

HAMPSTEAD BUZZ

Highlights and Achievements - Summer Term 2018



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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Jacques Szemalikowski

On Thursday 12 July we were delighted to welcome guests from Camden as well as ex-colleagues to the Official Opening of our new facilities. The Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP officiated and enjoyed being shown around by our fantastic students.



The Education Secretary, the Rt Hon Damian Hinds said: "It was a great privilege to come here and open these fantastic new facilities and also to meet an interested and engaged group of Year 10 pupils.

Not only will these new facilities allow pupils to play sports, games and more in a modern environment, but they will help the school to continue its journey to providing an outstanding education to its pupils."

SOAS UNIVERSITY LANGUAGES CHALLENGE

Anna Pau

SOAS University Languages Challenge was created to promote the use and study of languages. The Challenge requires teams of students to create a portfolio consisting of 5 tasks chosen from a list to be presented using a range of media and includes a final report for each task. It is an opportunity for students to apply and develop their



existing knowledge of foreign languages through active learning and also allows them to practice team work,

collaborative learning as well as use their creativity whilst drawing on a range of skills.

This year Hampstead School students won second place. Students were invited to the award ceremony day on Friday 15 June, along with other schools picked from all the entries from across the country. They were able to view the work submitted and tried some of the games created. Two of our teams won first place for individual tasks. The standard of the work produced was very high and the panel of judges were resolute on awarding our winning teams the most points.

FIRST STORY BOOK LAUNCH: 'AN ACT OF KINDNESS'

Ashley Hickson-Lovence

On Tuesday 26 June, 12 Key Stage 3 students performed poetry they had written in front of their families and teachers in an event to mark the launch of the anthology entitled 'An Act of Kindness'. With the courage of seasoned professionals, they recited the emotive words of their poems to a captivated audience. It was a successful occasion and the poets



should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to First Story and Dean Atta for his infectious enthusiasm in guiding the writers into creating these wonderful works

STUDENTS GO RAFTING

Azu Oparaocha

On Thursday 5 July four students, who are taking part in the Prince's Trust Achieve program, enjoyed a trip to the Herts Young Mariners Base to take part in a rafting activity.

Over the course of the workshop, our students were able to develop their self-confidence in expressing their own ideas and improving their independent learning, communication and team building skills.



The workshop tested the students' patience and endurance and, although some of the students were very nervous to begin with, they all completed the activities feeling full of confidence and enthusiasm.

The students were taught how to row while navigating their way around the mariner's extremely large lake. They learnt survival techniques and how to fully control the canoes with confidence, and also took part in races.

It was an amazing and productive activity for our students. Thank you to the Prince's Trust and Herts Young Mariners Base for such a fulfilling and enjoyable activity for our students.

THE ARMY VISITS HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Laura MacDaniel

On Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 July Hampstead School welcomed Sandhurst Army Youth Engagement Team to the school. The British Army demonstrated how students could maximize their talent by using leadership skills, effective communication, mentoring and problem solving through a number of different activities. The Officers shared their own journey and adventures, along with routes into their diverse career paths including: Engineering, HR roles and the Household Calvary.

The purpose of this day was to enrich our students in a **STEAM** curriculum. It was a resounding success.

The day involved students engaging with Engineering tasks, such as building communication towers and military structures. It also included communication tasks that required students to problem solve as a team and build mechanisms to transport goods across desolate land. The highlight of the day was the participation from students in a military-style warm-up, followed by an assault course to test their stamina.

It was a delight to see our Year 9 students so engaged and demonstrating outstanding team work in tutor groups. Major Sartaj Gogna who has been to many schools to deliver this day said: "the day was one of the best".

Hampstead School students once again embraced the innovation of the day. They conducted themselves with maturity and respect for each other and the Officers.

RETURN OF LIBRARY BOOKS

Rebecca Duncan

Hampstead School "a School that Reads" - all students must have a reading book with them each day as part of their required equipment. All Year 7 and 8 students have one lesson a fortnight in Library. Students are also expected to finish one Accelerated Reader book between each lesson.

It is easy to forget to return a book to the Library when finished, but please do so. There are no penalties or fines for returning books late but overdue books cannot be borrowed by another student who might be waiting patiently on its return.

LONDON SCHOOL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS at MILE END STADIUM

(An event where the best athletes from 32 London Boroughs compete)

Lornell Maynard & Monica Ande



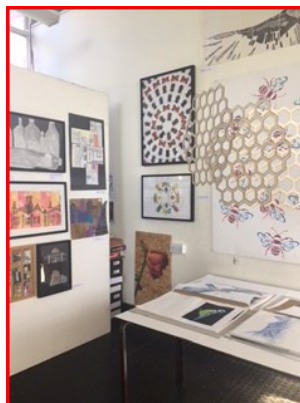
Congratulations to Hampstead School talented athletes who took part on Tuesday 12 June. These are some of the results from the day:

Max 4th place – Javelin ; Dianara 5th place – Discus;

Djamaryo & Matthew 4th place – High Jump ; Albert 4th place - 100m; special mention – Elyse who came 2nd and received Silver in the 75 metres final and a Bronze in the in the 100m relay team.

SUMMER ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Sophie Rodger



Hampstead School's Summer Art & Photography Exhibition was a huge success this year. Many students, parents and teachers attended to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students across all Year Groups.

Highlights included Year 8 animal head sculptures, a large hanging architectural model resting on an iceberg-like structure, oil cans with exquisitely painted fish and an advertising campaign to promote how essential diversity is to our society.

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL – ART & DESIGN

Sophie Rodger

ArtUK have been commissioned to make a number of films about sculpture as seen through the eyes of young people. Six of our Year 9 students were chosen to



represent Hampstead School exploring two sculptures at The Ben Uri gallery in St Johns Wood. This Gallery is dedicated to Artists who explore issues of migration and immigration and is one of just 25 venues featured in this national project.

The students did a fantastic job questioning, researching and exploring two sculptures in the gallery that had been brought out of storage especially for them. The day ended with the group planning and taking part in an interview with the Director of the Gallery. All who took part expressed how impressed they were with the students conduct, ideas, patience and confidence.

Well done to Year 9 students Adomas 9.5; Lilli 9.3, Jayeola 9.1; Zara 9.6, Finlay 9.4 and Krasimir 9.3. The film will be available to watch on the ArtUK website in September.

QUALITY IN CAREERS STANDARD AND CEIAG WEBSITE

Rebecca Duncan



The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

Hampstead School was awarded the national award of Investors in Careers in July 2015 and are committed to achieving re-accreditation under the new Quality in Careers Standard in September 2018. We are also working hard to ensure we exceed all 8 Gatsby Benchmarks for Careers Education.

All parents and students now have access to the new Careers, Education, Advice and Guidance website designed to ensure that all our students and those supporting them have the information required to make the best possible transitions.

If you have an opportunity to support our provision or want further information regarding Careers Education at Hampstead School, please contact r.duncan@hampsteadschool.org.uk.

SAM Learning & SEPTEMBER CHALLENGES

Hampstead School have subscribed to the SAM Learning revision platform for a number of years and our students have found it invaluable for enhancing their learning in class and realising their potential. SAM Learning can be accessed online from anywhere in the world for independent study. Login details are in student planners and the site can be accessed at www.samlearning.com.

All current Year 7 and Year 8 students have been issued with a Summer Challenge Passport and tasked to complete a number of activities over the summer. Completed passports are to be returned to the school Library on the first day of term. Our new Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 students will be set a September challenge to ensure they make the best possible start to their learning for the year.

MP PRAISES LOCAL PUPILS GETTING A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY



On Friday 25 May 2018, Tulip Siddiq MP visited Year 9 students at Hampstead School to hear about their progress as part of The Scholars Programme – a prestigious national scheme which gives school students an

opportunity to experience university-style learning.

Tulip Siddiq said: "It was great to visit Hampstead School today, and meet pupils taking part in The Scholars Programme. I was very impressed at how they engaged with such a complex and challenging academic topic. It just goes to show what young people from Hampstead and Kilburn can achieve if we give them the opportunity....."

INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Joanna de Regibus

At Hampstead School 67 different languages are spoken by students and staff. On Monday 25 June the school hosted a celebration of the rich ethnic, cultural and linguistic diversity of the School. A host of stalls overseen by students sold food and



artefacts from many different countries. This was a new innovation and some students did not represent the countries they came from, which gave them a chance to learn about other cultures.

A performance of dance, music and poetry recital by students from different countries took place in the school hall. Work leading up to the Festival invited all students to take part in a project, entitled "My Country" Their work was exhibited at the festival and it included interesting information, research and images from their countries of origin.

The funds raised will go towards selected charities including a Refugee Charity and UNICEF.

INAUGURAL INTER-SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Rebecca Duncan



On Wednesday 20 June, 6 of our regular Year 7 and Year 10 players took on players from Hendon School. Hampstead School students won two of the six matches played, a great achievement for their first tournament against an experienced team. They are looking forward to a rematch to be hosted by Hendon School next term.

Hampstead School Independent Learning Centre (ILC) has 16 chess sets available for students to use at lunchtime and after school and four of our current Year 10 students are planning to set up a chess training club in September.

MyEd App
Margaret Johnson

Have you signed up yet?

Hampstead School continues to improve communication with Parents/Carers. The MyEd App alongside text and e-mail communications has shown an improvement in our partnership. However, there are still some Parents/Carers who have not yet subscribed to the MyEd App or informed the school of changes to their contact details. Failure to inform the school of changes means that you may not be receiving all communications sent out by the school. More importantly we must be able to contact Parent/Carers in an emergency.

Parent/Carers are encouraged to download the App by going to the App Store and search "My Ed".

In the current climate of efficiencies the e-mail service is preferable to sending costly postal communications.

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

**CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!
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Kate Robertshaw

Congratulations to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 that contributed to this Year's Camden Shield Competition:

- ◇ Football Teams
- ◇ Basketball Teams
- ◇ Table Tennis Teams
- ◇ Dodge ball Teams
- ◇ Cross Country Teams
- ◇ Netball Teams
- ◇ Rounders Team
- ◇ Athletics Teams

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL DEBATING CLUB

Alex Morgan

Hampstead School's Debating has gone from strength to strength this year. Our Key Stage 3 debaters in Years 7 to Year 9, have developed their public speaking and critical thinking skills by discussing issues ranging from the rights of immigrants to the existence of unicorns.

At each session, students work in teams of four to work out the pros or cons of a particular topic, before expressing their ideas in a structured debate format. The vocabulary and confidence of all students who have consistently attended the Debating Club throughout the year have improved dramatically. They are developing into innovative thinkers with great questioning skills. Thanks to the generosity of Diogo, Year 9, who won the Jack Petchey Achievement Award, the Debating Club will be going on a guided tour of Parliament.

Thank you to all students who have made the Debating Club one of the highlights of the school's enrichment activities on offer.



**United Nations Convention on the Rights
of the Child**

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM—2018

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

3 Sept—*INSET DAY [School closed to students]

4 Sept—Year 7 students start @ 0830

[Year 7 Students will be dismissed at 1240 on 4 Sept]

4 Sept—Year 12 students start @ 0945

5 Sept—ALL Students start @ 0830

12 Sept—Friends of Hampstead School AGM @ 1730

12 Sept—Brilliant Parents—Year 7 Parents [1 of 2] @ 1800

17 Sept—School Photographs—Years 7, 11, 12 & 13

18 Sept—Prospective Parents Open Morning @ 0900

18 Sept—Year 13 Progression Evening @ 1800

19 Sept—Prospective Parents Open Morning @ 0900

19 Sept—Year 8 Girls HPV 1st Dose

20 Sept—Camden Moving On Event @ Haverstock School

25 Sept—Prospective Parents Open Morning @ 0900

26 Sept—Governors Site & Finance Committee @ 1700

27 Sept—Open Evening—Prospective Parents @ 1730

2 Oct—Prospective Parents Open Morning @ 0900

3 Oct—Brilliant Parents—Year 7 Parents [2 of 2]

9 Oct—Prospective Parents Open Morning @ 0900

9 Oct—Governing Body Meeting @ 1700

16 Oct—Prospective Parents Open Morning @ 0900

18 Oct—Black History Event @ 1800

22 to 26 Oct—Half Term Break

29 Oct—Inset Day [School closed to students]

30 Oct to 7 Nov—Year 11 Pre-Public Examination Week

8 Nov—Governors Curriculum & Assessment Committee @ 1700

14 Nov—Governors Personnel Committee @ 1700

22 Nov—Sixth Form Open Evening @ 1800

28 Nov—Governors Quality Assurance Committee @ 1700

3 Dec—Inset Day [School closed to students]

12 Dec—Governing Body Meeting @ 1700

13 Dec—Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening—1630 to 1900

19 Dec—Christmas Concert @ 1900

21 Dec—Term Ends for Students

[Students dismissed at 1230]

Christmas Break—24 Dec 2018 to 4 January 2019

7 Jan 2019—Inset Day [School closed to students]

8 Jan—ALL students start @ 0830

8 to 16 Jan—Sixth Form Pre Public Examinations

11 Jan—Year 10 Boys Teenage Booster

17 Jan—Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening—1630 to 1900

22 Jan—Governors Curriculum & Assessment Committee @ 1700

30 Jan—Governors Site & Finance Committee @ 1700

31 Jan—Sixth Form Parents Consultation Evening—1630 to 1900

5 Feb—Year 9 Pathways Evening

11-15 Feb—Year 12 BTEC Work Experience

11 Feb—Governing Body Meeting @ 1700

18—22 Feb—Half Term Break

18—22 Feb—Half Term Revision School

25 Feb-1 Mar—Year 12 BTEC Work Experience

27 Feb—Brilliant Parents—Triple P Course [1 of 6]

TERM DATES—ACADEMIC YEAR 2018—2019

Autumn term: *3 September 2018– 21 December 2018

4 September 2018—Year 7 start at 0830

Year 12 start at 0945

5 September—All students return at 0830

Half term: 22 October to 26 October 2018

Spring term : *7 January—5 April 2019

Half term: 18 February—22 February 2019

Summer term: 23 April—23 July 2019

Half term: 27 May—31 May 2019

INSET DAYS [School closed to students]

*Monday 3 September 2018

Monday 29 October 2018

Monday 3 December 2019

Monday 7 January 2019

Friday 28 June 2019