

20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - fortnightly

## Message from Mr Shoults



### Winding down for summer? Not us!

I'm always surprised and amused when those not working in education say "It's June, so you must be winding down as a school!" In the last fortnight, we have had three theatre productions, as girls in Years 7 to 9 flexed their thespian muscles, several recitals, and sports fixtures aplenty. I was particularly delighted that the Year 7 and 8 Athletics team, having reached the Regional Finals of the school championships, came 2nd out of 24 teams across the whole South East region, a tremendous outcome.

Culture exploits continue apace, with our annual Fashion Show tomorrow evening, organised by our Year 12 Art Representatives, with a record 20 teams entering, and with rehearsals in progress for 'A Night at the Musicals' to round of the year. What is wonderful to see is the combination of excellence and opportunity, so that all girls can find a way to explore their interests. On Friday, I heard four of our strongest musicians having a 'dry run' recital for their Grade 8 and Diploma examinations, while yesterday I saw musicians of all experience levels performing pieces in an informal atrium concert, mixing "Darth Vader" on trumpet with soulful crooning to guitar accompaniment!

One of the great benefits of educational reform over the last decade has been the removal of modular A level (and GCSE) examinations. Year 12 students used to disappear for the heart of the summer term, and return understandably weary half way through June. By contrast, with no public exams, and internal examinations out of the way at the beginning of term, they have been able to keep pursuing their academic, cultural and sporting interests, including independent research and their leadership roles as representatives.

A busy and rich term, and still plenty of experiences to come before the summer break!

### Events coming up...



JUNE 25 – Junior School Sports Day

Senior School Summer Concert

JUNE 30 – Jazz & Rock Bands play Party in the Park @ Pitshanger Lane

JUNE 27 – Year 13 Leavers' Ceremony

JULY 2 – Junior School Summer Concert

JULY 3 – Senior School Sports Day



### NHEHS Year 6 beat the rain at GDST Athletics Rally

It was almost a wash out in Bath as a team of thirteen Year 5 and 6 athletes took part in the combined Junior and Senior GDST Athletics meeting at Bath University on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Luckily, the Londoners were undeterred, each girl giving it her all. See how they got on [here](#).

### NHEHS teachers & students predict the FIFA Women’s World Cup

Sports Captain JoJo created a short film capturing NHEHS predications for what is shaping up to be a fantastic Women’s World Cup. [Watch and share here](#).



## NHEHS EPQ EVENING

### Record numbers present at Year 12 EPQ Evening

Over 30 Year 12 students presented their Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ) to fellow students, staff and parents earlier this week. The event was held to celebrate the girls’ success in completing the Extended Project, with audience invited to attend different presentations according to their interest and ask questions after each one. [Take a look at the topics they presented on here](#).

### Year 8 Speak Out!

An inspiring Public Speaking Day for Year 8s was held this week with an introduction to public speaking by Ms Gordon and a few “top tips” such as engaging interaction and the importance of speaking to the audience rather than your notes. How did they get on with preparing debates on topics such as “Mixed schools are good”, “We should ban single-use plastic” and “Disney princesses are good role models for kids”? [Find out here](#).



### Celebrating our Alumnae!

We are delighted that @NHEHS alumna @ProfArno Polly Arnold is a finalist in @GDST Alumna of the Year Award 2019 for her pioneering work in the field of science. We are lending her our support at: <http://www.gdst.net/AOYA>

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### Tweet of the Week!

Well done to the 100+ Senior @nhehs girls & staff who took up the challenge of walking/cycling to school this week, with the reward of a lovely breakfast provided by Mrs Henry & her team this morning! Especially impressive in all that ☀️! #BikeWeekUK #WalkToSchool #NHESEco

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