



The Hemel Hempstead School

News

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HeadLines

And so I write the final Headlines of academic year 2007-8. What a year it has been. Beginning with the best results ever produced by the school and ending with us being recognised as a High Performing Specialist School on the brink of adopting a second specialism. In between, there were House events, plays, concerts, sporting triumphs, a cross curricular day, prizegiving, speech days, visits to and from our South Africa partner school, new buildings emerging and being planned, 'Poirot' being filmed here and several appearances on GMTV, tests and examinations galore and the first steps towards the House system being the structure for social organisation across the school.

New teachers have made their mark. Some teachers are due to leave the school this week for pastures new. We say goodbye to David Otunnu (Psychology), Geoff Slade (PE), Elise Poat (Music), Kerry Bromley (Chemistry), Kate Bellingham (Maths), Heather Blake (Key Stage 4 Mentor) and Julie Burgess (Maths) and thank them for all they have done for the students. We wish Luke Smith well on his sabbatical year to Australia and beyond!

New members of Leadership Team, Mr Jordan, Mr Mullings and Mr Stuart, made a big impression.

Oh yes and there was a little thing usually known as 'being OfSTEDed' which happened to us and resulted in some terrific judgements in so many ways. We knew that, but it was nice to see it in an OfSTED report.

Looking back over the year's Newsletters it's amazing how much has been achieved and how passionate we are to achieve more. May I heap praise on our students for their excellent attitudes to their learning and to others. May I level extravagant praise towards our brilliant staff who give their all to make this the great school it is. May I thank our governors for the time they give us in order to make the school a better place to be. And may I thank you, the parents and the HHSA for the support and encouragement you give us and your children so that all may benefit from all The Hemel Hempstead School has to offer.

We look forward to some exceptional results in August and we anticipate a superb academic year 2008-9. May I mark the end of this final Newsletter of the year by wishing you 'happy and safe holidays' and by congratulating Courtney Hart and Steve Watson for their bronze medal for long jump and gold medal for discus respectively in the National Championships. A brilliant achievement to crown the year!

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

For excellent work in Dance: Stevie Farrow 8L, Elissa Benedetti-Smith 8N, Lauren Bodiam 8L, Katie Towse 8C, Jordan Kelly 8P, Bradley Keeley 8C.

Uniform Reminder

I would like to remind parents of the need for students to wear perfect and correct uniform from September 2nd. May I draw your attention to the need for sturdy school shoes. A recent fashion item is the black plimsoll trainer made of canvas and rubber. These are inappropriate for school wear, as are any canvas shoes.

Other aspects of uniform to note are:

- girls' skirts should be knee-length
- make up and nail varnish may not be worn
- rings, bracelets and necklaces may not be worn. Earrings should be small, plain metal studs.
- Sixth Form girls must wear tailored, plain jackets at all times in school.

Miss Samwell, Headteacher

Maths Stars of the Month for June

Year 7

Harry Satterthwaite 7N, Olivia Church 7A, Ocean Foster 7P, Miles Cantlon 7L, Craig Mogan 7C, Ellie Ward 7P, Clarice Walker 7F.

Year 8

Danielle Lewis 8A, Siobhan Elliott 8A, Sasha King 8N, Hollie Walker 8N, Owain Jordan-Smith 8A.

Year 9

Barney Brown 9N, Brook Amos 9C, Rebecca Tyne 9F, Hannah Gulley 9L.

Year 10

Jonathan Nash 10F, Samantha Rees 10P, Lucy Hughes 10P, Jake Rimmer 10C, Sidonie Reid 10N.

MFL Stars of the Month for June

Congratulations to the MFL Department's June Stars of the Month. The people picked for their great work or outlook this month were as follows:

Year 7

Jade Gardner, Francesca Quinn, Rosie Watts, Sam Kirby, Alice Markham, Mary Pattison

Year 8

Jordan Kelly, Anthony Power, Becky Martin, Danielle Lewis, Lydia Carroll-Aylett, Stevie Farrow, Jack Morrell, Hollie Bishop, Ashleigh Coe, Katie Ferguson

Year 9

Sam Stride, Alex Radford, James Moss, Priya Odedra, Rebecca Tyne, Kirsty Cowley

Year 10

Roveena Nagy, Amelia Doona, Karl Hobbs, Charlie Fletcher, Stephanie Allen

Year 12

Ed Gardner

Dates for Your Diary



Blue Week

- 1st Sept** INSET day, school closed to students, except Year 12: clearing session 1.30 – 3.30 pm and transport booking session 1.30 – 2.30 pm
- 2nd Sept** Year 7 in school at 8.30 am for registration at 8.40 am.
Years 8 – 11 and Year 13 in school at 2.15 pm for registration at 2.20 pm
Year 12 Induction Day 10 am – 3.30 pm
- 2nd–5th Sept** Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip to Preston Montford
- 3rd Sept** Year 12 Partnership visits 1.15 pm
- 4th Sept** Year 12 AS teaching begins
- 5th Sept** Year 7 group and individual photographs
Year 10 individual photographs

Gold Letters issued recently:

Letter 208 Year 8 Interim Reports

Letter 209 Year 10 Interim Reports

PTA News

We are planning a Jumble Sale in November so over the holiday would you please start searching your cupboards and wardrobes, lofts etc for anything you no longer want or need. We can sell it.

Also we are planning a Barn Dance - so please look out for the first newsletter on our return for further details.

The HHSA would like to thank you for all your support over the last year and we hope that you can join us for more fundraising activities in the new year.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

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