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Message from Mr Shoults



One of the great pleasures of school life is the start of assemblies on Mondays and Thursdays. On Monday, students and staff involved in sport energised the hall with personal tales of achievement and endeavour, while this morning our Philosophy and Religious Education Representatives gave a complex and compelling analysis of the ethics behind Artificial Intelligence. However, it is not only hearing the girls find their voice presenting which is so inspiring, but also the trail of students with announcements at the beginning of the assembly, whether it be advertising charity events and public speaking clubs on Monday, or this morning the House Captains brandishing a suggestions box to solicit ideas for the theme of this year's 'House Shout' (impressive forward planning, given that it happens in March!)

Leadership opportunities are approaching thick and fast in the weeks ahead. Year 10 students will soon be hearing about a whole range of positions they can apply for, whether as Eco-reps or budding journalists, stepping into the shoes of their predecessors. The first year of the scheme has been inspiring to see, and has led us to introduce this year some Year 9 positions, again covering a number of areas of school life, from editing a Science magazine or as Wellbeing Leads. Later this term, all Year 12 students will be sizing up the major roles as Representatives, and will receive training from Mr Cheney in December, so that they can hit the ground running with their plans in January.

What has been so clear from observing girls taking on these roles is that all our students have the capacity to lead and organise. There is a tendency to see only extroverts as leaders, and to assume that this sort of personality is the definition of leadership potential. In fact, much research shows that leadership is mainly a skill to be taught, and above all learnt through experience. So, we will continue to encourage all our students to find an area of interest, to push themselves out of their comfort zones, and to discover their capacity to 'make things happen'.

Events coming up...



- OCTOBER 14 – Senior Autumn Concert
- OCTOBER 15 – Parents' Guild Careers Meeting in Senior School
- OCTOBER 17 – Half Term Ends
- NOVEMBER 21 23- BARNUM! Production at the Senior School, tickets on sale now



NHEHS Head Girl Team launch their blog!

Immi, Dedan, Anna, Emily, Dhruvi & Jojo have been getting stuck into some fantastic initiatives since becoming this year's Head Girl team – see what they have got up to [here](#) and their plans for the year ahead.

What is the Value of STEM?

Intrepid Year 8s attended the GDSTEM conference, which brought together 300 fellow Year 8s from GDST schools from all over the country and held at Imperial College. Was Daria inspired by the event? [Find out here.](#)



Year 7 Share the Love for Endangered Instruments

Did you know some orchestral instruments are slowly dying out in favour of the more popular ones, such as violin or flute? Not if NHEHS has anything to do with it! The now annual 'Endangered Instruments' event took place recently, with very encouraging results already from last year's event. [Learn more about this marvellous musical initiative here.](#)

OGA Tea Party Brings Sunshine & Happy Memories

Each September, alumnae from various years are invited back to school to share memories over a delicious cream tea. 'Old Girls' also challenge current pupils to a netball match in the afternoon. Did the Old Girls finally beat the current team? [Find out here.](#)



Middlesex Netballers get set for success!

Well done to Dana and Julia, both Year 7, who have recently begun Satellite training at Middlesex County Netball.

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 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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