HEADLINES

27TH NOVEMBER 2020 - FORTNIGHTLY

NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEADMASTER AT NOTTING HILL & EALING HIGH SCHOOL GDST

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MATTHEW SHOULTS

The West End may be closed, but the girls have been providing cultural richness to compensate. Last week's production of *The House of Bernarda Alba* was an intense, moving and at times intimidating portrayal of Spanish domestic tension, and, as I told the cast and crew, surpassed my earlier experience of a professional production of the same play. The actors made way for the musicians this week, who got to experience a professional recording process so that families can hear crisply their excellent singing and playing, and to give them greater confidence for the future in making recordings. I do hope you will tune in on Monday evening for the live streaming of our Autumn Concert.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned our new collaboration with the Harrow Club, which works with disadvantaged children in West London, including in the shadow of Grenfell Tower. Our intrepid charity representatives will be selling our NHEHS Christmas cards to support the charity; so please do support the girls' efforts and this fine cause, where we hope girls will also be volunteering next year. This is just one initiative in charity endeavours, something which has always been at the centre of the School's ethos. As the charity news update (see below for the link) shows, girls have found ways to make a difference even within lockdown. Hannah from Year 12's effort to send a letter of appreciation to every employee at Ealing Hospital has been particularly impressive, with her total now standing at over 650 letters.

I think it is notable that, as you will read, attendance at sports clubs is at an all time high. The girls are fully aware of the importance and joy of exercise, to help them connect with others and to improve their well-being at a time of natural restrictions. I also think it is testament to the enthusiasm of Ms Nicholas and her team, including our doughty Sports Captain and reps, in helping all girls to find a sport (or sports) whichthey can relish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOW-DEC 14TH	PARENTS' GUILD RAFFLE
30TH NOV	SENIOR AUTUMN CONCERT
DEC 1ST-7TH	THE HARROW CLUB CHRISTMAS APPEAL
DEC 8-9TH	CHRISTMAS SOCKS/ACCESSORIES DAYS
DEC 9TH	Y13 CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC 10TH	Y12 CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC 10TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOR THE LOG CABIN
DEC 12TH	COLLECT PARENTS' GUILD CHRISTMAS TREES

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE HARROW CLUB AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD THROUGH PARENT PAY AND REMEMBER, EVERY £1.00 RAISED WILL BE MATCHED!

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HANNAH'S 650+ LETTERS THANK EALING HOSPITAL HEROES

Many of us have been touched by the fantastic work by the staff at our local hospitals during the pandemic this year. Year 12's Hannah wanted to show our gratitude by encouraging as many girls and staff as possible to write thank you letters to all the staff at Ealing Hospital. Read her story here:

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA - SIXTH FORM PRODUCTION

Last weekend we live streamed our school production for the first time, with Year 12 and 13 performing *The House of Bernard Alba*. Read Head of Front of House Nina's report here, on how the cast and crew succeeded in capturing both the struggle embodied by women against the patriarchy and the political tensions in the lead up to the Spanish civil war.

ON AIR: THE LAUNCH OF OUTSIDE-IN, NHEHS RADIO

A big shout out to our radio team: Freya, Amber, Ruby and Alice in Year 12 who have created "Outside-In," NHEHS's debut radio station. Reviewing events from the week's news, exploring a political theme each week and a good news story, the radio is now live and delivering a podcast each week. Episode 4 is now live where the team discusses Jeremy Corbyn, Anarchy and their Top 5 Forensic Finds. Read all about it here, including links to listen in on Spotify!

RECORD NUMBERS AT SPORTS CLUBS THIS TERM!

There may be no fixtures against other schools for the moment, but our sports department has been keeping the girls on their toes in preparation for the long-awaited return to competitive sport! This term, the sports department has been running 42 clubs over 12 sports, with 14 regular morning clubs, 18 lunchtime and 10 after school. Read all about it here.

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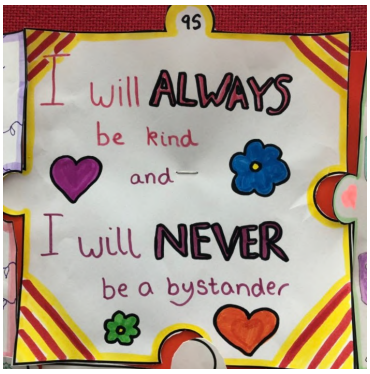
PARENTS' GUILD CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & AUCTION

Following on from the Junior School Online Christmas Cooking Classes and our annual Christmas Tree sale, we are delighted to announce that our Parents' Guild will also be going ahead with an online Christmas Raffle this year. There will also be an auction for 7 days only (December 7 – 14th) with some amazing items on offer! Find out more here!



ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS LEAD THE WAY IN ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Our Year 10 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors marked the end of the year in their roles with a thought-provoking virtual assembly for Anti-Bullying Week 2020. Read what they learned from being ambassadors this year and their tips on anti-bullying here.

CHARITIES UPDATE

NHEHS is partnering up with a local charity called the Harrow Club. We are fundraising for them & selling Christmas cards (designed by two Year 8s). We are extending Christmas Jumper Day to 3 days this year! For a £2 donation to The Log Cabin, girls can join in & wear Christmas socks/tights (8th), accessories/hair grips/bands (reindeer antlers etc) on the 9th, with Christmas Jumper Day itself on the 10th. Read all about these plus whole Year charity initiatives from Year 11 (Women's Aid), Year 10 (The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust) as well as news about our recent Ealing Age UK appeal here.

ALUMNA IN THE CAREER SPOTLIGHT

On the 19th of November, Career Spotlight (formerly Skype Club) was delighted to have its second session with the sixth form and Chandni Kaneria. Thank you to Chandni for sharing her career journey with us and for her great tips. Read more here.

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YEAR 12S GO FOR INDUSTRIAL CADETS GOLD AWARD

Six of our Year 12 students are starting their adventure with the Industrial Cadets Gold Award. Previously known as The Engineering Education Scheme, the initiative is a 6-month long programme designed to give Year 12 students a realistic insight in to a career in engineering. Read all about it here.

ALUMNA DR RUPA HUQ MP TALKS POLITICS TO SIXTH FORMERS

We were delighted to host alumna Dr Rupa Huq MP last week to speak to the Sixth Form A level Politics students via Zoom. Read all about it here.

CAPTIVATING COMMUNICATIONS WITH Y12

Miss Gordon, our Head of Public Speaking, held a session for Year 12 called 'Speaking Out Without Freaking Out.' With a nod to the increasing importance of online video communication this year, Miss Gordon introduced a number of new ideas around feeling more confident using the likes of Zoom and Google Meets. Read her valuable tips here.

WORLD OF ONLINE CONVERSATIONS OPENS UP FOR LINGUISTS

With the impact of Covid-19 and the absence of trips abroad for the moment, our MFL department has been finding new ways to encourage our linguists to use their languages with a number of new initiatives this term. Find out more here.

IT'S BEGINNING TO FEEL A LITTLE LIKE CHRISTMAS....

Despite Covid making 2020 feel anything but normal, there have been a few hints around school of the fun festivities to come. Here's a snapshot of what has been lined up at Senior and Junior School plus a few reminders for your diaries! More details of these events to follow on School Comms.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

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WE WANT YOUR NEWS!

We try to cover as much school news as possible here and on our website (there's so much more every week here!)
However, we also know that NHEHS girls are busy celebrating success outside school, and we would love to share their success here. Please do share your great news with us, with accompanying photo, in an email to s.bennett@nhehs.gdst.net and we will include as many as we can!