



The Hemel Hempstead School

News

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My assemblies this week have been based on the two lines from 'If' by Rudyard Kipling which feature over the players' entrance to the Centre Court at Wimbledon and were spoken by Federer and Nadal in a rather bizarre, rain-affected interlude during that stupendous mens' tennis final:

'If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same'

Those stirring words came into even sharper relief yesterday when our first cross curricular day based on the Olympic ideal happened. The inspirational presence of Martin Cross who won gold and bronze medals in rowing, alongside arguably the greatest Olympian of all time, Sir Steve Redgrave, motivated our students to some stunning and highly impressive work throughout a packed day of every subject imaginable being taught via the theme of the Beijing Olympics. From the acquisition of the Mandarin language to a new understanding of Chinese history and culture, the teachers and students excelled themselves in the provision and absorption of a new way of thinking and learning. Underpinned by the House system and with various captains, the mixed age groupings worked wonderfully with superb conduct and amazing learning taking place. It was one of those days where risks were taken and great gains were seen to be made. I congratulate and thank Eleanor Bevan for her leadership of a wonderful event which I hope we will repeat in some way next year.

May I also congratulate again John Mitchell for his outstanding leadership of the House system: the awarding of the House Cup to Latimer House was the culmination of a packed year of brilliant House activity.

'Triumph and Disaster'? Fortunately, the former has been in abundance this year. We look forward to gold medallist Martin Cross, who kindly allowed me to wear his medal for a minute, presenting the prizes at Speech Day in December.

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

For outstanding work in Dance: Kathryn Tyne 7A, Charlotte Bartlett 7A, Levi Smith 7A, Sarah Worger 7A, Jade Gardiner 7A, Josie Mills 9N, Melissa Livingston 9N, Laura Dowse 9P, Marie Gorton 9L.

For excellent work in Maths: Daniel Ford 7N, Tim Moss 7N, Emma D'Amery 7L, Zoe Dennis 7L, Alex Marsh 7N.

For outstanding work in Technology: Mark Cowley 8A.

For service to the School: Matt Gill 10A, Shelbey Joyce 10L, Amber Bartlett 10F, Andrew King 10F, Louise Verroken-Jones 10C, Harriet Bullock 10L, James Price 8A, Oliver Price 8C, Kieran Duke 8N, Zachary Farrell 8C, Jacob Buckley 8C, James Baxter 8C, Jessie Toms 8L.

For excellent model making in Biology: Rozeena Asmat 12Fg, Jessica Breeze 12Ab, Shazeela Sadiq 12Fb, Rosie Halfyard (West Dacorum Partnership for Learning Consortium).

For exceptional results in History exams: Anna Wales 7C, Ellen Rogers 7C, Francesca Quinn 7F, Andrew Coe 8P, Olivia Scott 8L, Jordan Kelly 8P, Amelie Lecoecuche 8P, Aisha Khan 9L, Amber Bartlett 10F, Jennifer Buttleman 10N.

For record breaking at Sports Day 2008: Sophie Morris 8C.

Dates for Your Diary

Blue Week

14th – 18th Jul	Work Related Learning/Enterprise Week
14th Jul	Yr 7 Work Shadowing day
	Yr 9 (Groups 1, 2, 3) to Tolmers Activity Centre
	Yr 12 UCAS preparation day
15th Jul	7A, C, F visit to Paper Trail
	12L, N, P visit to Paper Trail
16th Jul	7L, N, P visit to Paper Trail
	12A, C, F visit to Paper Trail
	Yr 9 (Groups 4, 5, 6) to Tolmers Activity Centre
17th Jul	Yr 8 visit to Phasels Wood
	Yr 12 UCAS preparation day
18th Jul	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30 pm

Gifted and Talented Science: Forensics 7th July

On 7th July I was involved in an experience that I will never forget. I was amazed by the enjoyment and educational value of this day. I learnt how to lift fingerprints, how to check for DNA in samples and I also learnt how to find alcohol or poison in someone's stomach content!

I enjoyed the day very much and I would love to go through the experience again. I think that many of the others who participated would also enjoy the experience again.

Aaron Lloyd 8N



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Library Notices

The Library will be closed for the last week of term. Books can still be returned either to the Library or to Student Services. Overdue fines will be charged as from Monday 8th September.

If you have not collected your Scholastic Book order please come to the Library as soon as possible.

Mrs Krajewski, Librarian

Maths Puzzle of the Month for June

The two lucky winners of June's puzzle were Lorenzo Bellini 7L and Rory Tinker 7P. A big well done to you both and your prizes need collecting from the Maths office at a break or lunchtime. There were other correct entries too so well done to those people. The answers were 420 and 389 runs!

Be sure to look out for this month's puzzle in your Maths classroom or top corridor in South Block. You've not got long to do it before the end of term. Good luck.

Miss Bandle

Year 10 Catering

On Tuesday 8th July, our Year 10 Catering class all came to the Food Tech rooms at 1.30 pm to prepare, serve and enjoy a barbecue that each and every person contributed to. We had many different dishes on offer - salads, potatoes, pasta, rice and barbecued meat, cooked expertly by Mrs Cracknell and Mr Stuart. The whole class would like to say thank you to them for making such a delicious lunch for all of us. We set up benches outside in the car park and enjoyed our food in a window of sunshine. Unfortunately, it began to rain so we were forced to come inside to finish off our lunch with the choice of five or six delectable looking desserts. Everybody had a great time, and we would all like to thank Mrs Walker for her wonderful preparation skills and participating in something that we hope to do again in the near future.

Chloe Simpkins 10A, Natalie Kemp 10N

Gold Letters issued recently:

Letter 198 WRL/Enterprise Week 7A, 7C, 7F.

Letter 199 WRL/Enterprise Week 7L, 7N, 7P.

Letter 200 WRL/Enterprise Week Year 8

Letter 201 WRL/Enterprise Week Year 9

Letter 202 WRL/Enterprise Week Year 10

Letter 206 Year 10 Work Experience (September)

Letter 207 Year 7 Interim Report

Letter 208 Year 9 Assessments

Sickness/absence line

Please will all parents contact us daily if your child is sick, going to be late in due to a medical appointment, or is absent for any other reason. Please call our sickness/absence line on 01442 390103 by 9am if possible.



SPORT

District Sports Results 2008

Congratulations to all the athletes who represented the school at District Sports this year. There were many excellent performances, in particular from the following:

Year 7 Boys / Team: 4th

Ben Barnes	1 st	200m
Louis Mayhew	2 nd	Long Jump
Ollie Cox	3 rd	800m
Tom Butler	4 th	Pole Vault
George McCausland	4 th	Discus
Rory Tinker	7 th	1500m
Kieran Cavanagh	7 th	Shot
Sam Mairs	7 th	High Jump

Year 8 Boys / Team: 3rd

Kieran North	2 nd	400m
Ross Taylor	2 nd	1500m
Arron Austin	3 rd	Hurdles
Noah Jones	3 rd	Pole Vault
Abaan Suqlain	3 rd	Javelin
Jack Eykelbosch	4 th	800m
Cauley Woodrow	5 th	Triple Jump
James Shaw	5 th	Discus
Dylan Bransgrove	6 th	200m
Dylan Bransgrove	6 th	Long Jump
Arron Austin	6 th	Shot

Year 9 Boys / Team: 4th

Courtney Hart	1 st	100m (new record)
Courtney Hart	1 st	Long Jump
Cody Marshall	1 st	Javelin
Sam Flowerdew	3 rd	Pole Vault
George Kershaw	4 th	High Jump
Barney Brown	5 th	Discus
Adam Sibun	5 th	Shot
Alex Blake	6 th	Hurdles
Alex Calver	7 th	200m
Ollie Edwards	7 th	1500m
Louie Bell	7 th	Triple Jump
Adam King	8 th	400m
Peter Downes	8 th	800m

Year 10/11 Boys / Team: 4th

Phil Foscoe	1 st	Triple Jump
Perry McClellan	2 nd	Pole Vault
Josh Harris	4 th	High Jump
Phil Foscoe	4 th	200m
Matt King	5 th	Hurdles
Michael Wadlow	5 th	1500m
Max Farrelly	5 th	Long Jump
Michael Wadlow	5 th	Discus
Daniel Twine	5 th	Javelin
Sunel Bailey	6 th	Shot
James Stratford	6 th	800m
Joe Welton	6 th	400m

Year 7 Girls / Team: 9th

Francesca Quinn	5 th	1500m
Charlotte Bartlett	6 th	200m
Beth Bellis	6 th	800m
Jess Minter	6 th	Javelin
Alice Cook	7 th	High Jump
Jodie Hardcastle	7 th	Discus

Year 8 Girls / Team: 3rd

Sophie Morris	1 st	800m
Alex Eykelbosch	1 st	1500m
Sarah Grover	1 st	High Jump
Shona Berloth	1 st	Discus
Demi Craig	4 th	100m
Jess Archibald	5 th	Javelin
Olivia Scott	7 th	200m
Tas Mason	8 th	Shot
Shannon Rance	8 th	Long Jump

Year 9 Girls / Team: 3rd

Rebecca Armorgie	1 st	1500m
Alex Hatt	1 st	Javelin
Imogen Hudson	2 nd	Long Jump
Ellie Phillips	2 nd	200m
Sarah Kinley	3 rd	800m
Robyn Theobold	3 rd	High Jump
Robyn Theobold	6 th	Hurdles
Yana Fawcett	7 th	Discus
Laura Dowse	7 th	Shot

Year 10/11 Girls / Team: 8th

Hannah Richardson	1 st	Javelin
Harriet Bullock	2 nd	Shot
Holly Gallagher	6 th	800m
Rosie Payne	7 th	300m
Hannah Pestaille	7 th	1500m
Louise Verroken-Jones	7 th	Long Jump
Helena Mansbridge	8 th	Discus
Kelly Egerton	8 th	100m