

# HEADLINES

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**MATTHEW SHOULTS**

Last week I found myself under the microscope and being interrogated by colleagues as part of the Year 11 charity event, a school version of “Would I lie to you?” It certainly taught me (and our students) some unexpected gems about the teachers, but it also showed me just how good the girls are at organising events and taking forward initiatives.

Before half term, I was helping to judge the Year 8 teams who were taking part in the Tycoon Enterprise competition, pitching their business plans. Such was the strength of interest that we have had to hold an internal selection round to narrow down the 10 teams for the national competition. This week sees the publication of the next edition of *The Franklin Science* newsletter, covering everything from the impact of bioaccumulation to why we love music. We have also had record numbers of Year 9s applying for leadership roles for the year ahead.

All of this shows the girls’ ability to run with ideas. Yet talking to one of our Year 11 students today showed me that we need to do even more to build girls’ ambitions in what is possible. She remarked that it was seeing the success of other women in business which convinced her that this was a route she could, and should pursue. We have a strong and supportive community of both alumnae and parents. Our alumnae benefit from networking events (including one last week on handling Covid and the job market) hosted by the school. In the months ahead, we will be looking at ways in which we can extend such support further for girls at the top of the school, so that they connect with those who can show them by example how they can thrive in the sector which interests each girl. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of this initiative in the months and years ahead.

Finally, last week the Harrow Club, a long-standing charity supporting marginalised children in West London, visited the school, setting in motion some fundraising for this charity, and volunteering opportunities for the girls. Our students will be selling Christmas cards to support this charity, and I hope that you will be able to support our efforts, while stocking up your supplies ready for the festive season.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**WC  
16TH  
NOV**

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK  
JUNIORS ODD SOCKS  
DAY**

**NOV  
18-  
20TH**

**SENIOR SCHOOL  
PRODUCTION**

**NOV  
24TH**

**Y11 GCSE MUSIC  
PERFORMANCES**

**NOV  
24TH**

**Y12 PARENTS'  
EVENING**

**NOV  
25TH**

**Y9 SPEAKING OUT, NOT  
FREAKING OUT**

**NOV  
25TH**

**Y13 MEDICAL SCIENCE  
PRACTICE EVENT**

**NOV  
26TH**

**JUNIOR SCHOOL  
PARENTS' EVENING**

**NOV  
30TH**

**SENIOR AUTUMN  
CONCERT**



**Breaking News!**

## ***THE IMPORTANCE OF EXAMS AND KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN: MR SHOULTS IN THE EVENING STANDARD***

Mr. Shoults featured twice in *The Evening Standard* this week, giving his views on these two hot educational topics. Read the full articles [here](#).

## ***YEAR 11 RAISE OVER £1,000 FOR WOMEN'S AID***

A teachers' edition of "Would I Lie to You," including some cunning bluffing and interesting reveals, a Virtual Parents Quiz and a sale of sweets complete with "Sweet Messages" all combined to raise a fantastic total for Year 11's chosen charity, Women's Aid. Read all about it [here](#). Next up, Year 10 have decided to support The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust over the coming weeks. The charity runs high impact programmes that inspire and enable young people from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds to succeed. As a year group they were passionate about the Black Lives Matter movement and this is one way in which they are trying to show their support.



## ***FURTHER MATHEMATICIANS RISE TO MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD CHALLENGE***

Twenty further mathematicians took part in the gruelling two and a half hour Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, a competition which organisers try to discourage students from entering as it is really tough. Find out how they got on and maybe put your own maths to the test with one of the tricky sample questions [here](#).

## ***EALING AGE UK APPEAL***

This winter we have a great opportunity to support Ealing Age UK and would be grateful if girls could bring in food and non-food to go into hampers which will be distributed to older people in Ealing. If you are doing a weekly shop this weekend, it would be lovely if you could add in a few extra items for this fantastic charity. Please bring your donations to the atrium by Monday 16th November. For a full list of items, please see [here](#). Thank you for your support!





## ***SCIENCE DEPARTMENT'S ISSUE 2 OF "THE FRANKLIN"***

Published twice a year, *The Franklin* gives girls a chance to research and produce an academically rigorous piece of writing about an aspect of science they find fascinating. Open to contributions from anyone in Years 7-10, this edition's content ranges from the impact of bioaccumulation to why do bridges "grow" in the summer. Don't miss Jaspreet's winning entry from the Elemental Soup chemistry creative writing competition too. Read *The Franklin* [here](#).

## ***A MARRIAGE OF OPERA AND ITALIAN***

Just before half term, our music department created a special initiative for girls who love to sing. They were given the opportunity to sing arias from the *Marriage of Figaro* with coaching provided by opera specialists and NHEHS visiting music tutors, accompanied by a pianist. Read more and listen to some of the arias [here](#).



## ***MRS CONWAY DONATES HER RAPUNZEL HAIR TO THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST***

Over half term, Mrs Conway (older girls might remember her as Miss Jaszczolt), who teaches Year 3, donated 14 inches of her hair to The Little Princess Trust, who make real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer or other conditions. Read her story [here](#).

## ***FIRST VIRTUAL ALUMNAE NETWORKING EVENT***

Last week the first virtual alumnae networking event, *Career Development in Difficult Economic Times*, was held via Zoom. The panel included top tips from three NHEHS alumnae, Pavita Cooper, Amabel Polglase and Sarah Baynes, together with former Olympian, Fran Halsall. Read all about it [here](#).

**Career Development in Difficult Economic Times**  
NHEHS Alumnae Virtual Networking Event

**INSPIRING EACH OTHER**

Chaired by **Amabel Polglase**  
Keynote speaker **Francesca Halsall**  
Panel member **Sarah Baynes**  
Panel member **Pavita Cooper**

**18.00 - 19.30**  
**Wednesday 4th November**  
18.00 - Welcome 18.05 - Keynote from Francesca Halsall 18.15 - Panel Discussion 19.00 - Q&A



## ***70 STUDENTS FROM YEAR 8 TAKE ON DRAGONS' DEN STYLE CHALLENGE***

Entering The Peter Jones' Foundation's Tycoon Enterprise Competition for the first time, we had planned to enter five teams from both Year 8 and Year 12. But due to the enthusiasm of an amazing 70 Year 8 girls wanting to take part, Miss Watkins organised a Dragons' Den style pitch round to select the final 5 teams! Find out which businesses made it through [here](#).

## ***NHEHS MUM & DAUGHTER CLEAN UP EALING WITH LAGER CAN!***

How getting a rescue dog for one family led to NHEHS girls' litter picking for their Duke of Edinburgh silver awards and helped encourage several other Ealing schools to get involved with the LAGER Can initiative to clean up Ealing across the borough. Read all about it [here](#).



## ***TEN TALENTED MUSICIANS' TEATIME CONCERT***

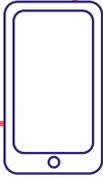
Ten of our musicians treated us to an excellent Teatime Concert last week. Miss Dunne led the concert, which gave the opportunity for girls from all years and levels to perform a solo piece that they have been learning, particularly for some girls who have their ABRSM exams this week. Listen to their beautiful performances [here](#).

## ***UK PARLIAMENT WEEK AT JUNIOR SCHOOL***

Last week, the Junior School team captains and school councillors delivered a virtual assembly to the whole school all about UK Parliament Week, which has been taking place virtually this week. Read all about it [here](#).



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## ***TWEET OF THE WEEK***



**NottingHill&Ealing**  
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🏆 Girls' School of the Year #ISOTY2020. The trophy arrived in the post and so lovely to behold! Head girl Georgia and Mr Shoults @nhehsheadmaster having the first honour! Feeling so proud.

#NHEHSparksAchievement #NHEHSparksLeadership



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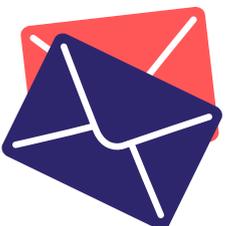


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## ***WE WANT YOUR NEWS!***



We try to cover as much school news as possible here and on our website (there's so much more every week [here!](#))

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!