

The Harefield Academy Newsletter - February 2018

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Welcome to our Spring Half Term Newsletter



Jack Petchey Staff Leader Award Winner 2018



All staff and students were asked to nominate a member of Staff for the Jack Petchey Leader Award last term. The nominees were shortlisted, anonymised and the reasons were given to the STARS (Students as Researchers) to choose a winner based on the reasons given. I am pleased to announce that Teaching Assistant Sandra Hooker (pictured above) was the chosen member of staff. She was nominated for:

'Being a very caring person who has done a marvellous job at fostering many children in the borough. She has also helped numerous children at John Penrose School and The Harefield Academy. She gives very helpful advice as a work colleague on how to handle children with specific needs. She deserves to be recognised for the fantastic things she does and has done.'

STAR (Students as Researchers) Badge Award - February 2018



This month launches a new reward scheme in The Academy. STAR Badges will now be awarded to students who have significantly demonstrated one of the nine THA Values:

Honesty
Aspiration
Respect
Excellence
Friendship
Inspiration
Equality
Leadership
Determination

The inaugural winners of the STAR badges are:

Sandra will go to the Jack Petchey Celebration Evening at the Beck Theatre in April, along with our student winners from the last year. Her Department will also be able to apply for £750 of funding from the Jack Petchey Foundation in the coming year. Congratulations Sandra!

(Miss Fitzgerald)

Jack Petchey Student Awards - Autumn Term

Last term we asked the students for Jack Petchey nominations for students in Years 7-9. Again, the nominees were shortlisted, anonymised and the reasons were given to the STARS (Students as Researchers) to choose a winner based on the eligible criteria. The three winners are:

Emily Benfield (Year 7) This young person is nominated because she is always helpful and kind. She works hard in lessons and always get high marks in exams. She is always willing to help when someone is stuck and needs help. She was instrumental in helping students start at The Academy in Year 7.

Charleigh Burke (Year 8) This young person is described as a good role model with no negative points whatsoever. She is a very good friend and will always remind you about homework you may have forgotten about. She is kind and will always offer help when it is needed. She works really hard at school, but is always up for having fun!

Danil Kiose (Year 9) This person is a highly creative and talented young person in his academic studies, especially within the area of arts and crafts which is evident through his most recent model. Recently, he designed and made his very own model of Animal Farm, (featured in our December newsletter) showcasing his amazing creativity and determination. He sourced all of the materials himself and the incredible final model that he brought into school was completed in just 5 days!

The students will join Ms Hooker and the student winners since last summer, at the Celebration Evening at the Beck Theatre in April.

(Miss Fitzgerald)

Luisha Bennett – Respect Gemma Harding – Inspiration & Leadership Olivia Barr - Leadership Joseph Gookey - Leadership Fairouz Jahan - Leadership Hannah Walton – Leadership Amie Bowdrey - Determination Andrew Dadzie - Determination Paige Fisher - Determination Corey Goddard - Determination Madison Gormley - Determination Annie Lane - Determination Katie Lemon - Determination Stuart Marks - Determination Demi Ridley-Young - Determination Billy Stubbings - Determination Jazmin Talos – Determination

These were presented in the Celebration Assembly before February Half Term.

(Miss Fitzgerald)

The Premier League Enterprise Day



On Friday 12th January, 24 Year 8 students went to Watford Football Club to learn about Business and how the business element of Watford FC is run. It was a great opportunity for them. Students went on a tour of the stadium, asked fantastic questions and participated in a marketing session following by a mock-up press

Year 12 Student, Dylan, Fences for Great Britain



Sixth Form student Dylan Ballard competed at an International Fencing Tournament between the 17th and 18th January in Denmark. It is his third International event competing for Great Britain. He was involved in the U17 category winning 3 of his group matches to go through to the knock out rounds. Unfortunately he lost the next match 9-7.

This is a great achievement and hopefully we will be seeing more of Dylan on the International stage.

(Mrs Leonard)

Jake Scores in Media Gol Cup

conference which they really enjoyed.

Despite it being a very cold and grey day, the yellow, red and black colours of Watford Football ground brightened up the students day!

(Mr Regan and Mrs Sweeney)



I am writing to you about the Watford Stadium Trip I recently went on. The trip was very exciting and thrilling, as we learnt about all the different jobs to do with Watford Football Club. The activity that I enjoyed the most was the marketing, because we learnt about what different jobs are included in the marketing side of the Football Club. I also enjoyed when the club's Security Officer came to talk to us about how many Security Officers and Police Officers there would have to be on a match day, to ensure that all of the staff, players and fans are safe. It was very interesting to find out about what the Security Officers have to do to check all the bags of the fans, so that there would not be any incidents of any kind.

(Report by Year 8 student, Holly Allday)

Performing Arts Students Visit The Academy

On Wednesday 31st January, Performing Arts students from Uxbridge College came to The Harefield Academy to perform their enchanting and thought provoking version of the Brothers Grimm 'Grimm Tales' for our Year 10 Drama and Dance students.

The Harefield Academy Theatre was transformed into a dynamic and interesting theatre space. We were blown away by their creativity and clever theatrical techniques. It was impressive to see a variety of art forms presented in an exciting way. It was beneficial for The Harefield Academy students to witness all the drama mediums



Year 7 student, Jake Pickett, currently plays for Chelsea U12's and was hand selected to go to Barcelona in December to play in the Media Gol Cup for a week. Jake was the only one from the UK and was playing with people from all around the world!

He played against a number of top Spanish teams and even scored against A C Milan. Well done and congratulations Jake!

(Miss Foster)

Football National Cup Success

including make-up, costume, prop design, self-composed music, live music, song and technical aspects coming together in one space and all produced by young passionate students.

It has provided us with lots of ideas for our own drama work and we would like to thank the Uxbridge College Performing Art students for coming and inspiring us and look forward to their future performances.

(Miss Margan)

Future Engineers from The Harefield Academy



For six Saturday mornings three Year 9 students have taken part in Engineering classes at Brunel University sponsored by the Royal Institute of



The Year 7 and Year 11 Football teams have been playing consistently well in the English Schools National Cup Knock out competition. They have both made it to the last 8 schools in the country.

The Year 7's are yet to play their Semi Final. They have had convincing wins so far and have played well as a team. They have showed determination and leadership on the pitch which has been key to their success. Good Luck!

The Year 11's had to travel to Ivy Bridge School in Plymouth. After a long journey they fought hard in the match and it was a very close tie. Unfortunately they lost 2-0. This is a great achievement by all players – Well done!

(Mrs Leonard)

Amazing Array of Artwork!



Year 9 students have been drawing and painting this term, inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. They will be developing their ideas and producing a canvas painting which will be displayed around The Academy.

Engineering. They had classes delivered by Lecturers and Engineers from outside companies followed by hands on sessions where they took part in activities such as bridge building, programming and measuring the speed of cars. In the final session they received Ri Masterclass Certificates from Brunel University's Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Julia Buckingham.

(Mrs Esson, Senior Science Technician)

Year 7 Students Reproduce Motte and Bailey Castles!



Year 7 students have produced some wonderful Motte and Bailey Castle models for the their History homework with Miss Jacobson.

In the photo above you can see some great examples by Mia Bowers, Bailey-Rae Peacock, Calum Rickford and Isabel Appleby. Well done all of you.

Billy's Beautiful Stained Glass Creation



Year 10 students have been following the brief 'Personal Possessions'.

They have been developing the theme through drawing and materials and will be producing a final outcome by half term.



Year 11 students have just completed their mock exam on the theme of 'Beginning and/or End'. Excellent examples of final outcomes are from Joshua Mosca (Caterpillar to a Butterfly) and Sophie Kent (Burger & Chips).



Year 10 GCSE Art student Sara Nauai produced this amazing landscape painting from her travels over the Christmas break.

Well done Sara!

(Mrs Gupta)



Year 7 student Billy Stubbings was commended for producing a beautiful piece of stained glass as you can see in the picture above.

The Academy Headteacher, Tash Moriarty, was impressed with Billy's work and awarded him with reward points and a Certificate of Commendation which Billy will be presented with at the next Year 7 Celebration Assembly. Billy has since received w further commendations from the Headteacher for his fantastic work. Well done Billy!

Messages from some of our Tutors regarding students in their Tutor Group...

Mrs Gillett - *Giannis Sourdis (C11) was selected for his National Under 17 football team (Greece). We are very proud of Giannis and pleased that his hard work has paid off. Giannis joins the team for a preparation club in Athens.*

Mr Bourne - *Joseph Gookey (L8) has impressed me with his mature attitude towards his upcoming options.*

Mrs Pitman (L10 Tutor) - *Congratulations to all tutees on your mature approach to the first half of the school year. You have shown commitment and high levels of effort. If you continue in this way you will all be able to take the summer mocks in your stride. I am proud to be your Tutor.*

Mr Griffiths - *Danil Kiose (N9) previously created a model of Animal Farm and is currently building the Coliseum using a variety of craft materials,*

Dylan Wins Highest Boarding House Points Award!



Congratulations to Dylan Arruda who claimed the first term's prize for collecting the most Boarding House points. He won a £25 Tesco voucher to spend.

Boarders are awarded House points for the following:

- Good punctuality
- Excellent work ethic on study club
 - Positive participation in trips and activities
 - Showing leadership qualities
- Helping fellow boarders in LAH Acts of kindness
- Making an outstanding contribution in the LAH community

House points are given to reward all the positive attributes a boarder demonstrates during day-to-day life in LAH. By encouraging and reinforcing good behaviour, we are developing well rounded boarders, who are learning valuable life skills. Well done Dylan!

(Rhys Thomas - House Parent)

Headteacher's Star Students



which he will be displaying in the tutor room. **Miss Jacobson** - Charli O'Connor (N10) is busy training and playing hard for Oxford Utd FC and recently played in the FA Youth cup second round.

Miss Jacobson - Konstantinos Nikopoulos (N10) is training daily for the upcoming National Tennis Competition under 14 and under 16's. **Miss Jacobson** - Eric Negraru (N10) who is currently playing for Brentford FC Development squad, is in 2 semi-final competitions for his Sunday league club, Sandgate Youth FC.

Mrs Hersi (N12 Tutor) - N12 have been exploring the importance of 'The Rule of Law' and what happens when people disregard the Law. Well done to everyone for their contribution to our highly spirited class discussion, especially Ralf Ponting who was the voice of reason.

Miss Wells - Adam Baldwin (P10) is really proud of himself for achieving Footballer of the Season from the PE department. Adam plays in defence for The Academy and has been working really hard this year on improving his technical ability which is clearly paying off! Well done Adam.



The Brilliant Club

On 16th January, Mr Smith and I had the pleasure of accompanying 12 specially selected students to Selwyn College, Cambridge for the launch event of The Scholars Programme with The Brilliant Club. All the students were a credit to themselves and The Academy.

During the tour of the college they asked insightful questions about student life. During the tutorial session they discussed the issues raised and made positive oral contributions.

We are looking forward to them successfully completing the programme of study under the tutelage of Hayley, their PHD mentor, and producing some well-constructed final submission

3rd Jan - Billy Stubbings (Y7)

Commended for creating a model stained glass window

10th Jan - Mia Bowers (Y7)

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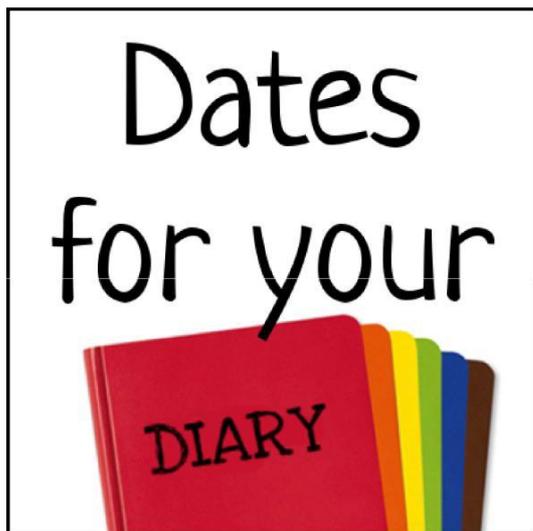
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31st Jan - Billy Stubbings (Y7)

Commended for a very creative version of the Holy Trinity

**February 2018**

Wed 21st - Year 10 Parents' Evening
(3:45pm - 6:30pm)

March 2018

Thu 1st - World Book Day (Year 7)

Thu 1st - Presentation Evening
(6:00pm - 8:30pm)

Wed 7th - Year 8 Options Evening
(6:00pm - 7:30pm)

Thu 29th - Staff INSET Day
(School closed to students)

April 2018

Sat 7th-Wed 11th - Football tour to Holland Mon
23rd - Fri 27th - French and Spanish speaking
exams

essays on; 'Why the gender inequality persists in society'.

(Mrs. Monaghan)

Sixth Form Students of the Week from January 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 this year.

Week commencing 01/01/18

Roshan Unnikrishnan was chosen for his 'commitment to teaching younger peers on a one-to-one basis with such skill and good judgement; his conscientiousness shines through consistently.'

Week commencing 08/01/18

Aleksandra Topalovic was chosen for 'winning three Grade 3 Tennis Tournaments and winning her national's event in December.'

Week commencing 15/01/18

Congratulations to all our Sixth Form students who celebrated such fantastic exam results this month!

Week commencing 22/01/18

Liam Styles was chosen for 'being a great supportive friend when his peer was upset; he took care of her exceptionally well.'

Week commencing 29/01/18

Cai Antoine was chosen for his 'excellent mock examination results.'

Week commencing 05/02/18

All our wonderful Year 12 students are nominated this week for their courage and resolve at such a difficult time.

(Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Brady)

Community Facilities Available to Hire

May 2018

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/Y12 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 trip to Paris

Fri 13th - Sports Day

**Spring 2018**

Students return: Mon 19th February

End of Term: Wed 28th March (3:00pm)

Spring Holiday: Mon 2nd - Fri 13th April (Good

Friday: 30th March, Easter Monday 2nd April)

Summer 2018

Start of Term: Mon 16th April

May Day Holiday: Mon 7th May

End of Half Term: Fri 25th May

Half Term: Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June

Students return: Mon 4th June

End of Summer Term: Fri 20th July (12:40pm)

At The Academy we do not authorise any holiday booked in term time as since September 2013 Government instruction has stated that no holidays in term time can be authorised.



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