

4th July 2019 - fortnightly

Message from Mr Shoults



On Sunday, I was watching the Year 7 rock band belting out Adele from the main stage of the Pitshanger Party in the Park with fearless panache. They are one of a number of ensembles to have sprung into being this term, and music is not yet over, with the Music and Dance Showcase on the horizon next Wednesday.

Alongside other end of term rituals, including Sports Days in which records tumbled, we bade farewell to our departing Year 13 students at our Leavers' Ceremony. At the event, I shared with our leavers both their own and their teachers' memories of them throughout their time at NHEHS. In particular, I shared with them important encouragement from Madeleine Albright (the first female US Secretary of State) both to find their voice, and find common ground in disagreement.

Albright once said, "You have to learn to interrupt. The bottom line is active listening. If you are going to interrupt, you look for opportunities." She herself had experience of "imposter syndrome", and yet learnt to overcome it by pushing herself forward, as have our Year 13s. Albright also reflected: "No matter what message you are about to deliver somewhere, whether it is holding out a hand of friendship, or making clear that you disapprove of something, is the fact that the person sitting across the table is a human being, so the goal is to always establish common ground." At a time of polarised politics, non-bipartisanship and bunker mentality, there is no better time to remember some of the more effective tools of diplomacy. I believe that these are some of the sorts of skills that our students show in abundance. Our leavers are not only ready to seize the opportunities ahead of them, but that the world will benefit from their presence.

I would like to wish all NHEHS families a restful and invigorating summer break.

P.S. Don't forget to sign up and join me in the NHEHS Staff & Parent Team for the Ealing Half Marathon; we will be raising money for The Log Cabin. Runners gain an automatic moral entitlement to more summer ice cream. [Sign up here](#)

Events coming up...



JULY 5 – Junior School Fun Day

JULY 10 – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Music & Dance Showcase @ Senior School

JULY 11 – End of Term – Happy Holidays!



Second Year in a Row Win for NHEHS at the IET Faraday Engineering Challenge!

Two teams of NHEHS Year 8s went to LEH to compete the IET Faraday Engineering challenge on Monday 17th June. Celebrate their achievement [here](#)

Year 10 look beyond GCSEs during Enrichment Week

The purpose of the week is to take some time away from the curriculum studies and offer the girls a programme of activities encouraging them to try something new and get out of their comfort zone. See what they discovered [here](#)



Girls Who Mean Business – NHEHS’ Contribution to Inspiring Females

Year 10 girls also took part in the GDST Inspiring Females event held at Chelsea Football Club. Read their account of their exciting day [here](#)

Welding Chocolate Bridges, Immersive Domes, Coding & Robots? Just an average day in the life of Year 4 as they took part in the GDST Junior Techathon. Let’s try and keep up with our future tech experts [here](#)



Meet our Duckling Mummies & Grand-Mummies!

Archie, Frankie, Shelly & Derek, our little fluffy friends (and important scientific study subjects!) met their mummies and grand-mummies who would care for them as they grew – read the Mummies report [here](#)

Hidden Talents Behind the Scenes at The Rocky Monster Show

Behind every amazing drama performance is a dedicated team of backstage stars – and this was the case during the recent smash success of The Rocky Monster Show. The Backstage gang explain all [here](#).



We want your news!

We try to cover as much school news as possible here and on our website (there’s so much more this week at <https://www.nhehs.gdst.net/news/latest-news/>)

However, we also know that NHEHS girls are busy celebrating success outside school, and we would love to share their success here next academic year. Please do share your great news with us, with accompanying photo, in an email to h.getting@nhehs.gdst.net and we will include as many as we can!



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