

The Harefield Academy Newsletter - March 2018 Edition

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Welcome to our Spring End of Term Newsletter



Presentation Evening 2018



On Thursday 1st March The Harefield Academy hosted its annual Presentation Evening; despite the adverse snowy conditions brought by the 'Beast from the East', the staff and the students of The Academy worked tirelessly to keep the event running to schedule so as not to disappoint the award winners, and what a night it was!

Twenty-eight students were celebrated and awarded on the night with a certificate and an Award. Each had a citation especially written for them about their achievement. The entire evening was a celebration of just how fabulous our students are and how great achievement can often come in smaller packages!

Our theme for the evening was #THAPROUD and this was reflected in the design of the evening, from the students' work displayed around the ground floor to the table names and biographies printed for each table named after notable people in history who had a connection to Harefield Village. The evening was a

This Girl Can!



A group of Year 9 and Year 10 girls were invited to Uxbridge College to participate in taster sessions, nutrition workshops and meeting of professional athletes on Wednesday 7th March. It was a well organised event where the girls had to meet new people from other schools and play different sports with them. They took part in Pilates, Rugby, Handball, Netball, 'Zoo' training (fitness workout) and Boxing. The rugby session was led by a rugby World Cup Champion, Kat Merchant, who led the girls in an intense skills session that was enjoyed by all.

demonstration of just how much pride there is in both the Village and The Academy.



Our guests were treated to not one, but two special guests: Adrian Mariappa, Watford FC Player & Academy Graduate, and Terry Alderton a comedian, Actor and TV Presenter, formally a footballer for Southend FC. Both guests spoke about their life experiences and offered their advice to our award winners on how to deal with life's ups and downs. (Click on this [link](#) to view their profiles and to see full details of the night and our winners.)

Many thanks to everyone who battled the weather to support the event and attend on the night. (Mrs Brady and Ms Fitzgerald)

Nathan Receives Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award



Year 11 student, Nathan Hensley, received his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Army awards ceremony at White City recently. He is seen pictured above receiving his certificate



The day wasn't only about playing sport, they also went to a nutrition workshop where they learnt about the importance of what you eat and exercise. It was an interactive session where the girls gained a better understanding of nutrition. Another top athlete Rianna Dean, an England football player, gave an inspirational talk to the girls and handed out the awards to the 'Star' students of the day. Chloe Perrett from Year 10 was a winner as she showed great determination and friendship to other students. A great day was had by all.

(Mrs Leonard)

Candles for Confirmation!



Macy and Lily in Year 7 (pictured above) were both very creative when it came to working on their RE homework. The students decided to decorate candles when set the homework task 'How can a confirmation be celebrated?' Well done students! They will each be awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the

from the Brigadier. He also received his BTEC level 1 certificate. Well done Nathan.

Super Ice Skater Zoe



Super ice skater Zoe Briggs (Year 7) is a competitive Figure Skater who competed in the Skate Southern International in Lee Valley recently and came 4th out of 24, narrowly missing out on 3rd place by 0.5 points.. She trains very early in the mornings and late in the evenings 4 days a week. Well done Zoe.

Jack Petchey Student Awards – Spring Term



We asked for Jack Petchey nominations for students in Years 9-13 this term. The three winners are:

Lewis Ryan (Y9) - Lewis has always demonstrated a selfless attitude to others. He is truly a good friend and buddy to the other students, who every once in a while, need a helping hand. If students ask for help, Lewis always obliges. He is kind, unselfish and always

Headteacher at the next Year 7 Celebration Assembly and they will receive five reward points each.

Postcard from Paris!



The MFL Department was extremely impressed with Year 8 student, Fairouz Jahan's postcard which she finished as extra home work. Students have been learning about Paris this module in Year 8 in preparation for the trip to Paris in July and Fairouz's postcard is exemplary! Well done Fairouz!

(Mrs Hayman)

Year 7 Students Create Modern Church Models



Year 7 students have been busy creating their models of a 'Modern Church'. Mrs Ral set the task as RE homework for the students and they certainly came up with some fantastic designs.

puts others needs before his own.

Stuart Marks (Y11) - Stuart has had 100% attendance since Year 7 and always comes to school with a positive and happy attitude. He has never had a single behaviour point and has consistently accumulated the most achievement points each year. Stuart has been in Ms Leonard's Tutor Group this year and is well liked and respected by the rest of the class. He will always involve everyone in interesting discussions about a variety of different topics. His commitment to excellence is unwavering.

Stylianios Spyrou (Y11) - In the two years that Stylianios has attended The Harefield Academy, he has not received a single sanction. He has an impeccable school record. He also has excellent attendance and at the Celebration Assembly was awarded a certificate for most achievement points in Resistant Materials and Spanish. Stylianios attends every intervention after school, on Saturdays and in the holidays. In his recent mock exams he achieved a Level 8 for Maths and despite English being his second language, he obtained a Level 5+ and 6 in English Language and Literature. Stylianios also represents London United and was selected to represent them in the European Youth Basketball League in Hungary as a reward for all the training and commitment he shows. He was also nominated for a MET Award last year. Stylianios is a wonderful role model to all our students and he demonstrates the many core values that we cherish here at THA. The students were presented with their Awards in their Celebration Assemblies.

(Miss Fitzgerald)

Positively Pret A Manger at The Harefield Academy!

Four of the designs can be seen here with proud students, Ruby, Cherry, Lily and Emily. Well done all of you.

(Mrs Ral)

Billy Creates Holy Trinity Masterpiece



Year 7 students have been studying Christianity in their RE lessons. For homework, students were asked to create their own version of the Holy Trinity symbolising The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Billy Stubbings created a wonderful piece of work that can be seen in the picture above. Well done Billy!

Year 7 Students Excel with their English homework!





Year 7 students received praise from the Headteacher when Ms Hanlon shared their fantastic homework. Students are studying Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* and were given an additional half-term exercise to design their own version of the fairy world. (Pictured above; Olivia Barr, Katie Lemon, Steph Webb and Madison Gormley)

Year 9 Media students prepare to work with Pret a Manger and create and pitch a new sandwich sensation! The students engaged in an exciting programme aimed at building skills in creativity, marketing, production and institutional advertising practice in partnership with our friends at Pret a Manger.

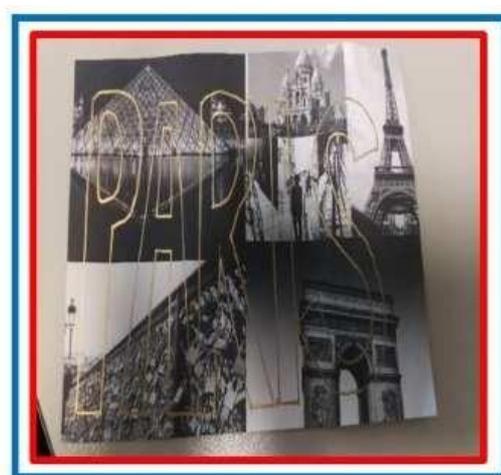


The programme will give children an amazing opportunity to create a brand new quality sandwich product which will be branded, marketed and sold. Year 9s will compete to create the best product, with the winners invited in to Pret's Head Office in London Victoria to prepare and pitch their lunch item on 27th April 2018. (Ms Gordon)



Students in Ms Jacobson's class also created some fantastic models and created amazing pieces of work. Each student will receive a Certificate for their efforts at the next Year 7 Celebration Assembly. Well done students! (Pictured above; Cashell Campbell, Ava Purcell, Ruby Purdy, Kaci Side and Marley Vidal)

Marie's Fantastic French Homework



Congratulations to our Artist of the Month



Congratulations to our Artist of the Month, Year 9 student, Bethany Tatham.

This observational drawing of daffodils was Bethany's homework for the most recent half term.

The Art Department would like to commend Bethany on her wonderful piece.

(Mrs Gupta)

After School Photography Workshop



Lead by the Picture Train company, a handful of keen photographers are working with the company in a photography workshop.

Over a 6 week period, the KS4 and KS5 students will learn various techniques and how to apply them on set themes.

(Mrs Gupta)

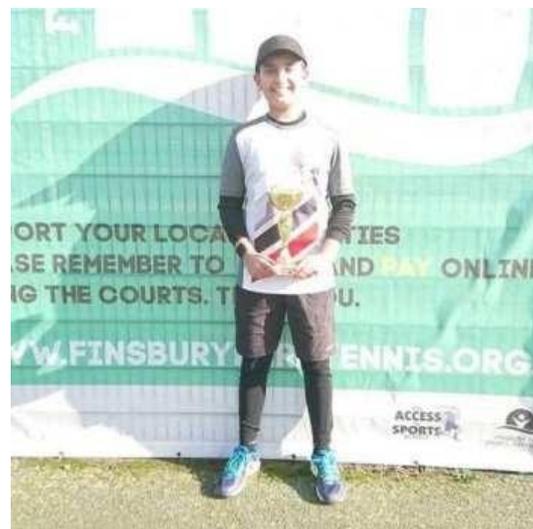
The MFL department would like to say 'bon travail' to Marie Cordingley in C8 for her amazing French postcard homework which awarded her 'Student of the Week'.



Her linguistic ability and ICT/Art skills are extremely desirable so well done Marie and 'merci'.

(Miss Hayman)

Year 8 Student Rahim, Wins 18 and Under Tennis Tournament



Year 8 student Raahim Agha has been busy winning Tennis tournaments!

Here he gives his report of his games..."I played two tennis tournaments recently; one at Bishops Park Tennis Club and the other at Finsbury Park Tennis Club. In one I reached the semis of the singles and doubles in a 16 and under Grade 3, which is the third highest ranked competition in

Tomorrow's Engineers Robotics Challenge



Year 9 student Jamie reports on the Challenge... I would first like to thank the RAF Hendon for hosting the Robotics competition and thanks to everyone who was involved especially our teacher Mrs Esson.

It was an amazing day but first I will mention the build up to the competition. We were very excited the first day of STEM club when we found out that we were going to be involved in a National Robotics competition. We spent Monday and Friday lunch times coming up with our plans and deciding who would be best to do which parts of the challenge such as build teams and research teams. We had to build a robot that could travel as fast as possible. The design was up to us. We built the recommended one but then decided to research how to make it go faster such as adding gears. We did this and our new design travelled 3 times faster than our original! We had to then build a robot to carry our specific tasks for the day of the competition. One of our control blocks stopped working so this meant sharing one between the two robots. We worked as a team to make sure that we could complete as many of the tasks as possible.

The day arrived and we were very anxious. We arrived at the museum and had to walk to the back where all the teams would be working for the day. We worked on our robots and got them ready for the event. Unfortunately our robot control block crashed so we had to try to reprogram it as best we could. Our work was lost but we pulled together as a team should. We had to present power points on our design to different judges and a project we had on humanitarian aid. They all went amazingly. We

GB. In my second tournament I won an 18 and under Grade 4 in Singles."

The scorelines in the first tournament were: Round of 32 - Raahim Agha beat Benjamin Fitoussi - 6-0 6-0, Round of 16 - Raahim Agha beat Jago Bluett - 6-3 6-0, Quarter-Finals - Raahim Agha beat Josh Reynolds - 6-2 2-6 10-5, Semi-Finals - Seb Holden beat Raahim Agha 6-4 6-1, in Doubles: Round of 16 - Bye Quarter-Finals - Raahim Agha/Seb Holden beat Matteo Fuschillo/Adeoluwa Anifowose - 6-1 6-2. Semi-Finals - Mukhtar Andu/Oscar Jensen beat Raahim Agha/Seb Holden - 1-4 4-2 10-7.

In my next tournament 18 and under Grade 4 Scorelines were; Quarter-Finals - Raahim Agha beat Samuel Constantinou - Walkover (due to injury)

Semi-Finals - Raahim Agha beat Max Skene - 4-3 (5-2) 4-0, Final - Raahim Agha beat Adil Rahman- 4-0 2-4 10-4. A very well done to you Raahim.

Harefield Academy Day at Watford Football Club



The annual showcase for the WFC Academy players was held on Saturday 24th February at the WFC v Everton match and players from The Harefield Academy Development Squad were there too. They were invited down to the pitch before the game for photos and were able to watch the game as a squad. This gave them a real insight to Premiership Football and what is needed to get there.

The Head Football Coach, Phil Gridelet, was there with them and said "I believe that it is important

had a team challenge which was fun. We had to build aeroplane wings out of spaghetti and marshmallows. We put in a lot of effort and worked as a team but we ran out of time and only built one wing.

We did not win the top prize of the day but we did win the design trophy for our speed robot. We had an amazing day and it is the taking part that counts. Thanks to everyone for helping us to make it possible to participate.

(Jamie Plunkett, Y9 student)

Bloodhound Project



During the second half of the autumn term, our Year 7 students took part in the Bloodhound Project in their Science lessons. They learnt about forces and aerodynamics in order to design a car that would travel as fast as possible. They had to design and build a foam car in teams that would be raced using fuel cells with the RAF.

On Thursday 8th March a team from RAF Northolt came to The Academy to launch the rocket cars. Twenty rocket cars were raced with students and staff cheering on from the side lines. The fastest time through the timing gates was Team 21 who completed their run in a time of 66.9m/s. The team was consisted of Tafara, Cashell and Kaci. These students will go on to the regional final which will be held in May at

to develop the whole player, which is the focus of our football programme at The Harefield Academy. My sessions are aimed at improving the technical and tactical abilities of players so that they have the skills and intelligence on the pitch. I act as a mentor to all the students, ensuring they have a balance of football and education and giving them guidance on pathways within the game."

If you are interested in applying for 2018/19 please complete and return the application form from our website and contact Kelly Hillier at The Academy for more information

kelly.hillier@theharefieldacademy.org.

Y12 Reading Champions Inspire Harefield Infants!



Year 12 students at THA had fun celebrating World Book Day 2018 with youngsters at Harefield Infants School to celebrate their love of books and bravely fought their way through the snow to spend the day reading and discussing why reading is so important to them!

Students from Reception up to Year 2 dressed up in character to mark World Book Day and had a fabulous time reading with our Year 12s.

The aim of the day was to get our youngsters excited about books and have fun at the same time.

Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the day and one Year 12 reported that: "It was an amazing experience to be able to inspire younger students and we are looking forward to coming back to see them again."

Check out our Twitter feed (our Twitter handle is @THA_school) for all the images taken on the day!

RAF Northolt against other schools. Here they will redesign a new car for the race day to hopefully go even faster. We all wish the team good luck.
(Mrs Esson)

Messages from some of our House Tutors

Mr Beaumont (C7) Well done to Charlie Davies, Oyinkansola Adeboye and Bailey-Rae Peacock for achieving over 350 merits since September. That is over 3 merits a day each. Keep up the excellent work!

Mr Adele (C8) C8 go from strength to strength this term with work and attitude. Keep up the good work and behaviour guys! On a literature note Callum Collins is writing a book (fantasy novel) about magic and mystery. Well done Callum!

Ms Ansell (L7) Congratulations to Amelia Walton who recently received her first badge at Scouts, the Chef badge.

Congratulations also go to Olivia Barr who has made the British team for Karate Juniors! Well done to you both.

Ms Jacobson (N10) We are very proud of N10's sporting prowess, they have had a very busy few weeks, once again, keeping fit; Chloe has competed in several Cheerleading competitions across the country gaining medals in all categories, Gold, Silver and Bronze!!! Well done Chloe. Charli keeps kicking those footballs and has taken part in several football tournaments of late including Leicester. Amy took Gold at her last Taekwondo competition in the Midlands and Eric plays for Brentford FC and enjoyed playing against Leyton Orient recently beating them 3-1. Well done to you all.

Ms Wells (P10) Students in P10 are now completing revision and private study on two mornings a week in Tutor Time. This is to improve their independent learning skills in preparation for Year 11!

#engagement #workinghard!

Easter Holidays Extended Learning Programme

Pictured above; Year 12 students Reece Pavani and Andrew Allen with Ms Gordon

(Ms Gordon)

Sixth Form Students of the Week from February 2018

Every week, a Sixth Form student is nominated for Student of the Week.

Below is a list of those students nominated from the beginning of February.

Week commencing 19/02/18

Hannah Wood was chosen for 'acting on her mock exam feedback to improve essay writing skills and analysis'.

Week commencing 26/02/18

Roshan Unnikrishnan was chosen for his 'success at applying for entry schemes to PwC and Goldman Sachs'.

Week commencing 05/03/18

Riya Kapoor, Connor Lowden and Matt Smith were chosen for 'performing so brilliantly and bravely'.

Week commencing 12/03/18

Elly-Mae McCallum was chosen for 'throwing herself into applying for high quality work experience placements'.

Week commencing 19/03/18

Riya Kapoor was chosen for 'stepping outside of her comfort zone'.

Week commencing 26/03/17

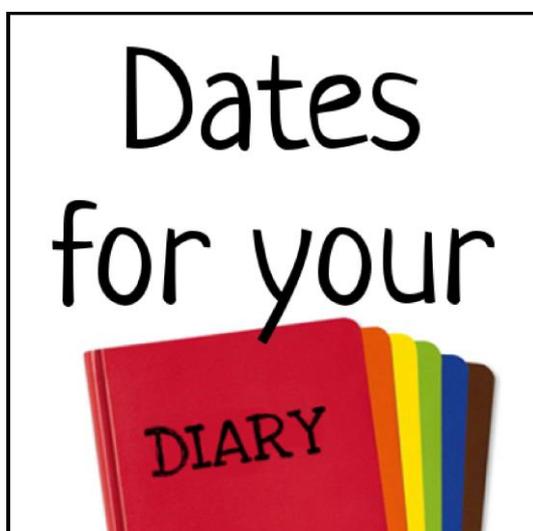
Sophie Murray was chosen for 'being a consistently exceptional role model to the other Sixth Formers and the younger students; Sophie is elegance personified'.

(Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Brady)

Community Facilities Available to Hire



To view the Extended Learning Programme that we holding during the Easter Holidays, please click [here](#).



April 2018

Sat 7th-Wed 11th - Football tour to Holland
Thu 19th - Fri 27th - French and Spanish speaking exams

May 2018

Fri 11th - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
Mon 14th May - Tue 26th June - Exam season
Wed 16th - Year 8 Parents' Evening (3:45pm - 6:30pm)

June 2018

Mon 25th June - Fri 6th July - Year 10/12 mocks
Wed 27th - Staff INSET day (School closed to students)
Thu 28th - Year 11 Prom (7:00pm - 11:00pm)

July 2018

Wed 11th - Thu 13th - Year 8 to Year 10 MFL trip to Paris



Are you looking for a venue for a birthday party, a conference, football or any other celebration or event? If so please call SLS (School Lettings Solutions) on 01895 223622 who will be happy to assist you with any enquiry you may have or visit www.harefieldacademy.schoolbookings.co.uk for more information on the services they have to offer.

- Sports and Fitness
- Celebrations Events and Birthday Parties
- Conferences, Exhibitions and Meetings
- Dance, Drama and Performance



Spring 2018

Thu 29th March - INSET Day (School closed to students)
Fri 30th March - Fri 13th April - Easter Holidays (Good Friday: 30th March, Easter Monday 2nd April)

Summer 2018

Mon 16th April - Term starts
Mon 7th May - May Day Holiday
Fri 25th May - End of Half Term

Fri 13th - Sports Day



All staff at The Harefield Academy would like to wish you a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable break.

Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June - Half Term
Mon 4th June - Students return
Wed 27th June - INSET Day (School closed to students)
Fri 20th July - End of Summer Term (12:40pm)

Please click on the following link to see our Headteacher's end of Spring term letter to Parents and Carers ... <http://www.theharefieldacademy.org/page/?title=Letters+from+The+Academy+2017%2D2018&pid=227>



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