

HEADLINES

14 FEBRUARY 2020 - FORTNIGHTLY

NEWS AND IMPORTANT
INFORMATION FROM THE
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Message from the Headmaster

MATTHEW SHOULTS

As we approach half-term, we have had an effervescent week. Last Friday I was delighted to accept with Miss Gordon the TES Independent School Award for Creativity, marking the development of the Year 10 Da Vinci enrichment programme. The programme has evolved over the years, but last year's cross-curricular approach was a particular highlight, and it was a pleasure to see it recognised nationally.

We have also been creating waves this week with the NHEHS Film Festival. At a time when female representation in film making is in the spotlight, I feel that the Festival was a truly impactful venture, providing girls with opportunities to be inspired by those in the industry, but also to be able to make their own work; gathering with girls, parents and staff at the Hampstead Everyman on Wednesday night to watch the finalists in the GDST short film competition brought home the power of girls testing out their creative powers. At the Women in Film panel event yesterday evening, it was instructive hearing the exhortation of industry leaders that girls should venture into the industry with confidence that failure was a perfectly normal part of progress. It was also illuminating to discover how important time-keeping is for aspiring actors: "Early is on time. On time is late. Late is unforgivable!"

This has been a half-term of sporting triumphs, and it was capped by our Year 7 athletics team, representing Ealing Borough, competing against the best from seven other boroughs, and winning through to a place at the London Youth Games, an outstanding achievement. I am sure that all of those on the ski trip next week will show similar energy.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very enjoyable half term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- FEB 24TH** JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN HOMEWORK WEEK
- FEB 26TH** US/GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES TALK - (Y9-13)
- MAR 2-6TH** BOOK WEEK
- MAR 6TH** CONDOVER HALL GDST NETBALL TOURNAMENT (Y6/Y8)
- MAR 6TH** OPTIONAL SLEEPOVER FOR MANGO TREE PROJECT 9 (Y12/13)



GDST TECHNOLOGY DAY

Artificial intelligence, virtual reality, 3D printing and a Dragons' Den Challenge were all on the agenda for our A level students at the GDST Technology Day held at PWC. Read all about it [here](#).

JUNIOR STEAM WEEK

From an Arctic Fun Day to space engineering, via investigations of dinosaurs using maths to deep sea exploration, our Junior School girls rose to the many and varied science challenges of our Junior STEAM Week last week. Read more [here](#).



PARENTS' GUILD CAREERS FAIR

With over 75 advisors and seven "careers planets" to visit there was a career for everyone at the Careers Fair organised by the Parents' Guild last week. Read Year 10 Journalist Leader Alice's report [here](#)

NESTA LONGITUDINAL EXPLORER PRIZE

Design a watch specifically adapted to the needs of the elderly by incorporating AI - the challenge which faced our team of four as they reached the Nesta Longitudinal Explorer Prize Semi-Finals. Read more [here](#).



NATIONAL WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP WIN FOR MIA

Big congratulations to Mia in Year 11, part of the successful London Sharks Water Polo team - crowned Division Two champions at the Inter-Regional Under 18 championships at the end of January. Read more about Mia & other NHEHS sport successes [here](#).

**IN THE
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WE HAVE WON THE CREATIVITY AWARD AT THE PRESTIGIOUS TES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL AWARDS 2020!

From tes, 7 February 2020

This is a girls' school that is "not afraid to give pupils a voice of their own" and that takes their learning well beyond the subjects and concepts of the curriculum. The school, in Ealing, is for girls aged 4-18, and its Da Vinci Programme – aimed at Year 10 pupils – allows teachers to cross disciplines to deliver fascinating and inspiring lessons with creativity at their heart. Teachers from the maths and art departments come together, for example, to demonstrate how Fibonacci's sequences and concepts can be applied to famous historical works of art, aiming to question notions such as beauty. Teachers also use the subject of Brexit in history and politics to demonstrate how there is no right answer or quick fix. Sessions combining public speaking and Classics analyse the murderous actions of famous women in classical literature to show the importance of seeing events in their context and the limitations of applying modern day sentiment. Meanwhile, principles of biology, history and geography merge in the study of advancements in disease control. Lead judge Simon Larter-Evans said that the winner "has put together an exciting programme that is compelling, coherent and relevant to students' lives".

"The emphasis on risk is well conceived, and the programme is detailed, imaginative and, importantly, treats the students with intellectual respect." "A quick look at the school's website also demonstrates that this school is not afraid to give its students a clear, unfettered, independent voice of their own," he added. An online campaign runs alongside the programme (#doingdavinci). Winners attended a black-tie event at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, hosted by award-winning comedian Ivo Graham, where more than 400 attendees celebrated all that is outstanding in independent schools across the UK.



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**LEAD JUDGE SIMON
LARTER-EVANS**

FILM FESTIVAL



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! THE NHEHS FILM FESTIVAL IS A SMASH HIT!



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The biennial GDST Film festival ran from 12-14th February, with an aim to inspire girls to get creative, learn new skills and explore the varied career opportunities in the film industry. We were so grateful to so many people who gave up their time and shared their expertise and experiences with us. We enjoyed workshops from award-winning hair and make-up academy Delamar; the UK's largest film school (and Ealing locals) Metfilm; film trailer and creative content agency Silk Factory; and set and prop designers Palmbrokers, who also dressed our Atrium with various sets from some of the films they have worked on, including Jurassic World and Game of Thrones. It's not every day you have a dinosaur in school and everyone has been utterly amazed!

Wednesday evening saw the screening of the finalists in the GDST-wide film making competition, kindly hosted by Everyman Cinema in Hampstead (or should that be 'Everywoman'?!) - it was such a treat to watch the short films on the big screen and we were delighted to welcome judges Karen Krizanovich and Liz Tucker to the event, as well as the friends, families and teachers of all the finalists. You can find the winners @nhehs twitter.

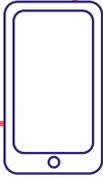
On Thursday afternoon we hosted a 'Women in Film' panel event, expertly compered by Mel Giedroyc to a sell-out audience. Our panelists, Casting Director Lucy Bevan, Actor Freya Allan, Director of White Lotus Picture Company Savyna Darby, Director Coky Giedroyc and Pathé's Deputy Managing Director Jenny Borgars inspired us all by sharing their experiences and giving girls some top tips, including 'prep, prep, prep', 'make yourself indispensable - and learn how to make the best cup of tea in the business' and 'be five times better prepared than a man'.

As part of the Film festival, the Year 12 Film team created the campaign '#SETtheExample' - to show that every girl or woman can make a difference - by supporting films that represent them, by creating them and by being more involved in the industry. Postcards were handed out encouraging people to send words of encouragement to those in the film industry actively championing women in film - more are available in the main reception!

A huge vote of thanks goes to Assistant Head Mr Cheney, the co-coordinator the festival, who, in his initial enquiry stage, listened to the entire Harry Potter score several times over, whilst on hold to ask if we could borrow any props. (the answer? it was a very short conversation- the answer was 'no!' - and very understandably so!)



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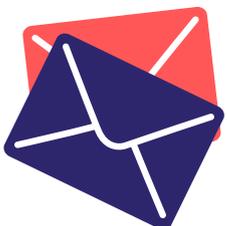
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