

HAMPSTEAD BUZZ

Highlights and Achievements - Summer Term 2015



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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Jacques Szemalikowski

Welcome to the summer edition of Buzz. There is so much going on that there is hardly any room left for me to write anything! Having said that 'Evening with Stars' on 9th July 2015 was brilliant.

On 27th June, Camden Council's Development and Planning Committee approved planning permission for the rebuild of Hampstead School. Enabling works have already started and will continue over the summer break. The construction period will be such that the new building will be erected alongside our existing older one, avoiding the need to use any mobile classrooms. We hope to have occupation of the first new building by October 2016.

For the duration of construction. Lunch time will be reduced to 30 mins due to health and safety. School will finish at 14:50 from 1st September 2015.

HAMPSTEAD STUDENT AT GLOBAL SUMMIT

Andrew Duncan

Stella B (Year 9) was selected as part of a UK delegation to travel to Berlin for the "J7 Summit" in May, a junior version of the G7 heads of government summit. Stella was part of a group of 70 students aged between 14 and 20, who represented global youth by researching issues ranging from the education of girls to protecting the marine environment. The summit culminated in a meeting with Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor who listened and debated the delegation's position papers.



Stella particularly impressive in a debate with the British Ambassador to Germany who challenged the need for young people to voice their opinion. Speaking about her experience, Stella said: "I was a bit scared but she was really friendly, really nice.

"The people I met were amazing. It was really nice to see people who had the same interests and had similar problems."

SPRINTING COACHING

Beth Lloyd

On Tuesday 16th June the PE Department welcomed Olympic Athlete Abi Oyepitan into a Year 8 and 9 lesson. Students in these two lessons had the opportunity to be coached in sprinting as well as hear Abi's journey to making it to the very top.

Abi was inspirational to the students with whom she spent the morning and gave them an insight into what it takes to make it to the top of any sport – the right attitude, diet and resilience.



Students were extremely engaged and motivated throughout the lesson.

CAMDEN SCHOOLS ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Dimitri Mousicos

As the sun began to shine, the Hampstead team walked through Parliament Hill in full force - reminiscent of the opening ceremony parade of the London 2012 Olympics. Students from Years 7-9 represented Hampstead in a wide range of both track and field events and were a real credit to our school.

Some of the highlights; Tiyanina in 7.7 won the 100m, Thai also in Year 7 won 2 gold and a silver medal. The Year 9 boys' relay just "pipped" on the line into silver medal position.

ANNUAL CAMDEN REFUGEE PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CEREMONY

Congratulations to Year 7: Yamama, Year 8: Shu'yab and Manal, Year 10: Mehrnegar, Year 11: Samah, Year 12 Ikran and Betul who were awarded certificates at the Ceremony on 17th June by Councillor Lorraine Revah, Mayor of Camden.



VISITORS TO HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Abdullahi Mohamud, et al

The fantastic work which is done at Hampstead School is seen by many as a centre of excellence.

The History Department have hosted trainee teachers and their Professor, Dr Renee Jefferson, of the Citadel Military



College's Education Faculty for the second successive year. They arrived in London on the day of the tragic shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown

Charleston which is only minutes away from the main university campus. They were understandably distressed but all of them mentioned how helpful it was to observe an exemplary London school and also how uplifting it was to be in such a diverse and harmonious environment at that time.



The school also welcomed visitors from Hong Kong who were impressed by the work done by our Bilingual Support team and from Holland and Switzerland



On VE Day, 8th May, the school also welcomed Alan Leigh who was a student at Haberdashers school at that time. Mr Leigh spent a few minutes in the playground in quite contemplation as a mark of remembrance.

COMPUTING FOCUS WEEK

Written by Year 12 Work Experience Students

29th June to 3rd July was Computing Focus Week at Hampstead School. The entire week was dedicated to a range of computing activities in which both staff and students participated.

Each day, there were a variety of opportunities for students to meet people studying and working in Computing, including a former Hampstead student and two Microsoft employees.

There were also a number of design activities which proved very popular and included building a programmable buggy, game development programming, computer building and the "Design an App" competition. This has engaged students to think of a real life app which could be education or entertainment related. The competition champion will be decided next Wednesday and the prize of a trip to Bletchley Park awaits them.



The week finished with a buzz as teachers incorporated 10 minute activities in each of their lessons, linked to the computing curriculum.

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

David Lee

2015 was another successful year in the Junior Maths Challenge, with 5 students getting a gold medal, 13 getting silver medal and 19 getting a bronze. The maths challenge is aimed at the top Year 7 and 8 students in the country, and sets 25 challenging maths questions that require you to think carefully. In addition, 11 students entered the Junior Mathematical Olympiad, the follow-on round to the maths challenge four of whom achieved a merit. This is an outstanding achievement in what is the hardest maths competition for students in Year 7 and 8 in the country.

Well done to Nabil and Marlon who achieved the joint top results on the Olympiad in the school.

Medals went to:

Junior Maths Challenge (Year 8)

Gold Medals

Peris (Best in School), Daniel, Marlon, Nabil

Silver Medals

Kyle, Adam, Zahra, Mohamed, Fenix

Bronze Medals

Ali, Nedae, Ewan, Charlotte, Zahrah, Saim Fawaad, Joseph, Shaimaa, Yaqub, Majda

Junior Maths Challenge (Year 7)

Gold Medal

Adam ,

Silver Medals

Ehsan, Batul, Charlie, Madhah, Junada, Jessie, Nicoll, Amine

Bronze Medals

John, Aminah, Bartosz, Shanak, Adriatik

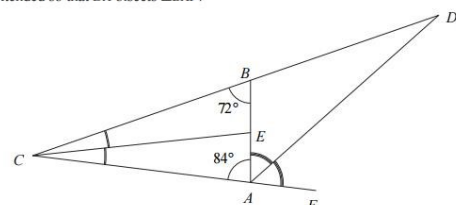
Junior Mathematical Olympiad

Merit

Marlon, Nabil, Zahrah, Adam,

Try a question from the Junior Mathematical Olympiad:

The diagram shows triangle ABC , in which $\angle ABC = 72^\circ$ and $\angle CAB = 84^\circ$. The point E lies on AB so that EC bisects $\angle BCA$. The point F lies on CA extended. The point D lies on CB extended so that DA bisects $\angle BAF$.



Prove that $AD = CE$.

CLASS OF 2015

Liz Blakemore

The Year 11 Class of 2015 have left the building!



Their final term as Hampstead School Year 11 students has been one that has made us immensely proud - proud of their hard work, proud of their commitment and proud of their strength as a group. They have supported, bantered and encouraged each other through the toughest academic period of their lives, culminating in an exam season during which they rose to the challenge. Despite the incredible levels of stress they were under at this time, they dealt with the exam weeks with positivity and humour. They were in the Year Room revising from 7am most mornings and into the evenings, working independently and supporting each other with skill and kindness.

At the end of it all, the celebrations began with the Prom and Graduation Assembly a rite-of-passage for Year 11 at Hampstead School. The Prom was a truly lovely evening and, as the students danced away the stresses of exams, staff looked on with pride. Graduation was the culmination of the last five years of the students' lives with some amazing performances, heartfelt speeches from key staff and a trip down memory lane via a montage of photographs. It didn't end there! After the assembly, students spent nearly two hours signing each other's school shirts, having their photographs taken and enjoying the end of their Year 7-11 Hampstead journey together.

We now await results on 20th August with many students returning to the Sixth Form to continue their education.

Year 11, you've done us proud.

ZADIE SMITH WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of the inaugural Zadie Smith Prize for Writing. The essay competition was opened to all Sixth Form students at Hampstead School, and won by Aleks with an essay titled 'Infinitely Many Worlds Exist'. Here he is receiving his prize from Zadie. Runners-up Thea



and Leema were closely followed by Koshin. All the writers have been awarded prizes of vouchers, books and medals for their efforts.

NATIONAL SUCCESS IN ASIA HOUSE BAGRI FOUNDATION LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Nita Dhinsa

Congratulations to Thea Al H (Year 12) for winning the 16-18 Fiction category of the Asia House Bagri Foundation Literature Festival prize and well done to Hana for being short-listed. It was a tough competition this year with 664 entries, so both did incredibly well! During the summer term A Level Creative Writing students explored

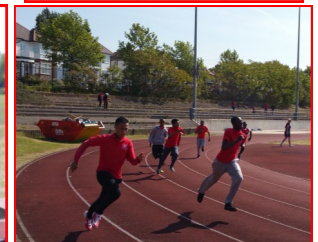
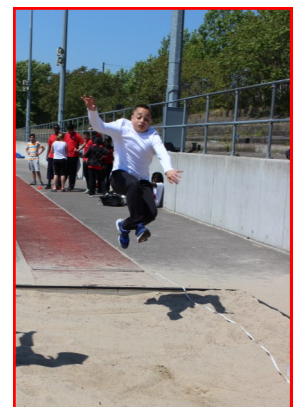


Asian Literature and culture, taking this year's festival theme of, 'Women Hold up Half the Sky' as inspiration. They wrote their own stories and essays on the chosen theme.

SPORTS DAY

Congratulation to the overall winners of events—: Tutor Groups 7.1; 8.1; 9.6; and 10.3

Highlights from our Sports Day on 11th June.



CALLING ALL FORMER HAMPSTEAD STUDENTS!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future.

You can choose how and when you help and it doesn't matter when you left us, what you're doing or where you live. There are many ways in which you can help and we would love to stay in touch.

We've been partnered with the national education charity **Future First** for 6 years now. They specialise in helping schools/college like ours stay connected with their former students. In order to sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form – it will only take a couple of minutes, we promise!

www.networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/hampstead
Looking forward to hearing from you!

BRAZIL vs CHILE

Dimitri Mousicos



15 Year 9 students accompanied by Mr Maynard and I had the opportunity to watch the match at the Emirates in April. The game was not the best but the boys were incredibly mature and took in the whole atmosphere.

I believe they have all found a new love for South America now.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Well over 500 people attended our International Festival on 30th April which was a resounding achievement for our students who organised the festival with support from staff.

Highlights from the International Festival



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, you will need to inform the school by **9.00am** on the day of absence by using one of the following methods:

Attendance Line - Direct Line: **020 7472 5380**

Email: attendance@hampsteadschool.org.uk

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Students with 95% or above attendance to school perform better in class and in exams

DIARY DATES – 2015–2016

[Please check the website regularly for updates]

- 1 Sept—INSET DAY [School closed to students]
- 2 Sept—Years 7 & 12 start @ 0840
- 3 Sept—All students return @ 0840
- 15 Sept—School Photographs
- 15 Sept—Camden Moving On Event—Year 6 into Year 7
- 22 Sept—Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 0900
- 29 Sept—Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 0900
- 6 Oct—Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 0900
- 8 Oct—Year 11 Information Evening @ 1800
- 13 Oct—Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 0900
- 13 Oct—Open Evening for Prospective Parents @ 1800
- 15 Oct—Black History Evening @ 1800
- 20 Oct—Open Morning for Prospective Parents @ 0900
- 23 Oct—Enrichment Day
- 26—20 Oct—HALF TERM BREAK
- 6 Nov—Work Review Day (by appointment)
- 12 Nov—Sixth Form Open Evening @ 1730
- 30 Nov—INSET DAY [School closed to students]
- 8 Dec—Governing Body Meeting @ 1800
- 16 Dec—Christmas Concert @ 1900
- 17 Dec—Enrichment Day
- 18 Dec—Autumn Term Ends [students dismissed at 1230]
- 4 Jan 2016—INSET DAY [school closed to students]
- 7 Jan—Years 12 & 13 Parent Consultation Evening @ 1630 to 1900

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 Days: 1 September & 23 October**
[School closed to students]

Spring term 2016: 4 January—24 March 2016

Half term: 15 February to 19 February 2016

Summer term 2016: 11 April to 20 July 2016

Half term: 30 May to 3 June 2016



Article 28 (right to education)

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

REMINDERS: From September 2015

Only black shoes (no trainers, converse, etc.) are permissible as part of the school uniform

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