G, David B, Rory M and Kaihan A. The competition marked the final competition for Mohamed, Rory and Kaihan, as well as their most comprehensive performance to date. They scored a brilliant 173/180; a score that would have won many other regional finals across the country as well as last year's heat.

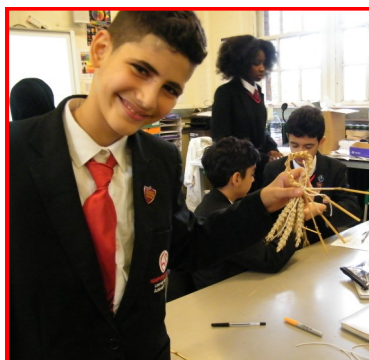
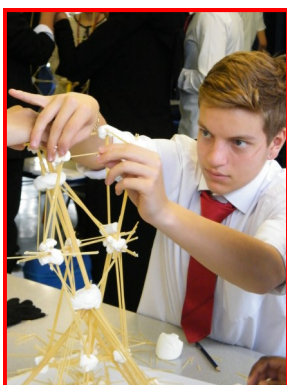
The top five schools were:

- King's College London Maths School 176/180
- Harris Westminster 176/180
- Southbank International School 176/180
- King's School Wimbledon 174/180
- Hampstead School 173/180

Mohamed, Rory and Kaihan have represented the school for a number of years. Particular mention should go to Kaihan who has competed for the school for 6 years running, including the last 4 as part of the senior team and as a member of the Year 10 team who finished third in the South of England. Their success is mainly a product of hard work and dedication. Every year, the team train at least once a week, from September, for the competition.

David B will take over as captain of the team for next year as we now start to build the next generation of Hampstead School Maths Teams. We are looking for three more students to compete next year and for committed mathematicians from Years 7 to 9 to compete in the Junior Team Challenge in February.

ENRICHMENT DAY ACTIVITIES 23rd October 2015



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTING ACTIVITIES



Yr 8 Basketball

Yr 7 Football



U15 Football



Yr 7 Table Tennis



Yr 9 Mountain Bike Trip



Dodge ball

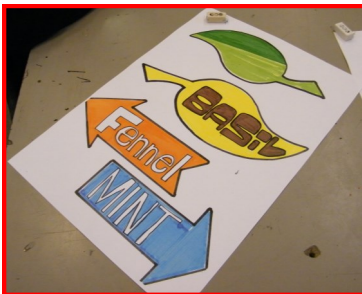
HAVE YOU SEEN THE PLANTS SPRINGING UP AROUND ART & DESIGN?

Sophie Rodger



The Concrete Garden Project began this year, to grow edible plants at our school. The garden is designed, built, grown and used by students—and we would love to get more of you involved!

This term has been all about preparing, building and designing our garden, ready for the big planting season in spring! If you look around the garden you'll see some beautiful paintings and mosaics made by the year 8 students, and some helpful signs made by students from KS3 to explain what we're growing, how to pick them, and what the plants can be used for.



We have been kindly donated over 25 plants by Edible Landscapes (a community food growing project in Finsbury Park). We have planted fruit and vegetables in old cupboards, built railing planters for the Art & DT walkway—and, despite the cold weather, some of the year 7s have successfully germinated peas, radishes, chillies and spring onions from seed, which we look forward to eating in the springtime.



The garden is in hibernation now, but we'll be starting up again after February half term, with lots of exciting projects, including designing a computer-heated greenhouse with *Biomodd*, planting lots of fruit and vegetables, building a plastic bottle greenhouse—and maybe even a pizza oven! Come along to after school clubs in February to get involved!

Get Involved

Gardening Club: Mondays and Thursdays, 3-4pm, Studio 1

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, you will need to inform the school by **0900** on the day of absence by using one of the following methods:

Attendance Line - Direct Line: **020 7472 5380**
Email: attendance@hampsteadschool.org.uk

DIARY DATES – 2015–2016

[Please check the website regularly for updates]

- 4 Jan—INSET DAY [School closed to students]
- 5 Jan—All students return @ 0830
- 7 Jan—Years 12 & 13 Parent Consultation Evening 1630—1900
- 18 Jan—Student Leadership Council
- 20 Jan—Year 9 Progression Day
- 21 Jan—Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening 1630—1900
- 28 Jan—Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening 1630—1900
- 2 Feb—Year 9 Pathways Evening @ 1800
- 8 Feb—Governing Body Meeting @1800
- 10—15 Feb—Barcelona Trip (Years 8 & 9)
- 12 Feb—Enrichment Day
- 15—19 Feb—HALF TERM BREAK
- 25 Feb—Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening 1630—1900
- 7 Mar—Student Leadership Council
- 10 Mar—Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening 1630—1900
- 15 Mar—Governing Body Meeting @ 1800
- 17 Mar—Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening 1630—1900
- 21 Mar—Camden Music Festival @ Albert Hall
- 24 Mar—Spring Term Ends
- 26 Mar—2 Apr—Ski Trip
- 28 Mar—8 Apr—EASTER BREAK
- 11 Apr—INSET DAY [school closed to students]
- 12 Apr—All students return @ 0830

TERM DATES—ACADEMIC YEAR 2015—2016

Autumn term 2015: *1 September—18 December 2015
2 September—Years 7 & 12 start
3 September—All students return @ 0830
Half term: 26 October—30 October 2015
***Inset Day: 1 September [School closed to students]**

Spring term 2016: *4 January—24 March 2016

Half term: 15 February—19 February 2016

***Inset Day: 4 January [School closed to students]**

Summer term 2016: 11 April—20 July 2016

Half term: 30 May—3 June 2016



Article 28 (right to education)

Every child has the right to an education. Secondary education must be available to every child.

TERM DATES—ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017

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

Autumn term 2016: *1 September—16 December 2016

Half term: 24 October—28 October 2016

Inset Day: 1 September [School closed to students]

Spring term : 3 January—7 April 2017

Half term: 13 February—17 February 2017

Summer term: 24 April—21 July 2017

Half term: 29 May—2 June 2017