

# HEADLINES

12TH JUNE 2020 - FORTNIGHTLY

NEWS AND IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION FROM THE  
HEADMASTER AT  
NOTTING HILL & EALING HIGH  
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**MATTHEW SHOULTS**

Since the death of George Floyd on 25th May, and the resulting international outcry, I have been in communication with members of our community. Mrs Irwin and I have had conversations with both students and alumnae about how the school can best inform students and prepare them for the future. We have always aimed to give students the values and understanding to challenge all prejudice, but any events like those in America compel us to re-examine what we do. I have been struck by the honesty and commitment of our students in these discussions, particularly their admission that finding the right information and actions to oppose racism is itself complex.

Certainly I have found these conversations have reinforced for me the values of the school, in supporting tolerance, kindness and knowledge in our students. We need to support a rational, informed and compassionate approach in our students and staff. We continue to prepare our students so that they are confident both now and as they head out into the world, in knowing how to tackle racism if they experience it, and to use their place in the world, in their careers and relationships, to make a meaningful improvement to society. This is not a task which can be achieved in an instant, and we will be taking a carefully considered and sustained approach to doing our part, so that our education does all it can to tackle racism.

I am very pleased that we will be able to welcome Years 10 and 12 students into school from next week, so that they can have some face-to-face teaching from all their teachers and tutors over the next weeks. While there is still much uncertainty over government advice for September, I hope that this marks a step towards all students being able to return to the school buildings, and we will continue to plan ambitiously as guidance emerges. I am grateful for all of the messages of support I have received from parents.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- JUNE 15TH** RETURN OF Y10 & Y12 TO SCHOOL
- JUNE 16TH** NEW Y7 INDUCTION
- JUNE 17TH** VIRTUAL SPORTS AWARDS
- JUNE 17TH** Y12 UCAS DAY
- JUNE 21ST** FINAL DAY OF LOG CABIN SPORTS CHALLENGE
- JUNE 22ND** Y11 REMOTE WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK
- JUNE 24TH** Y12 REMOTE PARENTS EVENING
- JULY 1ST/2ND** Y10 REMOTE PARENTS EVENING



## ***HEAD GIRL TEAM LOOKS BACK AT 2019-20***

As we near the end of the summer term, our outgoing Head Girl Team took a look back at their highlights of an unusual but fun-packed school year. Click [here](#) to hear from Immi, Dhruvi, Anna, Dedan, Jojo and Emily on their memories.

## ***NHEHS TEAM DEVELOPS AI APP TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA***

As part of their Nesta Longitude Explorer prize submission, a group of Year 10 & 12 girls had to design & develop a product using technology or an app which incorporates AI, and which benefits the world. Read about their AI watch called 'Poly' which supports people with dementia [here](#).



## ***#CHARITYCHALLENGE1341KM FOR THE LOG CABIN***

On Monday we began our two week Sports Charity Challenge for The Log Cabin, which will see us try to cover the distance from one end of the UK to the other, to raise funds for this fantastic Ealing charity. Staff & pupils will be vying to see who can travel the furthest! Read all about it [here](#). Donations welcome on [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com).

## ***MENTORING PROGRAMME LAUNCHED TO HELP YEARS 7-9 IN LOCKDOWN***

We are delighted to announce the launch of a mentoring programme for Years 7-9, where students from Years 11-13 are being invited to take part in the programme to support each other through these challenging times. Read about the two initiatives [here](#).



## ***KEEPING BUSY IN HALF TERM***

During the lockdown, Junior School has kept its doors open for the daughters of key workers, both during term time & during the half-term break, when Daisy (Year 6) took it upon herself to organise a week of fun activities for the other girls! Read about what the girls got up to [here](#).



## ***NOTMUN GOES ONLINE FOR FIRST TIME IN NHEHS HISTORY!***

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the NOTMUN (Notting Hill Model United Nations) took place online via Google – all led & organised by the debating reps! Read about the issues debated by the 11 countries [here](#).

## ***IN CONVERSATION WITH..... SOPHIE HAHN***

In our final “In Conversation with...” series, we were lucky enough to welcome T38 Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth sprint champion, Sophie Hahn to our online discussion. Read Sophie’s tips for balancing sport & life and what motivates her [here](#).

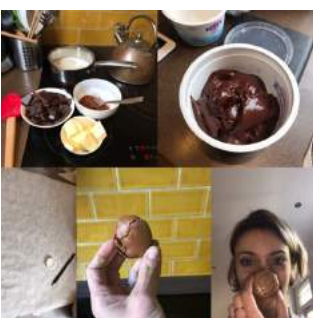


## ***GDST INSPIRING CHANGE MAKERS ONLINE SUMMIT***

The GDST held the Inspiring Change Makers Online Summit on May 21st, which was open to girls from all GDST schools & aimed to educate, inspire & empower through its large variety of online sessions. If you would like to see any of the sessions, the Summit is still available to view – see [here](#).

## ***Y7 ANIYA’S POEM PUBLISHED IN POETRY ANTHOLOGY***

Congratulations to Aniya in Year 7! Her poem ‘Elements’ was shortlisted out of hundreds of entries in a poetry competition & has just been published in a poetry anthology! Read her lovely poem [here](#).

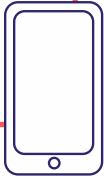


## ***MME SPENCER BAKES FOR GPS & NEIGHBOURS!***

Mme Spencer is a bit of a legend when it comes to cooking and baking at Notting Hill & Ealing, with her biscuits, cakes & crepes delighting staff & pupils alike! Read how she has been raising spirits locally with her wonderful bakes [here](#).



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# ***TWEET OF THE WEEK***

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Lovely to see our Year 6s back at school this morning. We'll be welcoming our Reception girls tomorrow & Year 1s on Friday. Whether you are with us in school or at home, remember that we'll always be together & can't wait to see you soon.  
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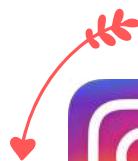
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## ***WE WANT YOUR NEWS!***



We try to cover as much school news as possible here and on our website (there's so much more every week 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. Please do share your great news with us, with accompanying photo, in an email to [s.bennett@nhehs.gdst.net](mailto:s.bennett@nhehs.gdst.net) and we will include as many as we can!