



22nd November 2019 - fortnightly

Message from Mr Shoults



Last night was the first night of the major Senior School production Barnum. Without revealing any plot spoilers, it was a fantastic show, with powerful lead performances, superb ensemble, and a high quality all round (“professional” was the word I heard on the lips of audience members); the curse of “sinister” clowns was certainly laid to rest by the charming and zany group witnessed last night! What always impresses me in these productions is how the students run so much of the production: lighting, sound, make-up, front of house, stage management, and the significant majority of the pit band. What summed up the commitment and the warmth of the whole enterprise, in a very NHEHS way, was that Jess Low and Izzy Haynes, the two leads, found the time to write a whole host of thank you “luggage labels” and leave them on the drama studio door as a surprise for all the members of the company.

Earlier this week at the Girls’ School Association annual conference, Tracy Edwards, who captained the first all-female crew to complete the Whitbread round the world race, gave a most inspiring talk. In the face of derision, doubts and inexperience, they finished the race, won two of the stages, and came second in their class. It was remarkable testimony to the ability to overcome expectations, and to realise achievements through great determination. With the Heads of our fellow GDST schools South Hampstead High and Northwood, we hope to arrange a local screening of the documentary film of this endeavour for our students in the future.

The Christmas Bazaar is on the horizon, on 30 November. I hope you have secured your raffle tickets (girls will have brought these home to sell), with a record number of prizes this year. This year you will be able to buy packs of Christmas cards at the Bazaar, with girls’ designs from our competition earlier, and with proceeds going to charity (more on that later in this newsletter). I do hope to see you there next Saturday.

Events coming up...



NOVEMBER 21-23 – ‘Barnum’ – Senior School Production

NOVEMBER 28 – Junior School Parents’ Evening

NOVEMBER 28 – Senior School Parent Talk by Mandy Saligari

NOVEMBER 30 - Parents’ Guild Christmas Bazaar

DECEMBER 2 - Start of Year 11 Study Leave

DECEMBER 3 - Year 10 Parents’ Reception



NHEHS Shortlisted for TES Creativity Award

We were thrilled to learn this week that we've been shortlisted for a TES (Times Educational Supplement – the go-to for educationalists) in the 'Creativity' category. We picked our exciting 'Da Vinci' programme for the award submission. Fingers crossed please!

U12 Netballers Runners-Up from 23 schools at GDST Rally Natasha, Year 7, has the full exciting match report [here](#)



Eminent historian brings Russian history to life

We were pleased to welcome historian and author Dr. Daniel Beer to school recently. Find out how he brought Russian history to life for Years 10 -13 [here](#)

Big year for charity initiatives ahead There have been some wonderful charitable initiatives over the last few months – but it's never enough for our altruistic girls! Find out more about their big plans to do more good [here](#)



Changing Directions but still on track for success!

A fantastic panel of NHEHS Alumnae inspired us recently with their career stories and experiences; discussing the advantages of flexible working, setting up your own company, work-life balance and re-framing success. They talked about recognising your strengths, confidence, and building resilience. Find out more [here](#)

Christmas Cards for Crisis

Year 7 have spent some time in Art designing imaginative and beautiful Charity Christmas card designs this week, using recycled materials including last years' cards! It was a tough choice to make as to which ones were printed and offered for sale at the Christmas Bazaar, but we feel that our final selection work beautifully together. Find out more (and how to buy!) [here](#)





A reminder that the Christmas Bazaar is **on Saturday 30th November 2019**, from 12noon until 3:30pm. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of activities, food and shopping along with our ever popular festive stalls and Santa's Grotto. There will be arts and crafts, including make your own slime, and we are delighted to welcome Hounslow Urban Farm back to school with their brilliant 'Animal Encounters' workshop. Please remember to pre-book this activity if your daughter wishes to take part.

Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs and money collected to either School Office next week, or bring them along to the Bazaar on Saturday.

This year, we have secured some fantastic prizes for the raffle including star prizes of a **Miele** free standing coffee machine and two tickets to a match at the new world class **Tottenham Hotspur Stadium** - and so would really appreciate your support in helping your daughters sell the tickets to family, friends and neighbours.

The draw for the prizes will be held at 3pm at the bazaar.

Donations for the Christmas Bazaar are still very welcome – please bring any luxury tombola prizes or uniform items in excellent condition to the Senior School office on Friday 29th November.

NHEHS Girls Enjoy Success!

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!

Howzat for a bit of cricket news?!

Sofia, Dana & Jaspreet, Year 7, were delighted to be representing Ealing Cricket Club as they were invited and selected to play in the Under 14 Girls' Cricket (two age groups above!). The girls participated in their first Under 14 Girls Cricket matches against Actonians Cricket Club on Sunday 17th November. The girls enjoyed the experience and looking forward to playing further matches under this age group.



Maia's beautiful ballet!

Maia Roman, Year 8, recently secured a Bronze medal in the Russian Ballet Awards held in London and then danced her way to Paris to participate in the Youth America Grand Prix regional semi-final. Maia's ensemble dance placed in the Top 12 of 58 entrants, a wonderful achievement considering many of the participants are in full time dance schools. Congratulations, Maia!



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