

HAMPSTEAD BUZZ

Highlights and Achievements - Autumn Term 2016



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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Jacques Szemalikowski

This has been a wonderful roller coaster of a term.

We returned in September to some very pleasing examination results. In particular, at Key Stage 5, students performed very strongly. Consequently, and perhaps influenced by these, we welcomed a record number of external students joining our Sixth Form, which is now the largest it has been. This allows us to ensure that as many courses as possible can run for 16-19 year olds, opening up a range of progression routes. As September progressed, we also had some well attended prospective parents' events and, as always, our current students were the best ambassadors for our school.

Then on the first possible day of the school year, we had an Ofsted inspection. This was a really positive experience as the report shows and I would urge you to read it on our website.

In October, the focus was very much on packing up in preparation to abandon the 1960s and old science blocks. We held a series of assemblies reflecting upon the change so that, on our return after half term, we were able to move straight into the new East Block and Sports Hall.

Inevitably, much has been learnt and tweaked over the past few weeks about how we best use the building and how to manage ebbs and flows within the rhythm of the school day and school week. We are definitely getting there.

However, we have now moved into the most challenging phase, involving an incredibly restricted site, as the South Block is redeveloped, the 1960s building is demolished and new recreational spaces are created. It's going to be a fantastic 2017.

Hampstead School wishes our whole community a restful and peaceful break.

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

David Lee

It was another successful year for Hampstead School students in the Senior Maths Challenge, with 26 students achieving Bronze medals, 9 achieving Silver, 3 students from Year 13 – David B, Granit M-D and Robby R – achieving Gold medals and qualifying for the European Kangaroo. Special mention should also go to Adam Z and Marlon C in Year 10 who both achieved Silver medals in a Maths competition for Sixth Form students. David and Granit also took part in the Senior Maths Team Challenge alongside Year 11 students Paiman A and Era M-D, finishing 15th in the Central London heat.

BRILLIANT CLUB

Cathryn Israel



The Brilliant Club Graduation at Cambridge University took place in October 2016. Congratulations to our twelve Year 10 students and six Year 13 students who attended a prestigious graduation at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University. This was a celebration of students' achievements in completing The Brilliant Club Scholarship Programme in the academic year 2015-2016.

The programme involved students working closely with a PhD Tutor, who was either studying toward their PhD or already has a PhD, in a series of small group university style tutorials to study a 'super-curricular' course that explores topics they may not usually cover in the school curriculum. Many of the researchers are also university lecturers, so it was a unique opportunity for Hampstead



School students to experience university-style teaching.

All students completed an extended final assignment that challenged them to work above their current Key Stage. Programmes of study, including studies into neuroscience, computer science and linguistics.

YEAR 8 CAMDEN SHIELD – 16 NOVEMBER 2016

Monica Ande

Year 8 students represented the school at the Camden Shield Basketball Fixture.

Despite the team's best efforts, the girls did not get the results they hoped for. However, Blerona was the top scorer, with 5 baskets. Amal retained all rebounds, sprinted up and down the court to assist her team whilst being marked by two or three players at a time. Gabriela and Haneen held their positions and gave everything throughout the game, remained positive and played well. Sumayya provided a barrier against their shooting guard and defended our goal to the very end.

Well done to the Year 8 Basketball Team: Sumayya B, Amal A, Blerona M, Gabriela B and Haneen A.

YEARS 9 AND 10 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Patricia Varela

On 9 November the Year 9 and Year 10 girls' basketball team played their first Camden Shield game against



Haverstock School. The girls were disappointed with their result 17-4, despite their best efforts to the end. Well done to the girls and keep on going.

The Year 9 and 10 Basketball Team: Pauline A, Tahya L, Dami A, Ria A, Sophie C, Tiana B-R and Greta S.

CAMDEN & ISLINGTON CUP

Dimitri Mousicos

Congratulations to the Year 10 team who have moved on through to the next round of the Camden and Islington Cup, with the victory score against Highbury Grove of: 4 – 0.

Man of the Match – Mohamed S

Year 10 football team: Thierry, Donville, Roman, Brian, Mohamed S, Khalid, Alessandro, Marlon, Kamal, Abdulla, Ayuub, Geri, Reuel and Mohammed F.

CAMDEN SHIELD
Congratulations to our Year 7 boys' football team for their performances in the Camden Shield over the last couple of weeks.

Although results have not gone their way, they did manage to beat Haverstock in a penalty shoot out with Nathan saving 3 penalties.

A special mention goes to Joseph and Albert for their consistently strong performance.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

19 OCTOBER 2016

Kate Robertshaw

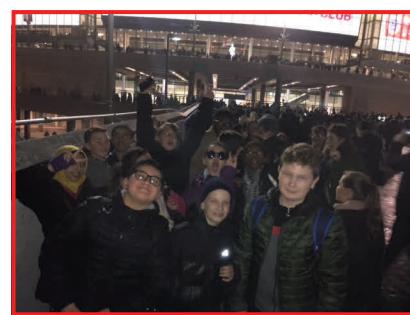
Wednesday 19 October, the Year 7 team gained third place at the Football Tournament held at Regent High School.

There was excellent defensive work from Malak A and Ema A and superb saves by Sumeya M, goal keeper. Raissa S, Captain of the team showed excellent leadership skills and worked relentlessly in midfield alongside Jamila T and Ella S. Zeba S was our top goal scorer.

ENGLAND vs SPAIN FOOTBALL MATCH

Nick Kemp

A group of lucky Year 7 students had the opportunity to attend the England vs Spain football match at Wembley stadium.



POETRY WORKSHOP – POETRY SOCIETY

Ashley Hickson-Lovence

On Thursday 17 November, a selected group of Year 9 students were invited to take part in an exciting SLAMBassadors poetry workshop with Joelle Taylor from the Poetry Society. In just under two hours, they managed to produce some fantastic pieces as a group and individually – some of which you can find in the next issue of *Hampstead Story*. Luckily for us, Joelle is keen to return to Hampstead School which is a testament to our students' wonderful engagement.



Students interested in writing and poetry should see Mr Hickson-Lovence, English & Media Faculty.

JACK PETCHY AWARD

Nick Kemp



Two students, Mudasir M – Yr 10 and Amina-Maria M – Year 9, who were nominated for the Jack Petchey Award were given the opportunity to invite their friends to a trampoline centre called 'Mega Jump'. Both students and staff had a great time.

'LOST & FOUND'

Martin Cook

An Exploration of Immigration was an exhibition created and curated by the 'Youth Collective' at the October Gallery.



The Youth Collective is an initiative which has been developed by Hampstead School and the October Gallery and is made up of many of our Sixth Form

Media Studies and Art & Photography students. The exhibition was inspired by another exhibition by Romuald Hazoume called 'All in the Same Boat' which explored, among other things, the themes of immigration and migration. During this process students also developed a film: Lost and Found Exhibition Documentary documenting their engagement with Hazoume's exhibition and their creative response prior to curating their own exhibition: Lost and Found.

The event was a huge success in which our students were able to create the work, curate the exhibition, as well as speaking to the audience at the private view. Some students also read spoken word pieces and short narratives written in response to the theme of home.

As a result of Hampstead School students' creative leadership within The October Gallery 'Youth Collective', they were invited to work in partnership with the National Gallery to produce a promotional film for the National Gallery's own Young Producer Film Collective. Their Young Producer film was screened at the National Gallery during a private view and all students involved were presented with certificates. During this private view a number of Hampstead School students were also presented with their Bronze Arts Award having successfully completed it in conjunction with The October Gallery.

Well done to all involved.

CODING CLUB – YEAR 8

Adrian Sherriff



In partnership with Camden Coding, Hampstead School are currently running a Coding Club for Year 8 students, which runs every Tuesday after school. The sessions are based in Dame Tamsyn Imison Building (DTI) and use

Lego Robots, BBC Micro:bits and UCL Engduinos. The project is part of Camden Coding organised by Camden Council and is free to our students. The fun of robots combined with computer programming provides the students with a unique learning experience which will support the development of their computational thinking and prepare them for this digital age.



SCHOOL-GROWN CHIPS FOR CHARITY

Sophie Rodger

In the Concrete Garden Project, the autumn term kicked off with our potato harvest. Two classes of

Year 8 Food Tech students worked with the Business Department to design a product to sell to their peers, using our school-grown potato harvest. One group chose to make samosas and the other group made pakoras, hosting busy lunchtime stalls. They created their own advertising campaigns, budgets and business strategies with support from Mr Connolly, and managed to raise over £100 for the charity Crisis. Other projects in the Concrete Garden Project this term have included learning to dye wool using natural materials, chutney-making from our school-grown tomatoes, and some brilliant story writing; personifying the plants in our garden.

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

Alexander Morgan

Hampstead School's Debating Society has gone from strength to strength. The remarkable news stories in 2016 have provided lots of excellent opportunities for exciting debates, and this has been reflected in the quality of discussion at every Thursday after school enrichment sessions.

The skills of experienced debaters have been on show, as well as new budding talents making their debut performances. It has been really great to see new students, girls and boys, shy and confident, from Years 7 to Year 13, using words to argue, in a respectful and tolerant, but fiercely competitive manner.

In 2017, the Debating Society will be going on Model United Nations trips to Woodhouse College in January and Edinburgh in March. This will build on the enormous success of 2016.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29 (goals of education)



Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Article 31 (leisure, play, culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

COMMUNITY LEARNING IN CAMDEN

Spring Programme – January to March 2017

Camden Spring Term brochure CLiC (Community Learning in Camden) is now available and can be downloaded from the website here: <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/education/adult-community-learning/whats-on-this-term/>

English, Computers, Preparing for employment courses and many more are delivered in community venues across the borough.

The popular **Everyday Computer** Skills Workshops are now offered in various different venues across the borough. You can find more information here: <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/education/adult-community-learning/free-computer-workshops.en>

All courses are free for adults aged 19+ and give priority to Camden residents.

For more information on Camden Adult Community Learning please visit: www.camden.gov.uk/adultlearning.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

27–31 MARCH 2017

Rebecca Duncan

Preparations are well under way for Year 10 students who will be on placement. Students have been encouraged to secure their own placements in the first instance before opening the database to those who have been unsuccessful.

If you are able to help with sourcing placements please contact Rebecca Duncan, Head of Progression & Independent Learning.

MyEd App

Margaret Johnson

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 and some parents who downloaded the App were used as a sample group. Parent/carers are encouraged to download the App.

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

If you have received a Data Collection sheet, but have not yet returned it identifying the changes to your contact details, please do so. Failure to inform the school of changes means that you will not be receiving all communications as the school moves towards communicating electronically with parents/carers.

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..

TERM DATES—ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017

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

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

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]

3 Jan—INSET DAY [School closed to students]

4 Jan—ALL Students return @ 0830

7-13 Jan—Years 12 & 13 Pre-Public Exams Week

11 Jan—Year 10 Boys (Booster Vaccine)

12 Jan—Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening—1630 to 1930

16 Jan—Student Leadership Council

24 Jan—Governors Curriculum & Assessment Committee @ 1700

26 Jan—Years 12 & 13 Parents Consultation Evening—1630-1900

31 Jan—Year 9 Pathways Evening @ 1800

1 Feb—Governing Body Meeting @ 1700

6 Feb—Year 10 Girls [Booster Vaccine]

10 Feb—Enrichment Day

13-17 Feb—HALF TERM BREAK

28 Feb—Governors Quality Assurance Committee @ 1700

2 Mar—Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening—1630 to 1900

6-17 Mar—Year 12 Level 2 Work Experience

6 Mar—Student Leadership Council

7 Mar—Governors Personnel Committee @ 1700

14 Mar—Governors Site & Finance Committee @ 1700

16 Mar—Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad

21 Mar—Governing Body Meeting @ 1700

23 Mar—Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening—1630-1900

27-31 Mar—Year 10 Work Experience

30 Mar—Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening—1630-1900

7 Apr—Last Day of Term [**Students dismissed at 1500**]

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

28 May—2 Jun—HALF TERM BREAK

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