



**CONGRATULATIONS TO EDISON
SPORTS DAY WINNERS 2023**

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



We have come to the end of a very exciting half term, and a very productive academic year. I know that our staff are ready for a very well-earned summer break, and I suspect the same is true for all our students.

In the last few weeks we have had our Windrush Day commemoration, a fantastic MADFest evening, marvellous celebration events for both Year 11 and Year 13 students and a return to New River Stadium for Sports Day. These events are just a few of the many things that have taken place this summer alongside the more routine business of teaching, learning and sitting public examinations. This issue of Insight gives some idea of the myriad of activities we have seen.

At this time of year we always look toward the future and reflect on the past and I would like this opportunity to share with you the overview of our

HWS SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Priority Area A: ENSURING A HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

Priority Actions:

- ◆ Achieving Excellent Teaching and Learning
- ◆ Towards a High Quality and Inclusive Curriculum
- ◆ Achieving Excellent Academic Progress for All Students

Priority Area B: ACHIEVING HIGH STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AND ENGAGEMENT – THE HIGHGATE WOOD WAY

Priority Actions:

- ◆ All Students Showing the 4Cs Without Being Asked
- ◆ Achieving Excellent and Calm Behaviour at Movement at Social Times: Achieving Zero Truancy – No Students Out of Lessons
- ◆ Successfully Embedding Restorative Justice Practices

Priority Area C: ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE EQUALLY INCLUDED AND THAT ALL CONTRIBUTE

Priority Actions:

- ◆ Ensuring that Student Support and Intervention is Coordinated and Effective
- ◆ Achieving Excellent Attendance for All Students
- ◆ Ensuring a Sense of Belonging for All Students and in Particular Those from Global Majority Backgrounds

Priority Areas D and E

- MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST EXPECTATIONS OF STAFF
- FACILITATING A HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

School Development Plan for the coming year.

Mr Cozier Headteacher

Key Responsibilities:

- School Development Strategy & Review
- Self-Evaluation
- Recruitment & Staffing
- Performance Appraisal – Pay Progression

Linked groups: Global Majority Parents' Forum

Ms Burniston Deputy Headteacher

Key Responsibilities:

- Behaviour Policy Implementation
- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL);
- Prevent & E-Safety
- KS4 Academic and Pastoral Oversight

Ms Hamilton Deputy Headteacher

Key Responsibilities:

- Curriculum Monitoring & Development
- Student Progress Tracking
- Assessment and reporting

Mr Mansfield Deputy Headteacher

Key Responsibilities:

- Inclusion
- Oversight of Pupil Premium Strategy
- Personal Development & Student Voice
- Attendance

Linked groups: Environmental Sustainability (with Ms Archer)

Mr Cain-Reed Assistant Headteacher SENDCO

Key Responsibilities:

- Literacy & Numeracy Strategy
- Dedicated Reading Time
- Deputy DSL (DDSL)

Linked groups: SEND Parents' Forum

Mr Hartley Assistant Headteacher

Key Responsibilities:

- Timetabling
- Oversight of Exams

Ms Issitt Assistant Headteacher

Key Responsibilities:

- Key Stage 3 Coordinator & Raising Standards
- KS2-3 Transition
- SLT PSA Link

Ms Kingston Assistant Headteacher

Key Responsibilities:

- T & L Strategy
- Staff Development & Whole School CPD
- Leadership Development
- Performance Appraisal (CPD & Implementation)

Ms Archer Director of Finance and Operations

Key Responsibilities:

- Finance
- Premises & Resources
- Oversight of Health and Safety (with Facilities Manager)
- Environmental Sustainability (with Mr Mansfield)

Helping the school achieve these aims we have restructured our Leadership Team as below:

You will notice that the structure has revised roles for Ms Burniston and Ms Hamilton. Having very successfully gone through a process earlier this year, they have now both taken on the role of Deputy Headteachers.

You will also see from the above structure that two new members of the Leadership Team will be joining us in September. Ms Sara Archer will join us as the Director of Finance and Operations, taking the place of Louise Prodromou who has taken up a post in another school. Mr Daniel Cain-Reed joins us as our new SENDCO, taking over from Patricia Adjei, who has been working as our acting SENDCO

for much of this academic year. Having our new SENDCO as a member of the leadership team emphasises the huge importance of that role to Highgate Wood School and I am very confident that our Learning Support Department will flourish under Mr Cain-Reed's management. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Ms Prodromou and Ms Adjei for their contributions to the school during the course of this year.

I am sure you will have noticed that two long-standing members of Highgate Wood School's leadership team are no longer in the structure. Many of you will already be aware that Ms Lindsay Pinnick and Mr Tristan Ashman will both be retiring at the end of this academic year and I wish them both every happiness and success in the new phase of their lives. Their contribution to Highgate Wood School has been immense.

Ms Pinnick joined the school as an Assistant Headteacher in June 2007. She will be known to many as our Director of Sixth Form, a role that she has had for the past seven years. Ms Pinnick has helped hundreds of students move on to their chosen pathways beyond Highgate Wood School and I am very aware of the gratitude our students and their families have towards her.

Under Ms. Pinnick's influence our sixth form has grown from strength to strength, each year our A level exam results surpass the previous, and the popularity of our Post 16 provision to students from Highgate Wood School and beyond grows and grows. In particular, Ms Pinnick and her team have been able to create a positive, supporting and nurturing ethos in the sixth form – something that has been so needed during and following Covid. It will be very hard to replace her for this role, but I also must thank her for her much wider contributions to the school.

As well as being an exemplary English and Media Studies teacher, Ms Pinnick has been a role model for so many of our staff and students and a font of wisdom and support to myself personally. I also need to thank her particularly for her work as the school's timetabler. This is one of those quiet tasks that most do not notice or understand, but the

school timetable is the foundation on which everything else in the school is built. It is a critical role that Ms Pinnick has performed with tremendous skill. Ms Mo Julian (currently Head of Year 12 at Alexandra Park School), will be taking over as Director of Sixth Form at HWS in September, and I feel sure she will step into Ms Pinnick's shoes admirably and build on the strengths that our sixth form now has. For other aspects of Ms Pinnick's role and her wider contribution to the school, she is irreplaceable.

Mr Ashman is also retiring at the end of this year. He has been with Highgate Wood School since 2000, steering us through the many developments in ICT that have taken place during that time, including the challenge of lock-downs and remote learning. As the communication lead for the school many of you will have had interactions with him and will be aware of his dedication and commitment to Highgate Wood School.

Mr Ashman has for the last few years taken on the role of SLT link to the PSA. This relationship could not have been any more positive and productive and I am sure that the PSA will miss Mr Ashman every bit as much as we will do. Mr Ashman has

been an absolute rock at HWS – the original Mr Fix-It and the ultimate problem solver.

I have never met anyone with a work ethic like Mr Ashman (many of you will have received his instant responses to being contacted by your e-mails), as he epitomises the saying that 'you don't stop when you are tired, you stop when you are done!' You may also know that, for the last two years he has been dealing with cancer and, in part, working remotely. He has now decided that the time has come to relax, and I am sure you will join with me in wishing him well.

School will start again for students on Tuesday 5th September (Monday 4th September will be an INSET day) and information about the new year will be posted on the school website in the coming weeks. In the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support over the year and wish you all a very enjoyable summer holiday.


Patrick Cozier
Headteacher

HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Chair of Governors: Laurence Penn (Co-opted) and Diana Sternfeld (Co-opted)

Vice-chair of Governors: Tahra Zafar (Co-opted)

LA Governor: Cllr Eddie Griffiths

Parent Governors: Miki Lentin • Vivienne Mvula • Kate Newman • Aweis Osman • Mark Radice • Maria Santos Roman • Alice Yeo

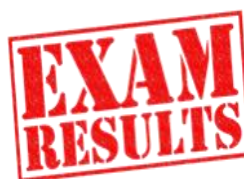
Co-opted Governors: Charlotte Angove • Caroline Curtis • Judella Fereira • Pokuaa Osei-Nyametie • Chetna Patel • Craig Perry • Martin Smith

Associate Members: Jessica Taylor • Dev Thaker

Headteacher Governor: Patrick Cozier

If you wish to contact the Governing Body please write to the Chair of Governors, c/o Ms E Olakisan, Highgate Wood School, Montenotte Road, London N8 8RN or email: governors@hws.haringey.sch.uk

COLLECTING EXAM RESULTS



Students must collect their exam results in person unless they have given written authority to someone else and confirmed this with our exams officer, Ms Short (Ish@hws.haringey.sch.uk)

Year 13—GCE Results

Exam results for Year 13 will be issued on **Thursday 17th August from 8:30am**

Year 11—GCSE Results

Exam Results for GCSE and enrolment into the Sixth Form takes place on Thursday 24th August from 9:00am (individual times have been sent to students in Year 11)

Yearbooks will be issued on Results Days.



AN ALERT FROM DR WILL MAIMARIS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HARINGEY

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM MEASLES AND POLIO

Measles

Recently, there has been a steady increase in measles cases across London in children and young people who are not fully vaccinated. The UK Health Security Agency now estimate the likelihood of a measles outbreak in London to be high.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that spreads very easily from person to person and can cause serious health problems, such as ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, damage to the brain and death. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they come in contact with.

Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine (which are usually administered by the age of 5) offers 99% life-long protection and helps to reduce further spread of the infection in the community through herd immunity. *Measles is not just a problem posed to young children, it's particularly important that teenagers and adults are also fully protected by vaccinations.*

Polio

Polio is a serious disease which can cause severe illness and paralysis in children. Following recent detection of polio virus in the sewage in London, it is important that children who are not fully protected are vaccinated as soon as possible to reduce their risk of getting the disease. The best way to prevent polio is to check your child is up to date with vaccinations. Children need to have had 5 vaccinations to be fully protected, and vaccinations are usually given from 8 weeks to 14 years old.

MMR and Polio vaccinations have been administered for decades and are considered safe and effective at preventing illness.

How to check if your child is up to date and/or get your child vaccinated

Check your child's red book or you can contact your GP surgery to check if your child is up to date for vaccinations against these two diseases. If your child is not fully protected, schedule to have the vaccination as soon as possible.

You can book into a clinic online with the school-aged immunisations provider Vaccination UK: <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics/polio-mmr-catch-up-clinics> Alternatively, you can book an appointment by calling **0208 017 4292**.

6th HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL

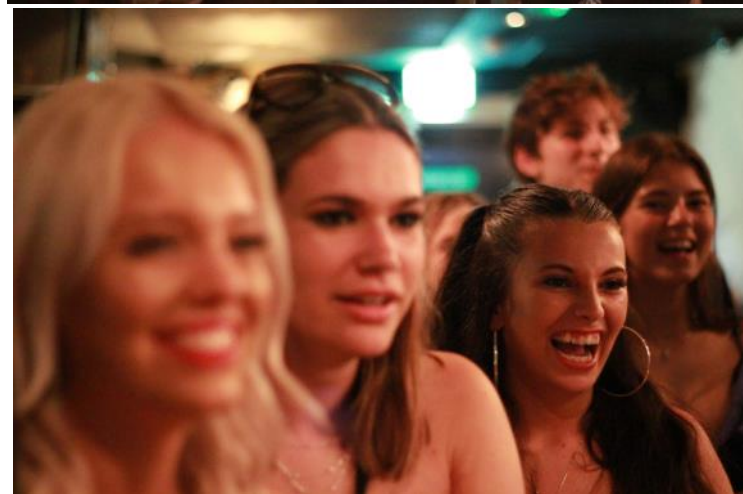
The summer term was very busy one for Post 16 students: actual national exams for Year 13, End of Year Exams and work experience for Year 12 as well as the many other events and pressures of the school year. I would like to commend all our Post 16 students for their continued efforts and positive attitude to their studies.

Year 13 students finalised their 'firm' and 'insurance' and will collect their results on Thursday 17th August from 8.30am. Following their exams, students were able to celebrate with a wonderful party at Patch St Pauls.



Ms Pinnick delivering her congratulations speech to our wonderful Year 13 students at Patch St Pauls.





Celebration scenes from Patch St Pauls.



Year 12 outing to Margate 2023.

Year 12 have completed preparation work on university applications including starting their draft personal statements. There will be a big focus on these as soon as they return in September. Year 12 were able to celebrate their successful year with a well-earned trip to Margate.

Mr Frost had the pleasure of accompanying Year 12 on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition and we wish several groups successful expeditions with the Mark Evison Foundation this summer.

This is my last term as Director of Sixth Form. It has been a real privilege to work with Mr Pateman, Ms Gordon, Ms Lewis, the fantastic tutors and all the Post 16 students over the last seven years. I have enjoyed watching our students develop academically and personally over their journey through the sixth form. I was touched by the thank you cards, presents and messages from current and former students.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my sixteen years at Highgate Wood School but I am now ready for new challenges of retirement. I leave the Sixth Form in the very capable hands of Ms Julian (new Director of Sixth Form), Mr Pateman (Head of Year 13) and Ms Georgiades (Head of Year 12).

Thank you to all the support from parents and carers over the years – I could not have done my job without you.

Ms Pinnick

Tristan Ashman writes:

I would like to take this opportunity to give my personal thanks to the PSA for all the support they have provided to the school over the years. I am particularly grateful for their recent help in helping to facilitate the supplementary after-school clubs that we launched over the summer term and which we hope to continue into the future.

Highgate Wood School would simply not be the school it is without the hard work and dedication of the PSA and, especially in these difficult times, their work both in fund-raising and in helping bring the Highgate Wood School community together is more important than ever.

Another demonstration of the PSA's huge contribution to Highgate Wood School was the fantastic MADFest that we enjoyed this term. Whilst MADFest depends on the talents and enthusiasm of the students and staff involved, it is something that we could not have staged without the PSA, their energy, their amazing organisational skill and their determination to make things work.

To keep up to date with PSA events and activities, please join their mailing list by visiting <https://bit.ly/hwspsalist> but we also need more than that. **We are in urgent and desperate need for more parents and carers to play an active part in the running of the PSA and becoming part of the PSA executive.**

Please, if you can offer any help to the PSA do get in touch with them. They are very keen to represent the full diversity of Highgate Wood School and so particularly welcome parents and carers from Black and Global Ethnic Majority heritage. But everyone is welcome to contribute. **For more information please email hwoodpsa@gmail.com**

Now that I have retired, from September 2023 the school's SLT link contact with the PSA will be Emily Issitt (eis@hws.haringey.sch.uk).



Cover picture: Our cover picture shows Edison students celebrating their success at school Sports Day. See inside for more details

TERM DATES FOR 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023*

Term Starts for students: Tuesday 5th September

HALF TERM 23rd—27th October 2023

Term Ends for students: Thursday 20th September

Term Ends: 21st December 2023*

*Monday 4th September, Tuesday 26th September, Friday 24th November and *Friday 21st December are INSET days when the school is closed to students.

SPRING TERM 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

HALF TERM 12th—16th February 2024

Term Ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Wednesday 21st February is an INSET day when the school is closed to students.

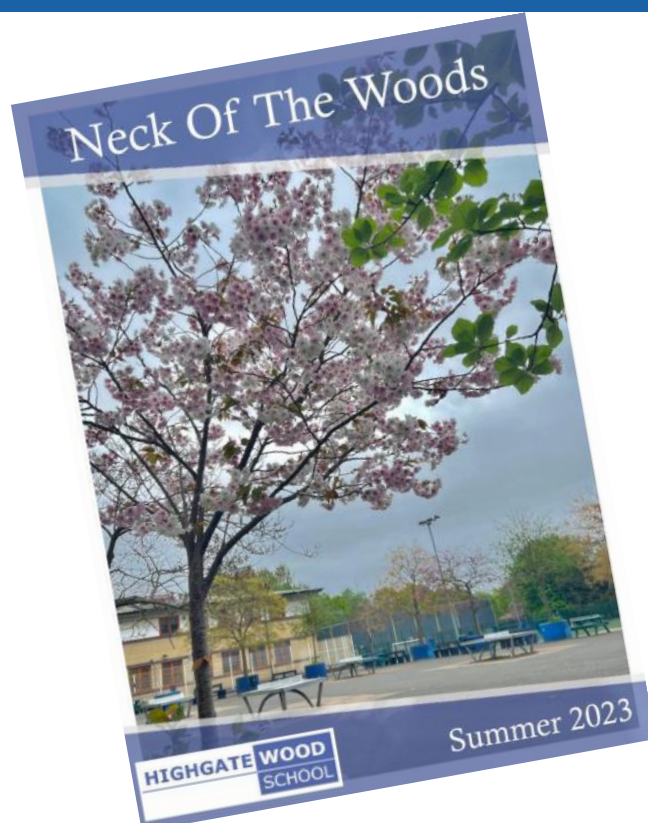
SUMMER TERM 2024

Term Starts: Monday 15th April 2024

HALF TERM 27th—31st May 2024

Term Ends: Friday 24th July 2024

STUDENT NEWSPAPER



We are delighted to present the latest issue of the school magazine, produced by our Sixth Form students—particularly Ell Hashimshony and Kate Freeman. Click [here](#) to download your copy



22nd June marked the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks and the school was delighted to mark this occasion and celebrate the contribution that has since been made to British society by the Windrush Generation in a wide range of different events.

The celebrations stretched over a few days of that week and spread across the whole curriculum, from maths modelling to class debates, literature to dance, photography and art to textile design and historical studies.

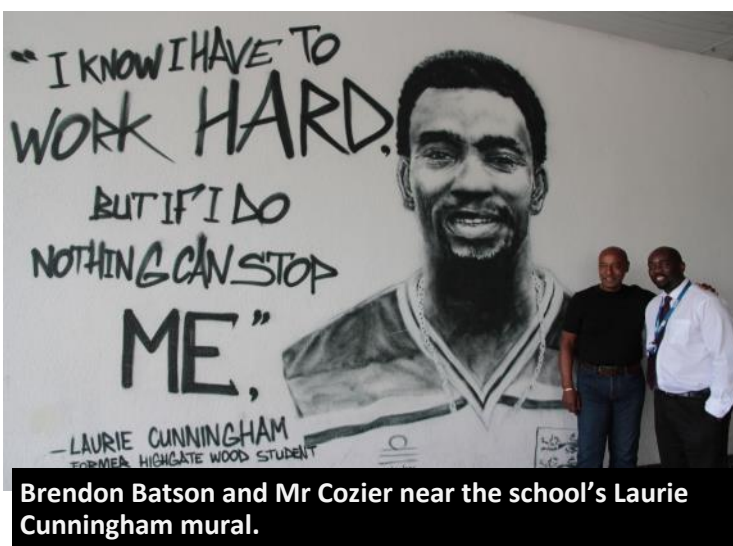
Amongst the several highlights was a stunning performance of our “home grown” production: “Windrush in Our Hearts” and the display of marvellous photographic portraits taken by our students of members of the Windrush Generation.

Some of the events from these days were captured on video and are now available to view on the school website. Please visit [here](#) to see these.

Amongst those taped events are the visits to the school that helped our Windrush Day celebrations feel particularly special.

We were privileged to welcome Brendon Batson, MBE, Arsenal’s first black player and now a trustee of the Professional Footballers’ Association. Brendon was a friend and colleague of Laurie Anderson, the celebrated international footballer who once attended Highgate Wood School.

Mr Batson held discussions with students and refereed a football match for us, reminding everyone how far society has come since the early days when he and Laurie used to play for West Bromwich Albion. Mr Batson also refereed for us (see Sports pages for details)



Brendon Batson and Mr Cozier near the school’s Laurie Cunningham mural.

WINDRUSH COMMEMORATIONS



We were also honoured to welcome the veteran broadcaster Sir Trevor McDonald who spent the day with us, touring the school and engaging in discussions and debates with students around the various issues National Windrush Day has highlighted and speaking with expert knowledge of the huge contribution people of Caribbean heritage have made to British society.



Sir Trevor and Mr Cozier in discussion on Windrush Day

Sir Trevor is already a friend of Highgate Wood School, having previously spoken at one of our celebration evenings, and we were particularly grateful for him to again make time to support the school in our celebrations of this important anniversary.

Along with his discussions with students and staff Sir Trevor also unveiled the new plaque, designed by staff and students in Design Technology, to mark the renaming of one of the main school buildings, the Windrush Building.



Sir Trevor unveiled the plaque renaming one of our main buildings The Windrush Building



Sir Trevor viewing our celebration banner produced by students and staff in Textiles.

LEARNING SUPPORT SUCCESS



Ms Bielby writes

After another busy school year I would like to reflect on some of the real success we have had in Learning Support. Many thanks to all the staff and the students who helped make these happen.

- Amazing break and lunch clubs that gained more and more attendees through the year as word spread about how it's a great place to socialise.
- After school Homework Club - three nights a week, supervised by staff with great subject knowledge.
- A whole range of interventions, including the 'Daisy Chain' ASC groups, 'Social Groups', and the Literacy and Numeracy groups run by subject experts.
- Pizza Parties each term for students who have attended regularly in their intervention groups - celebrating their success and hard work.
- Whole school CPD on neurodiversities, including workshops on Dyslexia and Down Syndrome - so popular that they had to run twice to accommodate the all those who wanted to be involved
- Student interviews - a new system to allow our students to have far more in-depth input into their Student Profiles, opening up conversations about how they learn best and giving them time to talk through strategies that work well for them.
- Trained Sixth Form and Year 10 Reading Mentors for students in Years 7 and 8. They met their younger Reading Buddies once a week to read during Directed Reading Time.
- Participation in the Umbrella Project to highlight and bring centre-stage the challenges and benefits of neurodiversity to everyone at HWS.

I am really looking forward to the new Academic Year when we will be surely be taking these, as well as new developments, even further.

Wishing all our students a really enjoyable summer.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS



Mr Ashman writes

Thanks to the support and funding of our PSA we were able to launch a good number of additional extra-curricular clubs this summer. Provided by outside agencies they are chargeable, but the support of the PSA means there is help for all who need it and there is no reason for a child to be disadvantaged from these clubs because of money concerns.

Rose Academy has been delivering Athletics and Tag Rugby Clubs, **Diverse Voices** have been staffing clubs for Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre—contributing also to the brilliant “Windrush in Our Hearts” show. Students were learning computer programming thanks to **Innovation Pod's Coding Club** whilst other students enjoyed learning Yoga and Mindfulness under the direction of *Tabassum Skelton*. The last club to come on stream was the Skateboarding Club, staffed by the **North London Skate Club**.

We've been really impressed with the take-up of these new clubs, which come in addition to our existing extra-curricular provision, and very pleased that they have been so welcomed by so many students. We fully expect to develop these in the coming year and see the range of extra-curricular activities become an ever increasing part of school life.

I would like to thank all those who have been involved in the new clubs, particularly the PSA. From September 2023 our extra-curricular provision, including these supplementary clubs, will be overseen by Mr Mansfield, Deputy Headteacher, as part of his wider responsibilities for Personal Development.

YEAR 11 CELEBRATION EVENING

It was a spectacular Celebration Evening as Mr Cozier, Mr Hartley, Mr Key and Year 11 Form Tutors paid their tributes to a fantastic year group.

Louis Peart and Gevan Berbick presented the evening brilliantly, with music from Louie Forward, Alex Gold and Frank Thorpe-Curram.

Well done to Govindpal Bains, winner of the Noreen Prize and Dylan Cervi, winner of the 4Cs Award.



YEAR 11 DRESS UP DAY

In marked contrast to their smart sophistication on Celebration Evening, our fabulous Class of '23 showed their crazy and creative side in their dress up day before the exams began!



YEAR 7 MONSTERS!



Ms Zwicky writes:

This summer our year 7 cohort expanded their drawing and making skills with a focus on mark making. They created large scale monsters as part of their group's work. The Monsters were inspired by the work of Sara Faneli and Greek Mythology.

All students involved rose to the challenge to work collaboratively, and managed to develop and share their brilliant ideas into fantastic outcomes that could also be seen as part of the MADfest celebrations. This work was largely delivered by our student teachers who worked in the Art Department as part of their PGCE at the Institute of Education.

Above are examples of work by the brilliant students of 7z1 and 7z4

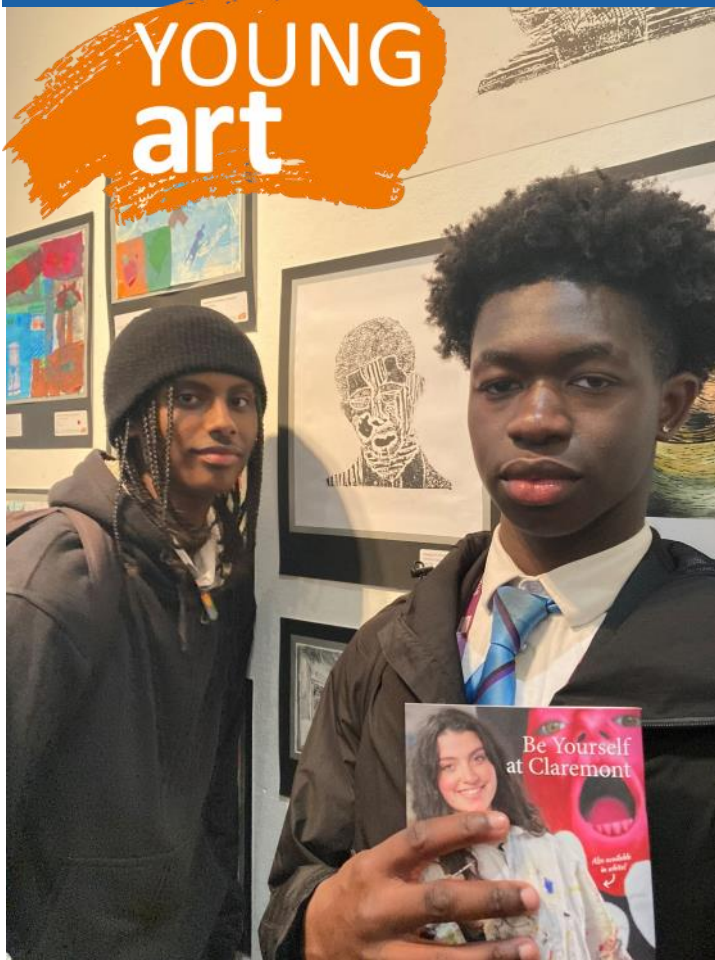
WINNERS OF DESIGN FUTURE LONDON CHALLENGE



Ms Myers writes:

Congratulations to the London Design Challenge Finalists! Team Ecobuilders.

Well done to Tom Guest, Kit West, Emilia Biondi and Louis Finn who, under the name of Team Ecobuilders, were the joint-winners in the 11-15 category of the Mayor of London's Design Future Challenge this year. The teams fantastic submission that focused on repurposing and re-building Croydon. They created an environmentally-friendly and sustainable community in North End. The design also included pedestrian-friendly green routes, affordable and eco-friendly homes, shared green spaces, sustainable living practices, and eco-friendly transport options. For more information please visit www.london.gov.uk



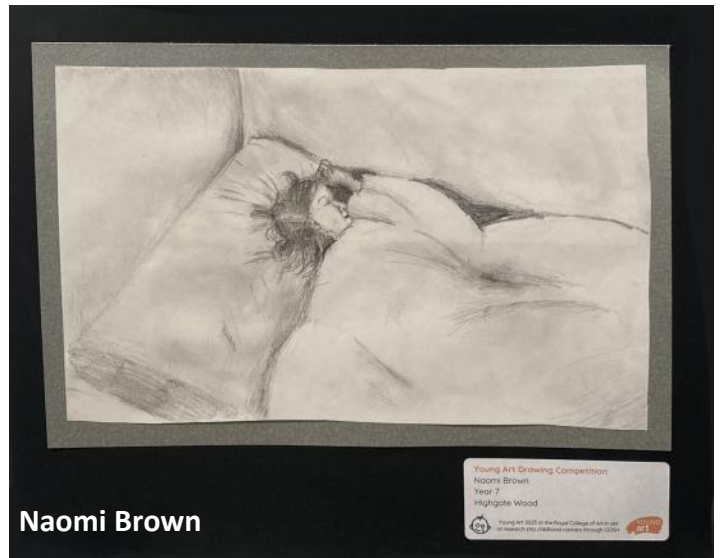
Ms Shepherd writes:

Every year we enter the Royal College of Art Young Artists competition, where students can show their skills in painting, drawing and printmaking. This event is all about “children helping children.”

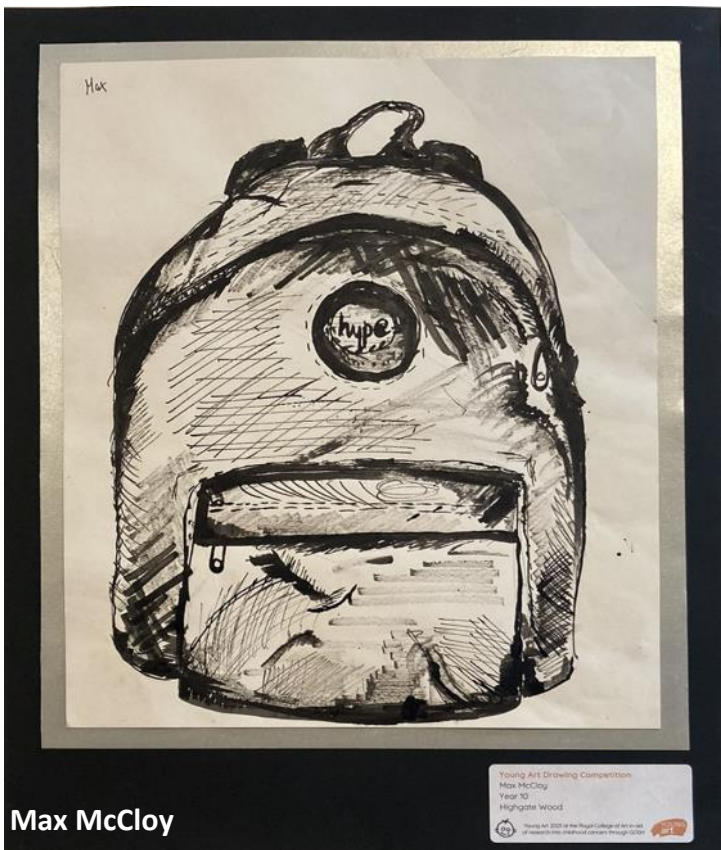
Over 7,600 young people aged from 4 to 18 from more than 90 schools – mainly in London – enter the competition every year. The pictures are judged by a panel of leading contemporary artists and this year over 800 have been selected to be exhibited’.

We are pleased that so many of our fantastically talented Highgate Wood School student artists won places in the exhibition.

A huge well done to Zana Rashiti-Guest, (Year 12), Max McCloy, Feranmi Olowoporoku, Rayan Maarfia, Lola Muir (Year 11), Pip Osborn (Year 10), Rosa Calliste, Mary Hooper, Asta Bradshaw, Roma Bhatti, Daisy Fowler, (Year 8), Malaak Alabdali, Naomi Brown, (Year 7) and of course to all the other students who entered and helped raised money for Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital and Cancer Research UK.



Naomi Brown



Max McCloy



Lola Muir

Ms McGuckin writes:

We had feared that Sports Day would have to be postponed this year. Everything had been agreed and New River Stadium had been booked, but then there was the announcement of the NEU national action. The strike coincided with our original day for Sports Day!

Fortunately another day became available and thus, with some very last minute arrangements and changes Sports Day 2023 was able to happen.

It was a fabulous day. The weather was not too hot, there was no rain, and the students were absolutely amazing.

It was a close run thing through much of the days, with several exceptional performances and some school records broken. However, as each event was completed one House steadily inched ahead of the others to win the cup.

Finally, for the first time in many years, Edison House emerged the victors. Well done to them, but well done also to everyone who took part and made it such a fantastic day.







Ms Shepherd writes:

We were delighted to be able to restart our yearly programme of residential trips with our A-Level Art and Photography students this year. After having missed it three years running due to the pandemic, it felt extra special. We took in the Berlin wall, its history and politics. The trip marks the beginning of our exam unit and rather aptly, the theme this year was 'Borders'.

Our students worked incredibly hard, recording, walking and absorbing the culture of this city. One highlight of our trip was the Teufelsberg, a disused American spy station. Despite the freezing temperatures and bracing wind, our students continued to take photographs and record this amazing site and its stunning views. Well done everybody and thank you for making this such a positive experience.



MADRID TRIP



Ms Vazquez writes:

After a delay of three years we were delighted to run our Madrid trip for Key Stage 4 Spanish GCSE students.

We all had a fabulous time, taking in the sounds, sights and summer heat of Spain's capital.



We could not have been happier with the students. They were an absolute pleasure to be with and showed tremendous willingness to embrace everything the city has to offer, not simply its language and cuisine but every aspect of Spain's culture. Who would have thought that our students would even try their hands (and feet) at flamenco dancing. But they did, and they triumphed! We hope to repeat the experience in France next year!



STEM DAY AT HIGHGATE SCHOOL



Ms Stoyanova writes:

Amaya, Ruby, Ela, Elektra, Eva, Celeste, Freddie and Lorenzo from Year 10 joined students from several other schools to take part in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths initiative at Highgate School in June. The aim of the day was to inspire them to develop and pursue their interests in STEM subjects to A-Level and beyond.

The students worked alongside each other on a sustainable engineering challenge that required them to demonstrate a range of communication, presentation and problem solving skills. A big shout out for Lorenzo and his team for winning 1st place in the competition.

The students represented HWS incredibly well and I'm extremely proud of the way they displayed the confidence to participate and speak out in front of so many others. I hope they are similarly proud of their achievement. They certainly enjoyed the day.

Ruby and Ella say: "The Highgate School STEM workshop was an inspiring challenge, that got us thinking about other aspects of engineering (e.g. costs, materials) and not just design. It was enjoyable seeing other people's attempts and comparing them to our own at the end."

ALEXANDRA SHEPPARD WORKSHOP



Ms Ereira writes:

Alexandra Sheppard's latest novel, ***Friendship Never Ends***, was published earlier this year, but it was on the theme of her very first book that she came to HWS to deliver a workshop in the LRC.

Ms Sheppard's debut novel of 2019, ***Oh My Gods!*** was listed on BuzzFeed's *YA Black Authors You Can't Miss*, Refiner 29's *Best YA Books Written by Black Women That You Haven't Read Yet* and also on the Guardian's *100 best Holiday Books for 2019*. The central character of ***Oh My Gods!*** is a girl called Helen. She's from Holloway, she's half-Jamaican, and she's just moved in with her uncool dad and self-absorbed older siblings – who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London.



With Ms Sheppard's help, our students developed the core ideas of *Oh My Gods!* in their own unique way, creating their own 21st Century Olympian gods, responsible for things ranging from corruption to cyberbullying to sport.

Alexandra Sheppard was so impressed with the results of the students work that showed real talent and imagination. Well done to everyone involved.

EWA JOZEFKOWICZ AUTHOR VISIT



Ms Ereira writes:

Some lucky Year 7 classes were treated to a visit from Ewa Jozefkowicz this term. She talked about her journey from book-loving child who wrote and stapled together her own books for her friends to read, to becoming the winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize with her debut novel ***The Mystery of the Colour Thief***.

Ewa gave our students a mystery-writing workshop, with the opportunity to share the openings of their mystery stories. There were some genuinely gripping and intriguing story openings!

Ewa's latest book, ***The Dragon in the Bookshop***, is a mystery story set partly within a Polish legend. Her next book, ***The Wolf Twins***, will be published in September and is about a pair of very different identical twins and a young wolf who is released too early from a rewilding centre. We're looking forward to reading it!



SIMON JAMES GREEN VISIT



Ms Ereira writes:

Simon James Green's books are laugh-out-loud funny; he is the absolute master of the comedy of social awkwardness. He is also a very politically aware writer, writing books which give a message of positivity and optimism to LGBTQ teenagers.

Simon's book ***Gay Club!*** won our HWS Book Award this year, so we were particularly excited when he agreed to visit. He came to the LRC in June, and presented two separate events for our students.

First up was a talk about book censorship, discrimination and Section 28. Simon introduced this with his trademark self-deprecating humour, sharing personal anecdotes from his school days when Section 28 was in force. It created a culture of shame which he describes as a huge obstacle to happiness.

He went on to talk about the huge number of books currently being banned in American libraries.

Censorship is not only an American issue, and last year Simon was banned from speaking at a London school by the Archdiocese of Southwark. While the staff of the school were hugely supportive of Simon and went on strike in protest at the ban, he also received death threats via social media.

The overarching message of *Gay Club!* and of Simon's new book, ***Boy Like Me***, is that when discrimination is rife, it is vital to stand together to defeat it.

The second event of the day was a comedy-writing workshop. Simon skilfully guided our students through the process of writing the opening of their own comedic stories, and the results were genuinely hilarious. His top tip: Don't focus on gags, but on creating great comedy characters who will write the jokes for you!

This was a truly special event from one of the best YA writers around.



Ms Ereira writes:

Who wouldn't want to take control of the front page of the newspaper? Our lucky Year 7s had a taste of how that feels when Keilly Swift and Nic Smallshaw from national children's newspaper First News visited the LRC to teach them some editorial skills.



After a lively discussion about the function of news, fake news and bias, our students became editorial teams tasked with creating the pages of an edition of First News. They were given this week's news stories and asked to decide which ones should be included, and in which categories.

Each editorial team created their own unique version of the newspaper for this week. It was fascinating to compare them, not only with each other but also with the real version which was revealed at the end!



Your News

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Buzzing after the Biblio-buzz awards



FIRST NEWS reader Hannah took part in the annual Biblio-buzz book award challenge, and went to London to meet the six shortlisted authors. Read all about her experience below.

by Hannah Braithwaite

I read the Biblio-buzz shortlisted books through my local library, so I was invited to the public libraries event at Wood Green Library on Saturday 25 March, the day after Twitch won the schools' vote.

Jack Meggitt-Phillips was hosting the event because he is the author of last year's winning book, *The Beast and the Bethany*. I have read that as well.

All the authors of this year's shortlisted books took about ten to 15 minutes to talk about their books and read extracts. Jack spoke in between each one, making jokes and getting little children from the front row

to be dragons, while author Patrice Lawrence was trying to take her turn to read!

After all the authors had done their individual talks, there was a little chat about the Biblio-buzz and then the winner of the 2023 Public Libraries Biblio-buzz vote was announced. It was Alastair Chisholm, author of *The Consequence Girl!* He looked extremely delighted!

Afterwards, they set up a little stand where you could buy the shortlisted books, as well as other books by the same authors. There were also tables where you could talk to the writers and get books signed. I talked to MG Leonard, author of *Twitch*, and Jack Meggitt-Phillips.



The winning authors



Hannah and her friends on the way to the event

Ms Ereira writes

Congratulations to Hannah Braithwaite whose report on the Biblio-buzz has been published by First News, the award winning weekly newspaper for children. Well done!

For more information on First News please visit www.firstnews.co.uk

SUE KLAUBER VISIT

Ms Ereira writes:

Sue Klauber has an extraordinary family history, and she has drawn on this for her debut novel *Zinc*. Her grandparents were originally from Hungary, but her father, uncle and aunt grew up in North London.

The stories of these three siblings at the time of the second world war are the basis of the story: one a secret agent parachuted into Slovakia, one a codebreaker at Bletchley Park, and one stranded in enemy-occupied Hungary.

Sue visited the LRC at the end of March. She talked to our students about espionage and code-breaking, and gave them the chance to use a code taught to her by her code-breaker father.

We have signed copies of *Zinc* in the LRC – come and find them!



MADFEST 2023

Mr Ashman writes:

This year's MADFest was another triumph!

The organisational skills of our PSA and the creative talent of so many of our students, coupled with the enthusiasm of families, the dedication of teachers and the good fortune of calm weather made it a great event to mark the ending of another very busy and successful year.

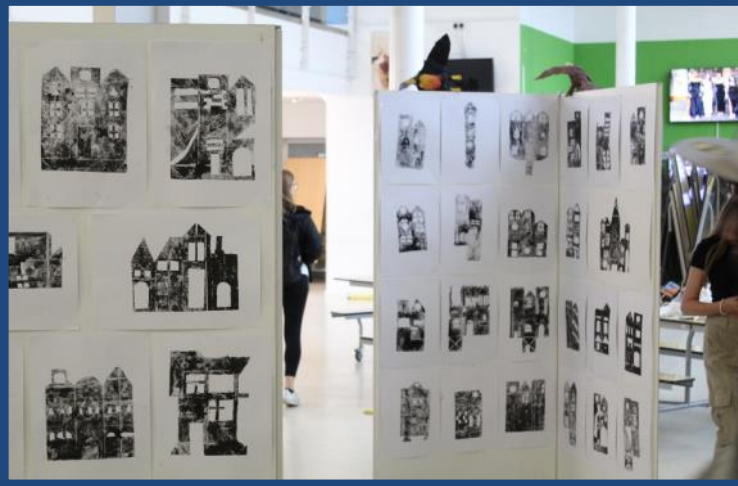
Undoubtedly MADFest is the biggest social event in the school's calendar. Well over 1,000 tickets were sold and hundreds of families came into school to see some of the fantastic work that our students have achieved in art, photography, textiles and design technology, as well as listening to our extremely talented young musicians, whilst being able to eat, drink and enjoy each other's company. Over the next two pages are some of the images from the evening, but more can be found on the school [website](#).

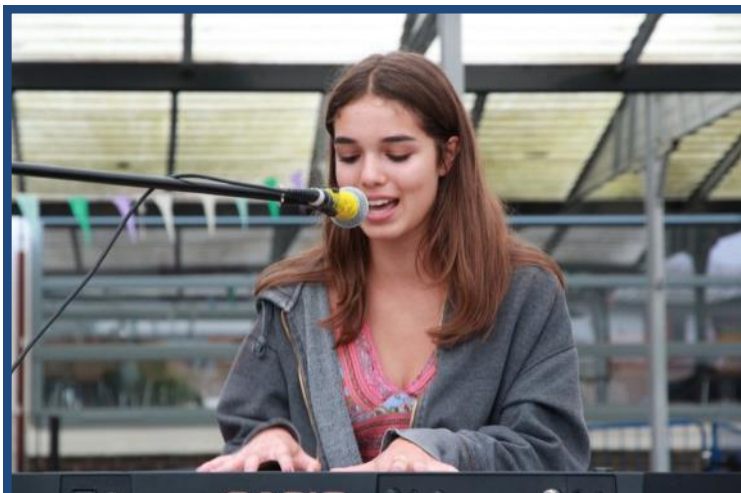
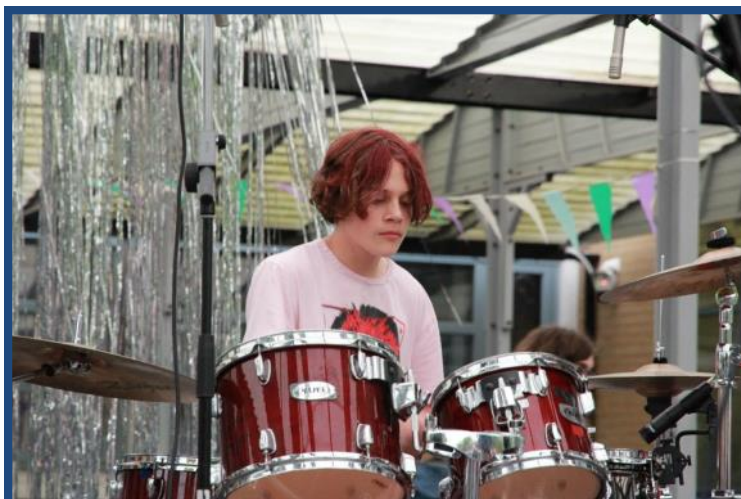
So many staff, students and parents were involved in this year's MADFest but we need to thank in particular the musicians who made the evening so memorable:

Luca Anandasivam, Ted Aslett, Lavenia Awat, Troyena Azemi, Amalia Bahar, Loius Bell, James Blackett, Luka Blum, Oscar Bond, Sam Bond, Tommy Bousso, Roza Bozkurt, Max



Bray, Sol Bublely, Owen Chamberlain, Sebastian Clark, Adam Clarke, Nico Cote, Beck Cowan, Bo Cumberworth, Poppy Dainty, Patrick Davison, Victor De Dalco, Kai Dickson, Anais Dietz Lipscombe, Louis Dsane, D'Chanti Duffus, Avery Farrar-Briggs, Tiffany Forrester, Louie Forward, Ishan Green, Laurie Gregory, Poppy Gregory, Euan Holt, Ibish Ibishi, Freddie Jenkins, Laurence Jones, Cerys Kakkad, Almina Karabardak, Sasha Key, Jack Knight, Arthur Lattimer Walter, Lucas Layton Matthews, Thia Leroy, Corey Lowe, Olivia Morton, Jay Newton Gee, Bella O'brien, Maisy O'Donnell, Frank Palmer, Otis Parker, Sky Parte-Antonis, Elias Radice, Bethan Ratcliffe, Bay Reeves Minnie Schuster Gabriel Shenker, Rosie Simmons, Stanley Southey, Georgia Stokes, Blake Sutherland Hart, Nat Swinhoe, Julie Tyler, Wahida Uddin, Freddie Walker, Joshua Walmsley, Phoebe Willhoft-King, and Tristan Willhoft-King





LANGUAGES LOCAL TO YOU!



Charlie Henshel writes:

A competition by the Goethe Institut asked students to submit photographs on the theme of “Languages Local to You” and the winners would be invited to their London headquarters in London to see their work displayed. This was how a number of students from Highgate Wood had the experience of visiting the wonderful Goethe Institut in South Kensington, and seeing their photographs in situ.

Once inside the institute, we were invited up to the library to check out our photos hanging there on the walls. Among us were students from lots of different schools enjoying the brilliant exhibition. We all took part in a fun quiz in which we rummaged around the library searching for answers, discovering interesting facts about the English language we hadn’t known before.

Next, we were served with an impressive platter of original German foods such as soft sea salted pretzels, or ‘*Brezels*’ as they are called in Germany, and a few delicious ‘*Flammkuchen*’ which consisted of a crispy base topped with fried onions mushrooms and peppers.

After filling up on rich snacks of German cuisine, we enjoyed a fascinating lecture on the roots and expressions of different languages. Finally, to round off what had already been a fun and interesting visit, we were called back up to the library to receive lots of brilliant prizes including notepads, water bottles and more.



Mr Frost writes:

The Summer term saw Year 10 participate in the final DoE Award training and Day Walk as well as two overnight camping expeditions they were fantastic. I can honestly say they were the best group of young people I have had the privilege of supporting.



The Practice Expedition took place in Chelmsford area and when back at camp all teams were competent in cooking food and putting up their tents. What was particularly enjoyable was the enthusiasm for participation in activities that they organised themselves. Frisbee and football were keenly engaged in and it was just lovely to witness the recreational commitment on display. Maybe I did have to separate Jonah, Ted and Sachin from a sleeping bag entwinement outside their tent as they tussled and jostled in the night sky, but it was all good natured fun on display.



Weather was particularly favourable for a late evening, with stars out and a late sunset on the horizon a fitting backdrop to the ebullience of happy children. Nico and Nate developed a great rivalry as they competed for title of best Frisbee thrower with Mr Frost's abilities fading in the diminishing light, but it has to be on record that Theo is probably the rightful owner of that award.

A special mention must be made to recognise Sienna's efforts, this experience was totally outside of her usual comfort zone; camping, dogs, rucksack and walking. But she was amazing, always willing and showing determination to succeed. Well done Sienna and well done all.



The expedition was then repeated in July with the Qualifying Expedition. The facilities at this campsite were not quite as luxurious as the Practice, with a 'long drop' eco toilet and no showers but another great success with all participants successfully completing the Expedition section of the Award.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD contd.

Congratulations to Katie Dorman, Julia Eyre, Emily Maynard, Maylis Molloy and Mia Skovsende who have completed all their sections and the Bronze Award and a big shout out to the mini-bus crew who made my journey there and back so entertaining and not mentioning my Sat-Nav error that took us to a gymnasium in Harrow! As with the Practice another acknowledgement of the fabulous courtesy shown by all, a pleasantly smooth transition to tents and a midnight turn-in.

My personal thanks Mr McMinn and Ms Issitt for giving up their time to attend and support, their presence was appreciated by students and myself alike.

Also in July the year 12 had their DoE Expeditions, this time for Silver and two nights.

The practice in Aldeburgh saw sunny weather with a sea breeze. Participants were amazing and as with the year 10 there was plenty of enjoyment had back at camp following mealtime. Particularly memorable was 'Ultimate Nerf-Ball' that didn't get underway until 9.20 pm and continued until gone 10.30, light just permitting.

Seb's powerful play with Jamie and Emil's tussles at the end zone most notable. The qualifying in Purbeck again saw good weather and a trip enjoyed by all. I would like to thank all of them; Katie, Seb, Emil, Naomi, Tarron, Arthur, James, Leila and Jessie for being so welcoming and sociable, and putting up with the mini bus playlist that I made them endure in the name of driving focus – Rave forever!





Mr Grimmett writes:

Year 12 work experience went off without a hitch with 140 students securing placements across London. Students were tasked with finding their own placements in fields of interest to them. Below are just a few examples of the positive and interesting work that students took part in

Creative industries – Eren completed a project at *Free the Birds*, a graphic design company, the employer said was “clear, considered, insightful and interesting”



Construction industries – We had 6 students working at *Marlborough Highways* alongside various teams which included quantity surveying and marketing and communications where students were tasked with an Instagram marketing task. All students received excellent feedback and one student was offered an employment opportunity.

Film industries – Mohamed organised his placement at *Motion Picture Solutions* and learned about the internal make-up of the company by working with HR, Physical Distribution, Electronic Distribution, Finance, Client Relations and Events. Mohamed was commended for his leadership qualities helping his team as they worked in the various areas of the business.

Legal industries – 3 students worked with barristers from law firms *5KBW* and *7 Bedford Row* shadowing them at the Crown Court watching them prosecute and learn about how the UK legal system operates and what the work entails.

Performing arts industries – Two of our students worked at *Drama Studio London* with the director of studies and had the opportunity to attend workshops on Grotowski Theatre Practice and research seminars on 'Boule de Suif'.



Politics – Three students secured placements working with the *Greater London Authority* and worked with various teams to learn about local decision making and policy development. The students who attended also had the opportunity to attend the London Assembly Meeting at City Hall and met London Mayor, Sadiq Khan.

Trade Unions – Umut organised a placement at the *National Education Union HQ* and worked with the International team to produce a country briefing on Afghanistan focusing on the position of girls and young women's lack of access to education. He also wrote news items for the fortnightly bulletin and took part in the NEU rally's in London working as an assistant steward. He was commended for his written work and ability to express ideas cogently and succinctly.

There are so many more examples to share and we are so proud of all the students that organised and attended work experience this year. I'd also like to say thank you to all parents, guardians and staff who offered their support and help with finding placements for students who did not have those kind of connections. It really made a difference!

HARINGEY TWO TIMES CHAMPIONS (WITH HWS HELP!)



This special trophy was awarded to HWS for all of our students who represented Haringey in the London Youth Games last academic year (2021-2022). The London Youth Games features the best school sporting talent from all 33 boroughs in London with points from all sports added up. Haringey won the **whole** London Youth Games last year – and have now **won it again this year**.

Several students from this school helped contribute to these successes so massive well done to all of you! The trophy is in the PE office – if you are a student who helped Haringey win the London Youth Games last year you can come at break/lunch and take your own picture with the trophy

SCHOOL SPORTS SEASON

Mr Ali writes:

A massive thanks and well done to all students who represented Highgate Wood School on a sports fixture this academic year. Together you achieved EIGHT borough champions trophies:

- ◆ Year 7 boys' football league
- ◆ Year 7/8 boys' table tennis
- ◆ Year 7/8 girls' dodgeball
- ◆ Year 7/8 girls' indoor cricket
- ◆ Year 7/8 boys' indoor cricket
- ◆ Year 7/8 boys' outdoor cricket
- ◆ Year 9/10 boys' outdoor cricket
- ◆ Year 10/11 boys' badminton



We also claimed 6 2nd places and 6 3rd places over the course of the 2022-23 school sport calendar. Can we do even better next year?

HARINGEY SCHOOL SHIELD RESULTS

The Haringey Shield is the competition for all schools in the borough for all fixtures. Our amazing results helped Highgate Wood School achieve 4th place in both the Boys' and the Girls' competitions. Next year we want to break into the Top 3 for both!

BOYS SHIELD		
	SCHOOL	PTS
1st	Alexandra Park	518
2nd	St Thomas More	496
3rd	Fortismere	380
4th	Highgate Wood	328
5th	Greig City	326
6th	Heartlands	215
7th	Gladesmore	205
8th	Woodside	187
9th	Park View	172
10th	Dukes Aldridge	69
11th	Harris Tottenham	0

GIRLS SHIELD		
	SCHOOL	PTS
1st	Alexandra Park	553
2nd	Fortismere	551
3rd	St Thomas More	483
4th	Highgate Wood	272
5th	Greig City	189
6th	Heartlands	176
7th	Gladesmore	167
8th	Park View	140
9th	Hornsey	126
10th	Woodside	119
11th	Dukes Aldridge	57
12th	Harris Tottenham	0

FOOTBALL RESULTS



Highgate Wood School did fantastically well in the 2022-23 Haringey Football Season. Congratulations to all the squad members. Well deserved medals and trophies are on their way!

Year 1st

SCHOOL	POINTS
Highgate Wood	18
Heartlands	17
Alexandra Park	16
St Thomas Moore	13
Gladesmore	7
Woodside	6
Fortismere	5
Dukes	3
Park View	1
Greig City	0

1 GOLD

Year 2nd

SCHOOL	POINTS
St Thomas Moore	25
Highgate Wood	20
Alexandra Park	15
Park View	4
Fortismere	3
Dukes	0
Heartlands	0
Gladesmore	0
Greig City	0
Woodside	0

2 SILVER

Year 3rd

SCHOOL	POINTS
St Thomas Moore	27
Alexandra Park	17
Highgate Wood	16
Fortismere	6
Woodside	4
Heartlands	3
Gladesmore	1
Dukes	0
Park View	0
Greig City	0

3 BRONZE

LONDON YOUTH GAMES—BADMINTON

Mr Ali writes:

Massive well done to the Haringey Badminton Squad for their performance at the London Youth Games. They finished 10th out of the 33 London boroughs, keeping Haringey on-course for overall victory. 7 out of the 10 members of the squad were HWS students, maintaining our enviable local reputation.

Well done Seb Hathway, Leila Mole, Asia Baptiste (Yr 12) and Riley Ferdinando, Imogen Birkett, Afonso Araujo and Tetsu Morisaki-Waygood (Year 11)



CRICKET CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 cricket teams who were phenomenal in their final games of the season.

The girls came a very close 2nd and the boys became borough champions, comfortably beating all teams!

Boys: Dylan Jones, Louis Scarfo, Jacob Dunn, Elliot Clark, Louis Briars-Coan, Sam Scarfo, Flynn Wyld, Wiliam Duggin, Euan Holt, Freddie Collier, Arjun Banwait

Girls: Frankie Chambers, Emily Coates, Safi Hindley, Hannah Braithwaite, Kitty Kelsall, Lucy Souter, Asha Hunter Cross, Malaak Alabdali, Zarina Mole.



YEAR 7 & 8 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENTS



Big well done to all students who represented HWS in some tough Haringey rounders' tournaments. Year 7 girls & boys came joint 4th just missing out on 2nd by half a rounder! Year 8 girls & boys came 3rd getting bronze medals.

Year 7: Emily Coates, Safi Hindley, Poppy Dainty, Darcy James, Tiffany Forrester, Lavenia Awat, Almina Karabardak, Lexi Demerse, Dila Eren, Sebastian Goss, Raffi Nayar.

Year 8: Amy Hanson, Asha Hunter Cross, Elspeth Carey, Kitty Kelsall, Cee Cee Chandler, Erin Walker Buschenfeld, Molly Butler, Scarlett Walker, Wiliam Duggin, Albie Waddell, Jake Wilkinson, Dylan Jones, Lincoln Harrison.

WINDRUSH DAY EVENTS

Mr Ali writes

We were delighted to welcome ex-footballer Brendon Batson to the PE department on Windrush Day.

Mr Batson engaged students in a wide ranging discussion as they learnt of the experiences of his celebrated career and how the world of professional football has changed over the years.

These discussions were followed by two football matches, to which Brendon Batson offered his services as referee. The teams, under the leadership of Mr Ali, Mr Ismail, Ms Ward and Ms McGuckin, represented different nations of the Caribbean, and both were great matches.

The final scores were: Year 9/10 Boys Jamaica **1** Trinidad and Tobago **0**
Year 7/8/9 Girls Bermuda **0** Haiti **0**

Everyone played well but Brendon Batson did choose some standout players for both matches and their names are embolden below. Well done everyone!



YEAR 9/10 BOYS

JAMAICA

Mr Ali's Team

Joe Ludlow
Carter Bentley-Maselino
Zane Morais Bhoi
Adam Blantz
Jonah Charlesworth
Elijah Beckman
Lucas Elwin
Joe Berkovi
Jediah Akoto-Bamfo
Alex Pountney
Joe Emery
Reuben Chard
Avery Pierce
Josh Gibbons

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Mr Ismail's Team

Matthew Matsuda
Tristan Willhoft-King
Kwabena Dubi
Raphi Carter
Oliver Beardall-Ainz
Keane Da Costa
Yanis Belguerras
Joe Gear
Nathan Nkansah
Sam Heron
Jasper Morgan
Ted Aslett
Cohen Campbell Costa



YEAR 7/8/9 GIRLS

BERMUDA

Ms Ward's Team

Mathilde Herman Morris
Matilda Westacott
Elodie Patrick
Amalia Bahar
Scarlett Walker
Lucy Souter
Amber Jakupi
Eliza Deda
Harper Dunseath
Safi Hindley
Nimali Purcell

HAITI

Ms Mac's Team

Martha Gammons
Elmira Niare
Poppy Gregory
Thalia Jarramillo
Kitty Kelsall
Eden Lentin
Emily Coates
Eila Holding
Eliana Burchell
Sinead Antwi Agyekum
Tess Fraser

School Reopens on Monday 4th September (which is an Inset Day)

School Term Starts on Tuesday 5th September 2023

School starts for Year 12 at 9:00am (ends at 1:00pm)

School starts for Year 7 at 10:30 am (ends at 1:00pm)

School starts for Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 at 1:30pm (ends at 2:25pm)

KEY DATES

Year 12 Welcome Evening	12 September 2023
Year 13 UCAS (webinar)	19 September 2023
Year 7 Team Building Day	22 September 2023
INSET Day (school closed to students)	26 September 2023
Year 7 Parent Info Evening	02 October 2023
Year 11 Exams Info Evening (webinar)	10 October 2023
Primary Transition Open Evening	12 October 2023
23rd October – 27th October: HALF TERM	
Year 11 Parents' Evening	31 October 2023
Post 16 Open Evening	16 November 2023
INSET Day (school closed to students)	24 November 2023
Pastoral Review Day	07 December 2023
Year 9 Parents' Evening	12 December 2023
INSET Day (school closed to students)	21 December 2023
22nd December – 5th January: Holidays	
Year 9 Options Evenings	09 January 2024
Year 10 Parents' Evening	06 February 2024
12th February – 16th February: HALF TERM	
INSET Day (school closed to students)	21 February 2024
Year 13 Parents' Evening	27 February 2024
Year 12 Parents' Evening	12 March 2024
Year 8 Parents' Evening	26 March 2024
29th March – 12th April: Holidays	
Year 7 Parents' Evening	23 April 2024
27th May – 31st May: HALF TERM	
MAD Fest	12 July 2023
End of Term	24 July 2024

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