

Year 12 A Level trip to Norfolk - 3 day residential

On 30th June, we set off in the baking sun to North Norfolk, in the east of England. After a brief stop off, some peanuts, a grilled cheese sandwich and a change of driver, we arrived at Kingswood Centre in Overstrand on time and in high spirits. We took a walk through the house grounds to the beach at Overstrand and immediately got a sense of the work we had ahead of us - the coastline was heavily defended, and the glacial till which made up the geology of the cliffs was so soft it crumbled between our fingers. Mass movement and slumping along the coastline was already evident - and is part of the main reason we chose to go to this part of the coastline to conduct fieldwork.



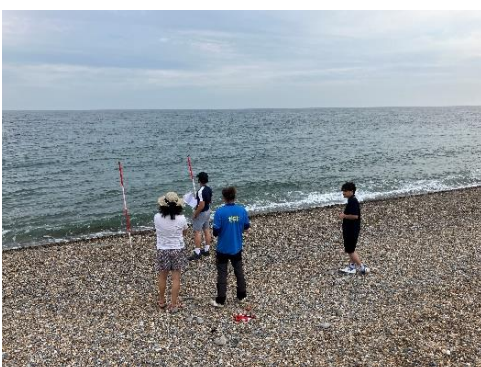
Our tutor at the centre met with us and we began brainstorming what we wanted to investigate. We planned the questions, methods of investigation we would use, and well as the most suitable fieldsites along the coast. We were ready and prepared for the following day. The human fieldwork techniques that we planned to use were for the students to practice and iron out any issues so that when the actual fieldsite in London has been selected, it's clear what the student has to do.



Straight after breakfast we headed out in the minibus to our first fieldsite at Weybourne, a beautiful undefended part of the coastline that has a protected area for birds right behind the beach. The students worked well together to gather data on wind speed, wind direction and the speed of the longshore drift that transports sediment along the coastline, usually in the direction of the wind. We were investigating how effective coastal protection is along this coastline. As predicted this had the fastest rate of transportation as there was no coastal defences to slow these processes down.



The next site was at Sheringham which is a protected coastline. Here the coastal protection slowed the rate of transportation by longshore drift the most. The sea defences were well maintained too - which was additional data that we needed to collect. The students then went into the town of Sheringham to conduct the human fieldwork - looking at



the relationship between the urban environment, deprivation and crime. They conducted a mood survey, a questionnaire and an environmental quality survey. Finally we ended up in Overstrand, the last fieldsite for the physical fieldwork, where the rate of transportation was in between the two previous places. This is because the coastal defences along this coastline were no longer being maintained, and their damage was clear to see. This meant that they were less effective, which was evidenced by the data gathered.

In the evening we had a fantastic chance to partake in some archery in the centre. The instructor was very impressed with the skill level of the group, and we had fun shooting balloons and getting points. Adrian was the overall champ - well done!

On the final day of the trip the students made sure that they had all their data and ideas clearly formulated. The human fieldwork was properly planned and methodologically clear so that it can be written up and evaluated in London over the summer.

Dr Lawy - Head of Geography

Year 10 Art trip to The City of London

On Tuesday 8th July our year 10 GCSE Art students visited the City of London for a coursework resource accumulation trip. The day started at London Bridge where students were able to photograph examples of old and modern architecture. We then wandered into the hustle and bustle of Borough Market to experience the atmosphere and structure of an old-time food market.



Next, we wandered towards the Thames pathway and lunched at the Tate Modern where pupils were able to go into the gallery and experience the collection of modern and contemporary art. After lunch it was across the Millennium Bridge towards St Pauls Cathedral and into the City of London to again photograph juxtaposition and contrasting architecture. Finally, we walked across the Barbican looking at examples of Brutalist architecture before returning to school. The day was both enjoyable and informative with students gathering plenty of images to support their work in year 11.

Mr Keller - Head of Art

Year 8 Hybrid Art Project

For a final piece in our Year 8 Hybrid project, students were asked to create hybrid busts in clay. Students started by drawing examples of hybrid animals in their sketchbooks and then selected one that they would model in clay. They were taught modelling and glazing techniques.



Mr Keller - Head of Art

Diary Dates	
❖ Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Summer Term - Students dismissed at 12.15 pm Non Uniform Day
❖ Monday 21 st July - Friday 29 th August	Summer Break
❖ Thursday 14 th August	A Level Results Day 9am - 12 pm
❖ Thursday 21 st August	GCSE Results Day & Year 12 Enrolment 9am - 12 pm
❖ Thursday 28 th August	Year 12 Enrolment 9am - 12 pm
❖ Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September	Inset Day - School closed to students
❖ Wednesday 3 rd September	Year 7 Induction Day Year 8-11 & 13 Academic Review Day Year 12 Enrolment 9am-12pm
❖ Thursday 4 th September	Year 7-11 & Year 13 - First day of term
❖ Monday 8 th September	Year 12 - First day of term

Year 13 Leavers' Day

On Friday 9th May we celebrated a wonderful leavers' day with our Year 13 students. Many of these students have attended Hendon School since Year 7, with others joining us for HS6. We had a great assembly reminiscing on their time here, looking at old school photos and sharing memories.



Our tutors delivered goodbye speeches, highlighting the individual talents of their tutees and the many moments they have shared. Mr Harper imparted 4 key life lessons for our students, drawing on his personal experiences and reminding them that there is still lots to learn. After the

leavers assembly students and staff shared a beautifully sunny BBQ together. It was a great opportunity for students to say goodbye to staff from across the school.



Mr Harper - Head of Sixth Form

PE NEWS

At Hendon, we believe that sport should be a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable activity for every student. Through both our PE lessons and our thriving extra-curricular programme, we aim to inspire all students to find a sport they love, and encourage them to take part in the wide range of clubs on offer. We are committed to providing as many opportunities as possible, both within and beyond the school day, so that every student has the chance to engage, improve, and compete.

We have built strong partnerships with local community clubs, helping students access sport outside of school hours and progress into competitive pathways. We are proud to now have regular coaching support from a range of external clubs, including Willesden Volleyball Club, Barnet Panthers Football Club, London Eclipse Cheerleading, and London Giants Netball Club. These partnerships enrich our students' sporting experiences and reflect our ongoing commitment to creating lasting sporting opportunities for all.

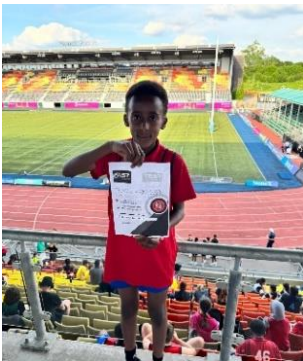
We are incredibly proud of all our students' achievements this year and would like to congratulate each and every one of them for their commitment, improvement, and success in sport—both at Hendon and beyond. Whether taking part in lessons, representing the school in fixtures, joining extra-curricular clubs, or competing at a higher level outside of school, our students have shown dedication, resilience, and passion. Their efforts reflect the strength of our sporting community, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish next year!

We are always striving to further increase opportunities within sport at Hendon, and if any members of our school community feel they can contribute to our programme—whether as a lead coach, in support of an existing sport, or by introducing a new one—we warmly encourage you to get in touch.

Athletics Season in Full Swing

The build-up to the athletics season is always a highlight for our students at Hendon School, and this year was no exception. Students from Years 7 to 10 had the exciting opportunity to attend two athletics meets at Stone X Stadium—home to Barnet's inter-school competitions. These events offer a valuable experience, allowing students to practice and compete in a professional environment, test their abilities in their chosen events, and measure their performance against students from other schools across the borough.

Athletics is taken seriously at Hendon, as shown by the incredible turnout at our weekly Wednesday training sessions, where about 100 students attended regularly. Our young athletes trained across all events, including sprints, hurdles, long-distance running, and a variety of field events such as javelin, shot put, and discus. This dedication has paid off – two of our talented Year 7 students were scouted by Shaftesbury Harriers, a prestigious athletics club that offers further training and competition opportunities beyond school.



With such commitment, energy, and enthusiasm, Hendon entered the Barnet Athletics Championships well-prepared and full of confidence. Concluding the season, these were held at Stone X Stadium on Tuesday 1st July. It was the hottest day of the year so far but our top athletes rose to the challenge. Representing our school with pride, determination, and resilience, our students delivered outstanding performances across a range of events – bringing home an impressive collection of medals!

We are incredibly proud to share the following results:

Bronze Medals - 3rd Place

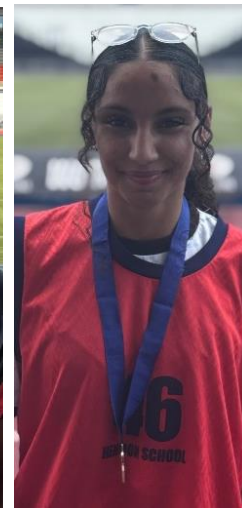
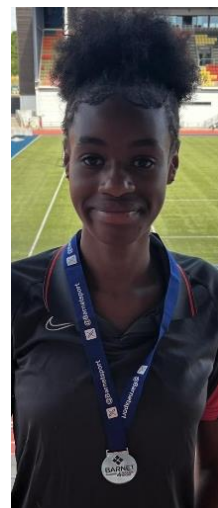
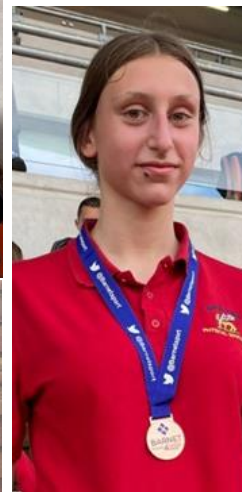
- Olivia - High Jump
- Marwa - 300m
- Artemis - 100m Hurdles
- Carmen - 1500m
- Kora - High Jump

Silver Medals – 2nd Place

- Alexandra- Javelin
- Jad - Discus
- Usman - Javelin
- Riziki - 100m Hurdles

Gold Medals – 1st Place

- Mehran- Javelin
- Hannah - Javelin



A Breakthrough Year for Girls' Football at Hendon



This year has been a truly positive and impactful one for girls' football at Hendon School. We're proud to be at the forefront of increasing access and opportunities for girls in sport. 2024-25 has marked a turning point in our commitment to growing the game.

The Year 8 girls' football team have really kick started women's football within Hendon School. Their commitment to weekly training has been superb and we have had over 30 girls in attendance every Thursday lunch time. The numbers of girls continued to increase which encouraged more girls to join and sessions moved to Thursday after school.

The girls are not only a team but have also been a solid friendship group throughout the year. Their passion, dedication and commitment to football has been amazing, leading the girls to finishing 3rd in their league and, even when the season had finished, devoting their lunchtimes to playing on the top court just so they could continue playing football. The girls have been so positive, respectful and helpful throughout the year and have been rewarded with trips and sports leadership opportunities. I am really impressed with the attitude and commitment to football from this team and group of friends and look forward to seeing their greater progression for next season.

In March, we launched a new partnership with local girls' football club Barnet Panthers. This partnership has been instrumental in increasing the number of girls at Hendon School playing football. On March 10th we held our annual International Women's Day Football Tournament. All girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a full day of competitive football at Powerleague. The energy, enthusiasm, and talent on display were truly inspiring!



Building on this momentum, in April we launched our community football training sessions in collaboration with Barnet Panthers, open to girls from Years 4 to 11 across Barnet for just £1. These weekly sessions, have been a huge success—creating a space where girls can play, grow, and fall in love with the game in an inclusive and supportive environment. We now have a growing number of girls playing football regularly each week—something we're incredibly proud of. These sessions are open to all girls and can be booked using the QR code on the flyer.



In June, we took another exciting step by hosting our first-ever primary schools girls' football tournament, welcoming schools from across Barnet for a full day of competition. The event saw an amazing 25 teams of Year 4 and 5 girls, over 200 players, and more than 400 minutes of football played. Our Year 8 girls' football team supported the event and

took on a number of leadership roles, officiating all games. The day was filled with skill, spirit, and sportsmanship, and it was a joy to see so many young girls getting involved and enjoying the game.

A huge congratulations to the tournament winners:

 **Osidge School - Trophy Winners**
 **Livingstone School - Cup Winners**

At Hendon, we are passionate about continuing to grow girls' football and ensuring that every girl who wants to play has the chance to do so. We encourage all girls to sign up and attend our community football sessions above over the summer holidays prior to the girls' school football season starting again in September.



A Fantastic Year for Netball at Hendon School

It has been an incredible year for netball at Hendon, with the programme expanding to include girls, mixed, and for the first time ever, boys' netball. The season has been marked by strong commitment from students, many of whom have continued training throughout the year, even after the competitive season concluded in March. In the girl's netball squads, we have had a successful season, competing in the Barnet leagues across every year group, fulfilling every fixture and welcoming new players throughout the season. Their dedication and progress have been truly impressive.



Boys' netball has also seen a surge in momentum. What began with a mixed netball camp during the Easter holidays led by England Thorns players and coaches—has grown into a thriving team of 15-20 boys who now train and compete regularly. The Hendon boys impressed everyone with their skill and composure on the court, reflecting the rapid growth of the boys' game nationwide.



They have continued to train weekly with England Thorns player Chucky Scarlett and in a proud moment for the school, ten of our boys had the incredible honour of serving as the guard of honour at the Copper Box Arena for Match 3 of the Aurora Series: England Thorns vs. Australia Kelpies. We are immensely proud of all our netball players and are already looking forward to next season!

Trampolining Success at Hendon

It's been another successful year for trampolining at Hendon, with students bringing home plenty of silverware from the annual Barnet Schools Competition. Their commitment to training was outstanding, with many taking part in regular school sessions as well as additional evening practices led by Minka, our dedicated Trampoline Coach from Hendon Gymnastics Club. This extra effort paid off, as students refined their routines and performed with confidence and precision on competition day.



A huge well done to all those who took part—it was fantastic to see so many of you overcoming nerves and pushing yourselves to master complex skills such as back drops, front drops, and somersaults performed at impressive heights. Your hard work and bravery truly paid off!

Cricket Season

The Year 9/10 cricket team have demonstrated real progress throughout the season. They competed strongly in their opening match against London Academy and pushed a strong Finchley Catholic side to the very last over. Usman and Ahmad were the standout performers in a thrilling contest, earning well-deserved recognition as the heroes of the day. Special credit also goes to Mohammed Khan for his thoughtful and composed captaincy, guiding the team with maturity. Throughout the season, the players have displayed a commendable eagerness to learn and a genuine commitment to improving their game. Well done to all involved.



Cricket trip to Lord's

Hendon students were invited to Lord's cricket ground to watch both the men and women play in the annual armed forces cricket matches. Pupil's relished the opportunity to watch the games, building excitement for their school matches after half term. Alongside the cricket, they had the opportunity to explore the historic ground and museum, and enjoy the interactive stands provided.



Cricket at Middlesex

In addition to school training, Middlesex CCC offer free tape-ball cricket sessions every Friday at the Middlesex indoor cricket school. Many of our pupils have taken this opportunity to practice and hone their skills. This has had a positive impact on their game play and we encourage all students interested to attend. Please see the attached flyer to attend and contact Middlesex CCC directly using the email stated for more information.

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Volleyball on the Rise at Hendon

Volleyball has seen a huge surge in popularity at Hendon this year. Our after-school club, led by Stuart Fullerton—Head Coach at Willesden Volleyball Club—has grown steadily, with a committed group of students from all year groups now attending weekly sessions. Stuart's expert coaching and the students' enthusiasm have created a fantastic training environment that continues to go from strength to strength.

This year, our students took part in the KS4 annual volleyball tournament, where they impressed with both their skill and teamwork. Our Year 8 boys' team finished an incredible second place, despite being significantly younger than their competitors—a remarkable achievement. Meanwhile, our Year 10 girls also secured second place in their tournament, showing the depth of talent developing at Hendon. It's been especially exciting to see some of our most dedicated players now training with Willesden Volleyball Club outside of school. The future of volleyball at Hendon is looking very bright!



Basketball

It's been a brilliant season for basketball at Hendon School, with students showing real passion, dedication, and skill across both general play and competitive matches. From energetic lunchtime sessions to structured after-school training, participation has soared, with both boys and girls getting stuck in and raising the level week by week.

Our teams proudly represented the school in a number of exciting fixtures against local schools. These games highlighted the talent, teamwork, and competitive spirit that is growing rapidly within our basketball community. We're thrilled to be expanding our fixture list next year, with even more competitive opportunities for both boys and girls. A huge well done to all players this season.

Success in the first year for Year 7 Basketball Team

A huge well done to the Year 7 Basketball team who became Barnet league champions after a thrilling 3-way school Play off. The boys beat a strong Finchley Catholic side to win their group stages 30-12 and qualify for the Barnet play offs against SMSJ and Totteridge Academy. The boys were so excited to have achieved such a great opportunity and this was all down to their excellent team work and commitment to the season.

The boys attended morning training from 8 am as well as lunch times to prepare for the finals in which Hendon had hosted the games. We started playing Totteridge Academy. The boys came out with such passion and teamwork that they were 10 points up within the first 5 minutes which really unsettled the Totteridge Academy side. We ended the game winning 23-5, putting us a step closer to securing the championship. The next game was SMSJ and Totteridge Academy where SMSJ won the game 10-4, so we all knew that it was between Hendon and SMSJ.



The final game started slowly; the Hendon boys looked very nervous and were desperate to win. We started the game 2 points down, in which a very important time out call was made. The boys took a moment to breathe and then came out hungrier and ready to fight for the win, scoring 6 points in 3 minutes. The boys ended up winning the game 16-3, with smiles across the basketball court. The Hendon Year 7 boys did themselves proud. Their dedication to basketball has been absolutely amazing, they have had the smallest squad in comparison to any school yet had the biggest fight. The commitment the boys has shown has been commendable. **A massive well done to the Barnet Year 7 Basketball league Champions - Hendon School.**

Girls Basketball

It has been a tremendous season for Girls basketball. The senior squad have remained unbeaten in the league, with a number of impressive wins, most notably away to London Academy where a hostile environment only seemed to fuel them to perform. It is fair to say they made light work of the rest of their opponents. The Year 10 girls had the opportunity to shine as the Year 11 girls focused on the academic season and more than stepped up to the mark.



Winning the Barnet regional championships allowed them to travel to Trafalgar Square and represent North London in a city wide competition where they came up against stellar opposition. The experience will be remembered for a long time but the girls will be hoping to get back next year and improve the end result on the scoreboard. A

pleasure to work with, on and off the court, the girls basketball success has stemmed from hard work and dedication. All eyes now on the 25/26 season!

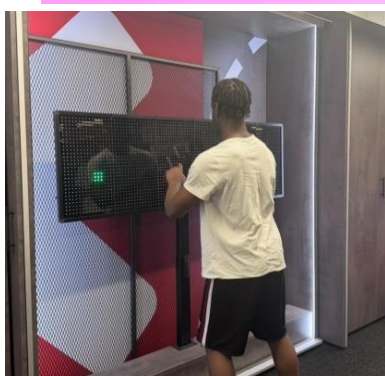


GCSE PE: A Year of Dedication and Enrichment

Our GCSE PE cohorts have shown exceptional dedication this year, committing fully to both the theoretical and practical aspects of the course. Many students have gone above and beyond, joining new sports and school teams, and embracing every opportunity to deepen their involvement in physical activity.

To celebrate their hard work and to further spark their passion for sport, we have organised a number of exciting enrichment trips throughout the year.

In December, our Year 11 students enjoyed a festive and active day out ice skating at Alexandra Palace. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to try a new activity while bonding as a group and celebrating the end of term.



In April, a group of Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE students visited Under Armour at Battersea Power Station. There, they participated in a series of fitness tests for the chance to win a year's sponsorship. This experience gave students a unique opportunity to connect classroom theory with real-world application, particularly in areas such as fitness components and testing protocols.

June brought another exciting opportunity as 30 of our Year 10 GCSE PE students visited the

brand new, multi-million-pound sports labs at Middlesex University. They took part in two engaging workshops: laboratory-based fitness testing and performance analysis using Catapult stat vests in football. The day not only reinforced key elements of the curriculum, but also inspired many to consider pursuing sport and exercise science at a higher level.



We're incredibly proud of our students' enthusiasm and commitment and are already looking forward to offering similar experiences to next year's cohort.

Year 9 Enrichment Week

Every June, all Key Stage 3 students at Hendon take part in a week of outdoor adventure activities as part of our Enrichment Week—a highlight of the school year! This exciting week gives students the chance to step outside the classroom and experience activities not typically covered in the school curriculum, such as kayaking, raft building, high ropes, orienteering, hiking, and team-based problem solving.

It's always a pleasure to see our Year 9 students fully immerse themselves in the experience, trying new things, challenging themselves, and discovering activities they enjoy. This year was no exception—students embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, energy, and a great sense of fun. A huge thank you to all of Year 9 for making it such a memorable and enjoyable week!



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Table Tennis

It's been a fantastic season for table tennis at Hendon School, with students across all year groups showing great enthusiasm, skill, and sportsmanship in both general play and competitive matches. Lunchtime and after-school sessions have been buzzing with energy, as more students than ever got involved, developing their technique and confidence with each game.

Our players also stepped up to represent Hendon in competitive fixtures against other schools, including a standout series of matches against Ashmole Academy. These encounters showcased not only the talent within our ranks but also the composure and determination of our students under pressure.



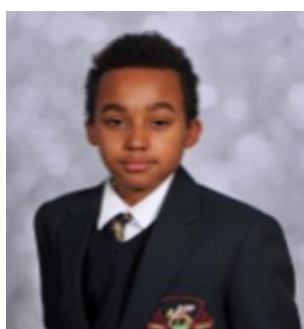
Table tennis is going from strength to strength here at Hendon, and with interest and participation continuing to grow, we're excited to announce that even more competitive fixtures are planned for next year. A huge well done to all the students who've taken part this season - the future of table tennis at Hendon is looking bright!

Celebrating Our Sports Students of the Month

Each month at Hendon, we proudly recognise one outstanding student as our *Sports Student of the Month*—a prestigious award, with only one student selected from over 1,000 across the school. Winners are chosen for their exceptional dedication to school sport, whether as talented performers or inspirational leaders.

Throughout the year, we've had a number of incredibly deserving recipients from all year groups, each recognised for their commitment, effort, and positive impact on our sporting community. We would like to congratulate all of our Sports Students of the Month on their achievements and thank them for their enthusiasm and continued contribution to sport at Hendon.

Month	Student	Month	Student
September	Sarah E (Year 11)	February	Adrian A (Year 11)
October	Emil J (Year 8)	March	Ahmed M (Year 13)
November	Zyra R (year 13)	April	Mehran B (Year 7)
December	Neela A (Year 10)	May	Nebil S (Year 7)
January	Aaliyah I (Year 7)	June	Usman M (Year 10)



Athletic Development Opportunity for Our Students

We are proud to see a number of our students excelling in athletics at school level, often with minimal formal training. These individuals show tremendous potential, and with the right guidance and support, they could reach even greater heights. To help nurture their talent, we highly recommend Fast Forward Athletics, held at Stone X Stadium. Fast Forward Athletics is inclusive, affordable, and welcomes new members of all abilities. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skills under the guidance of experienced, professional coaches in a supportive environment. Please get in contact with Ty Holden directly using the flyers provided.



Provision for Deaf Students (PDS) Multi-Sports Event

On Wednesday 18th June 2025, the Hendon School PDS Students were joined by students from Kingsbury High School to jointly participate in a Multi-Sports Event led by Sports Co-Ordinator, and Football Coach, Ben Lampert. During this event, PDS students from both schools worked together in mixed teams to play a variety of different sports, including Dodgeball, Football and Handball.



Unfazed by the hot weather and high temperatures, the students played energetically throughout the day, enjoying the timetabled sports and games, developing new friendships with each other (as well as re-establishing old ones!) and building on team work throughout.



For PDS staff from both Hendon and Kingsbury Schools, it was lovely to watch our students enjoying a fun day of sports and games as well as all spending time together as a provision. It was also lovely to witness the students' sporting skills as well as their enthusiasm and passion for all things sports- I believe that the PDS has several future sporting stars in the making!

Here's what one of our Hendon School PDS students had to say about the event.....

"It was an excellent day because I met my old friends from primary school, which was quite surprising but nice at the same time. Really fun day considering that one of the sports we played was Dodgeball!" (Lorena 8.5)

Our thanks to Kingsbury High School and their students- it was lovely to meet them all and for them to meet our PDS students. Also thanks to Ben for his fantastic organisation and leadership on the day. We hope that we will be able to meet with Kingsbury High School and Ben again soon for similar events in the future.

Miss Crane - PDS Communication Support Worker



Year 12 Trip to the Emirates University and Apprenticeship Fair

On Friday 13th June, our Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair at the Emirates Stadium, as part of our school's commitment to helping students explore their post-18 options.



The event brought together over 120 exhibitors, including top universities such as members of the Russell Group, national and local apprenticeship providers. Students were able to speak directly with representatives, ask questions about courses, entry requirements, and career pathways, and collect valuable resources to support their decision-making.

In addition to the exhibition, students attended a series of informative seminars covering key topics such as writing a strong UCAS personal statement, understanding student finance, choosing the right university course, and exploring higher and degree apprenticeships.



The fair was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain insight, feel inspired, and begin shaping their future with confidence. We're proud to support our students as they take these important steps toward life beyond school.

Mr Harper - Head of Sixth Form

Year 12 Transition Days at HS6

On Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June, Year 11 students were welcomed to experience life at HS6 during our Transition Days. These sessions offered a glimpse into sixth form life, allowing students to explore subjects they may wish to pursue in the upcoming academic year.

Students received a demo timetable for both days, giving them the freedom to attend subject lessons of their choice. This gave them a real taste of the curriculum and helped them make informed decisions about their future studies.

On **Day 1** during break time, refreshments including snacks and soft drinks were provided in the common room, giving students a chance to relax and socialise. They also participated in team-building activities on the field, encouraging teamwork and a sense of community.

Day 2 featured a new set of subject lessons in the morning, followed by a Transition Review and Enrolment Briefing in the canteen. The day concluded with a BBQ, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.

Overall, the Transition Days were a great success. Students had a fantastic time exploring HS6, engaging in lessons and bonding with peers. We look forward to welcoming many of them back in the new academic year!



Mr Harper - Head of Sixth Form

Year 13 Homecoming 2025

Year 13 students celebrated the end of their exams with Homecoming 2025. After 7 years of lessons, homework and exams, it was only right the students got the send-off they deserved through a night of good food, sunshine and dancing.



Hendon School was transformed for the evening, with the field transformed into a lounge area, a Caribbean Barbeque and a Mocktail Bar. Students quenched their thirst in the summer heat over a



Mock Mojito or Raspberry Lemonade thanks to the expert mixology skills of Mrs Qyqalla and her Year 12 waiters and waitresses. To accompany this, Mr Jerk served up a delightful Caribbean feast. Staff and students alike enjoyed the food, drink and company while reflecting on the previous 7 years.



The night turned quickly as internationally renowned DJ Temi was ready to light up the main hall and get the party started. Thanks to Miss Tuac, the dance floor looked incredible with decorations, glowsticks, a snack table, LED lights and much more. Students entered through Miss Ubwa's floral arch into a reception that would rival most wedding venues.



Dancing, singing and conga lines took over the rest of the evening as Mr Ammar did his very best to ensure there was always staff representation in the middle of the dance floor. A huge thank you to all of the staff that contributed and helped out on the day, in particular Mrs Qyqalla, Miss Tuac, Miss Ubwa,



the Premises Team and our Security Guard Darko. A brilliant night was had by all!

Mr Harper - Head of Sixth Form

This term, our library has been buzzing with exciting activities in anticipation of the Summer Holidays! Our colourful space was covered from head to toe with displays for Refugee Week, Empathy Day, Pride Month, as well as various books layouts. Three initiatives really stood out to us this term, and we are very proud to highlight them:

🏆 2025 Carnegie Book Awards: A fantastic Year 8 team prepared for two months to shadow the 2025 Carnegie Award ceremony on June 13th. The group read and discussed all the shortlisted books, and prepared a fun presentation for one of those titles: "Little Bang", written by Kelly McCaughrain. The special highlight of the day was meeting Nathaniel Lessore, author of "King of Nothing" - the WINNING title for the 2025 Carnegie Writing Medal. A huge congratulations to our Carnegie group for all of their hard work and dedication preparing for this event!



📖 Summer Reading Challenge: July marks the start of the much anticipated Summer Reading Challenge! Between now and 26 September, Years 7 and 8 students are encouraged to read as many books as possible, and complete creative projects related to their reads. This is a great way for them to foster a love of reading and avoid the summer brain-slump! We also have many exciting prizes prepared, which will be awarded individually depending on how many books and creative tasks each participant finishes. We encourage students to pick up whichever genre they like, whether it be fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, comics, super readable or dual language books - the choice is theirs!



Summer Reading Challenge: Creative tasks ideas



📝 Citations classes: In collaboration with the Science, Politics and History departments, our library team gave lessons on citations, referencing and information literacy skills to Year 12 students. They were presented with information on plagiarism, practical tips on keeping record of their references and exercises for them to practice writing citations. We aim to best prepare them for their A-Levels, as well as any further studies they may embark on. Due to their success, we're excited to announce that these sessions will be adapted next school year across all Key Stages!



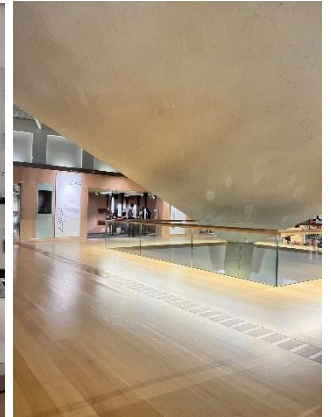
Make sure to check out our monthly library newsletters via ParentMail or the Hendon School website to keep up with all our events.

Wishing all students the best Summer Holidays, and looking forward to catching up in September!

The Library Team: Mrs Indran and Miss Ledeme

Year 10 Trip to the Design Museum

On Thursday 10th July, Design Technology students from Year 10 took a trip to The Design Museum in Kensington. The students got the amazing opportunity to explore the wonders of industrial, graphic, fashion, and architectural design exhibitions, even understanding the impact of well-known designers such as Alessi, Bethan Laura Wood, Mary Quant and other various designers who individually had a big part in the design industry!



Beside the Design Museum, we took a short lunch break and explored Holland park which was right next door. The park was beautiful and full of nature which was refreshing, as well as the setting being extremely beautiful. Not to mention, the students got to see a peacock in the park! How cool is that?



However, the transport to the museum and back was definitely difficult to handle. Unexpected train terminations and with the Edgware train on the Northern line having severe delays, it was a struggle especially on a hot day. Nonetheless, the students appeared to have enjoyed the trip and had a good time!

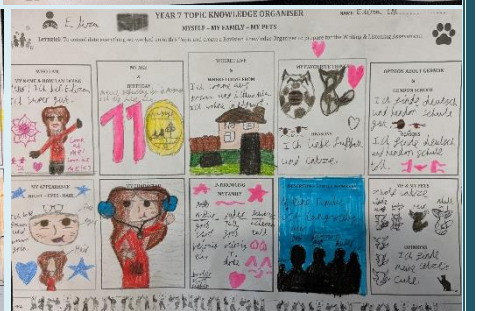
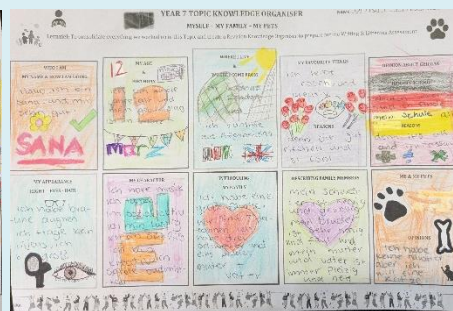
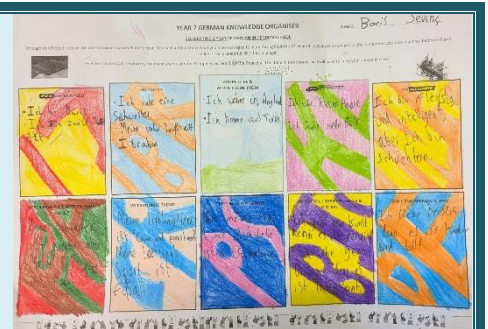
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Year 7 German Class

Well done to the winners of the topic knowledge presentations:

Sana, Baris, Eliza and Isabelle K

Ms Schmid



Year 10 Flower Portraits

Year 10 students combined flower close ups with portrait images to communicate the relationship between humans, nature and the mind. The work was based on Brazilian artist Marcelo Monreal's images and students developed advanced Photoshop skills.



Year 10 Photography trip to Central London, The Photographers Gallery and the Graffiti tunnel



On Wednesday 4th June the Year 10 GCSE Photography class visited The Photographers Gallery to see four photographers selected for the Deutsche Borse prize. Our students were interested, inquisitive and enthusiastic about the work on display. They discussed the images perceptively and in a very mature manner. They all loved the Graffiti tunnel at Leake Street which was bursting with creative slogans and images and we could even watch some artists while they were creating new designs.



Well done to the class for a day full of joy and excitement! A big thank you to Ms Aissa, Ms



Samuel and Mr Ammar who accompanied us. Well done to Darius for taking some amazing street portraits.

Ms Schmid - Head of Photography

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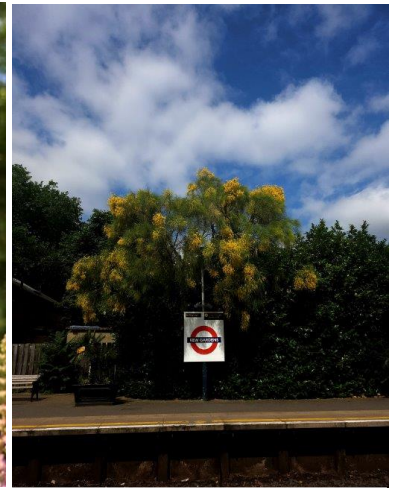
Year 7



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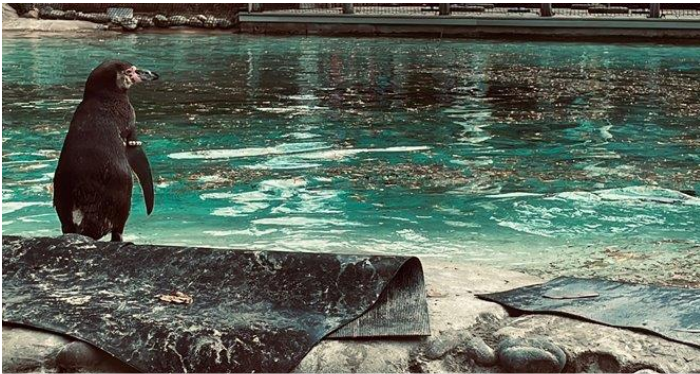


2nd place Adela Plana



3rd place Sabina Hussain

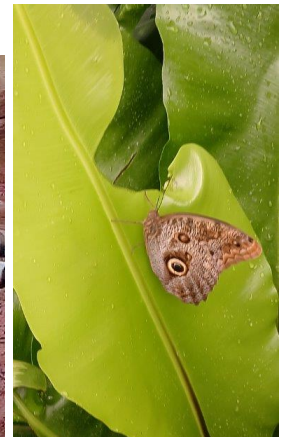
Year 8



1st place Summer Hadi



2nd place Yana Matavele



3rd place
Dianna Mandrut

Year 9



1st place Yasmin Hussein



2nd place Christabelle Alade



3rd place Elsie Davy

Photoshow Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Photoshow visitor votes.

- Year 10 - Hannah Phillips, Diana Asadian, Gayle Guavez
- Year 11- Ibrahim Kalungi, Kai Wynter, Mariam Benfkir
- Year 12- Nandana Santhosh Kumar, Max Kelleher, Isadora de Souto Aguiar

Thank you to everyone who came to see the exhibition this year. It was such a joyful experience to share our students' amazingly creative art work with you all!

Ms Schmid - Head of Photography



Year 7 Art - Frida Kahlo inspired Leaf self portrait collages

Year 7 Students studied Mexican artist Frida Kahlo's self portraits and responded with collages to combine leaves, flowers and their own faces in creative ways.



Year 8 Art Hybrid Painting

Students researched hybrid artists' work and practised drawing facial features to create realistic proportions and refined their painting skills by showing textures and colour tones specific to their chosen animals.



Year 9 Surrealist paintings



Year 9 Art Surrealist Sculptures and Paintings

Year 9 Students created 3D sculptures based on Surrealist artist research and using techniques such as juxtaposition and metamorphosis to combine body parts, objects, animals and nature. They worked with clay and ceramic glaze to express their creative ideas.



Year 7 Leaf Self Portrait Collages





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