

The Harefield Academy Newsletter - December 2017 Edition

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning



Welcome to our December Newsletter!



Christmas Fun at the Local Senior Residents' Tea Party



A wonderful afternoon of Christmas fun and festivities was experienced by our community friends and families on Monday 4th December. We welcomed our Local Senior Residents, friends and the Mayoress and Consort of Hillingdon, to The Academy for our annual THA Christmas

Animal Farm-tastic!



This term, students in Year 9 have been studying George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. Danil Kiose has thoroughly enjoyed our lessons on the novel. Recently he designed and made his very own model of *Animal Farm*, showcasing his amazing creativity and determination in Art and Design.

This is one of many pieces of student work to have been awarded a Headteacher's commendation this term.

Party.

Guests were treated to a programme of entertainment including musical interludes and the chamber choir singing wonderful Christmas Carols. Master of Ceremonies, Matthew Smith, Year 12, entertained the audience with quizzes, bingo and an array of raffle prizes! The excitement was palpable and our MC impressed our special audience with his witty repartee and warm friendliness (we have a potential media star in the making!). Games and a Christmas picture quiz were arranged and great fun was to be had with our Sixth Formers chatting to residents at their tables, helping them to spot the correct answers! Our Mayoress won a fabulous prize in the game of bingo and the merriment continued with an array of prizes won by so many of our friends.

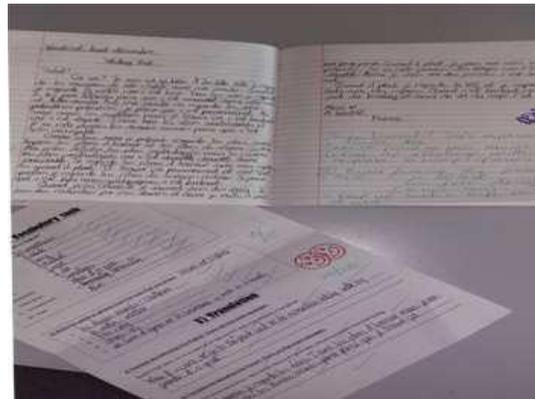
A three course Christmas afternoon tea, accompanied by a glass of sherry or fruit punch, was organised, cooked and served at the tables by our Year 10 Food and Technology students (with the magnificent help of Mrs Bates and Mr Martin). The refreshment were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. As the afternoon continued and the Christmas music floated through the café, it was clear that all our friends had experienced a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and refreshments. Everyone was presented with a gift and a Christmas card to take home and the afternoon drew to a perfect close. Very special thanks also go out to the Mayoress and Consort of Hillingdon for joining us at our wonderful festive annual event and in particular to Matthew Smith, Year 12 student and Year 10 students who decorated, organised, served and entertained our guests at this year's Christmas Party. *(Ms Gordon)*



Fundraising fever spread across THA as students

(Ms Hughes)

Fairooz's Fantastic French Assessment!



The MFL Department would like to congratulate Fairooz Jahan, L8 for her outstanding French writing assessment task and for attaining full marks on her French translation and vocabulary test.

I think you will all agree that hard work and perseverance really pays off as the standard of her writing would even pass at GCSE and she is only a Year 8 student. Congratulations Fairooz!

(Mrs Hayman)

Paris Trip 2018 Reminder

Thank you to all parents and students for continuing to make payment instalments for the Paris trip.

Please be reminded that the full cost now needs to be paid by 28th March 2018. However, regular smaller payments are advised and are possible from now until the deadline via Parent Pay.

If you have any queries regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email

romana.hayman@theharefieldacademy.org.

(Mrs Hayman)

Hillingdon Borough Cross Country 2017

and staff came together to show their support for Children in Need.

In total we raised £835.41 which was an astonishingly amazing amount for a great cause. THA proudly hosted a staff vs Sixth Form girls netball match and a staff v Sixth Form boys football match which was great fun and also raised funds for the charity. Students were entertained by paying to watch two great games – and we all look forward to a rematch at our next charity event!

Sixth Formers also organised a fabulous Harefield's Got Talent show which saw our fabulous students showing off their amazing talents whilst raising money for a great cause. *(Ms Gordon)*

Poppy Appeal 2017



The Harefield Academy raised money again this year for the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and poppy accessories within school to staff and students. A massive thanks to all staff and students who donated.

A special thank you also to our Reception team who sold poppies to visitors throughout the day. Thank you Mrs Bradley and Mrs Donnelly!

(Miss Fitzgerald)

Higher Education Trip to Bucks New University



On Friday 13th October I travelled to Bucks New University as part of a Higher Education Trip with



On Wednesday 29th December students took part in the Hillingdon Borough Cross Country at Vyners Playing Fields. The Year 7 boys competed in the morning in freezing conditions but they showed great determination in the race where the conditions were very hilly and muddy.

Congratulations to Shae Cooper who came 5th overall and has now qualified for the Middlesex Championships competing for the Hillingdon team and to Alfie Nico Diaconu who narrowly missed out on the team coming 12th.

The Year 7 and 8 girls competed in the afternoon on the same course. They were a credit to the school racing with 100% effort. Congratulations to Katie Lemon who came 9th overall and has also qualified for the Middlesex Championships, competing for the Hillingdon team, and to Stephanie Webb who narrowly missed out on the team coming 14th.

(Mrs Leonard)

Record numbers playing Netball!



Since September there has been a buzz about

some of the people in my year. We took part in various activities giving us a taste of what university life might be like.

Midway through the day we were shown around the campus and introduced to some of the amazing facilities they had on offer. These included a state of the art gym with upstairs sports hall, a four-story library with moving book shelves and even a flight simulator for students studying to become a pilot.

After speaking to the member of staff who was running the event about my interest in games development, he said that I might be able to go with him to the games department. After talking to one of the lecturers he was able to invite me into the class so that I could look at some of the computers and software they use.

(Jake Baker - Year 9)

Headteacher's Star Students



15th September - Alfie-Nico Diaconu (Y7)

Excellent Pele poster

29th September - Fairooz Jahan (Y8)

Excellent History poster on 'Life on the Plantations'

30th October - Rosie Price (Y8)

Excellent model 'set' for Blood Brothers in Drama

30th October - Katie Lemon (Y7)

Excellent All About Me project folder

3rd November - Jessie Horton (Y8)

Excellent Crime and Punishment poster for History homework

9th November - Jessie Horton (Y8)

Very creative Board Game for RE homework

13th November - Danil Kiose (Y9)

Amazing model of Animal Farm

20th November - Marie Cordingley (Y8)

Excellent RE Homework creating a Karma Board Game

girls' netball at The Harefield Academy. Ms Gordon and Miss Wells have been running the club during Monday lunchtime with record numbers attending.

The girls have played in a variety of matches against other schools in Hillingdon in all weathers. They have shown determination and resilience during the games when it hasn't been going their way and have worked as a team to support each other for every match.

We have also launched a staff team who achieved a substantial victory in their first match against Park Academy.

(Mrs Leonard)

Olivia's Tennis Success!



Sixth Form student Olivia Elliott took part in a Tennis tournament at the Nottingham Tennis Centre recently. It was a National British Tournament which is a prestigious event in the tennis calendar. She had to perform over a week playing a match every day as she progressed through the rounds.

Olivia made it to the final where she played a long three set match to win the tournament 2-6 6-3 6-4.

Congratulations Olivia and good luck in the next tournament.

(Mrs Leonard)

Student Achievements

27th November - Fairouz Jahan (Y8)

Excellent RE Homework creating a Karma Board Game

5th December - Elisha Mair (Y8)

Amazing model of Animal Farm

13th December - Milena Trabszo (Y10), Faye-Louise Donaldson (Y10) and Gemma Harding (Y10)

Inventive Christmas advent calendar

Zoe Briggs (Y7), Katie Lemon (Y7), Marie Cordingley (Y8), Taylor Symons-Neilson (Y7), Alison Friery (Y7), Stephanie Webb (Y7), Cody Mackenzie (Y8), Phoebe Perry (Y7), Skye Collett (Y7), Isabel Appleby (Y7), Diana Bernatskaya (Y7), Callum Rockett (Y8), Becky Pinder (Y7), Holly Allday (Y8), Stanley Woodley (Y9)

Commended by the Headteacher for their entry into the Christmas Card Design competition.

A few comments from some of our Students and a Form Tutor...

Ahmed - Exemplary behaviour. Alesia - Handing out the books in lots of lessons and being very helpful. Being a lovely friend to Kerri and helping her settle in. Performed speech to parents on Open Evening. Alfie - Student of the week in RE and History.

Alissa - Zero behaviour points. Becky - 100 achievement points and won an award for determination! Boyd - 100 achievement points.

Brooke - Almost at 200 achievement points. Cashell - Helping look after little brother who is ill. Looking after disabled younger sister and teaching her how to talk. Chase - Achieving 100 merits.

Cherry - 1st in a musical theatre competition. Freddie - Attending all my lessons.

George - Improved my handwriting. Jake - Joining The Academy football team, playing for Chelsea outside school, 100 merits. Kerri - Taking part in horse riding competitions. Lily - Student of the week in English and competed in a dance show.

Macy - Zero behaviour points and adapted to secondary school life.

Ruby - Achieved THA certificate for Excellence.

Sam - Has over 100 achievement points.

Scarlett - Has zero behaviour points. Tafara - Becoming netball captain, competing in an athletics competition and joining the football team.

Well done all of you!

Sixth Form Students visit Auschwitz

On Wednesday 1st November Sixth Form

P10 students Year 10 Pelé House students make their annual 'Chemistree' (see photo above) ready for Christmas as their Form Tutor, Miss Wells, is a Science teacher. We spent Monday morning in Tutor Time recently creating our 'Chemis-tree' using clamps, stands and glassware filled with various chemicals to create science baubles. This year we have also added some festive characters, including some snowmen! We think this is the best Christmas tree in the school!

Oyinkansola Adeboye (C7) The first term at The Harefield Academy has been great. The lessons are good and really fun and the staff are really caring.

Raahim Agha (C8) I am currently in Year 8 at The Harefield Academy. I am a National Table Tennis Player ranked 10th in the country. My favourite subject is Maths and I really like school. I am very dedicated to my learning and always want to learn. I always like to do my best in my studies. I like all my teachers a lot because they always teach me new things to learn.

David Pereira and Joel Pinchen (C10) Life at The Harefield Academy is fun, enjoyable and most of all different because something always happens. The people at The Academy are an amazing diversity of interesting people. Every day is a new day and there is something new to learn whether it's a life skill or something new from our subject. We also have amazing modern facilities here and everyone looks out for one another.

Olivia Barr (L7) Being at The Harefield Academy has really taught me a lot of things for example; independence. I can't wait to have more challenges at THA!

Stephanie Webb (L7) Being at THA has really taught me how to act more maturely. The staff and students have made me feel like I can express myself.

Lily Hunt (P7) So far my life at The Harefield Academy has been great. I feel like I am really fitting in nicely and I can't wait to see the other opportunities here. I have made some lovely friends I couldn't ask for better, I love it here!

Gabriella Laker (P10) Life at The Harefield Academy so far has been great! I have had a few challenges along the way but the teachers have really helped me get through them. Everyday I'm

students, Harry Ellis and Katie Fox, travelled with the "Lessons from Auschwitz" Project to visit the Nazi concentration and extermination camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau. They also met and were able to ask questions of real Holocaust survivors as part of a workshop.

Both students found the experience deeply moving and will now design a way to educate young people about the Holocaust as their final project.

(Miss Fitzgerald)

Sixth Form Trip to Mediacom



On the 17th of October, the A Level Media class travelled to Holborn, London, to attend a fantastic course at Mediacom. They travelled from West Ruislip Station to the Mediacom building, where they met students taking part from other schools. Additionally, they worked with employees running the sessions who introduced them more to the idea of careers in the media industry.

They were inspired to hear of the various different opportunities media can offer in the future. Many of the employees that worked for Mediacom were employed in roles that were new to the students; for example, networking with huge media companies and bloggers and vloggers to gather interesting information from bigger companies that they collaborate with such as Sky.

learning new and wonderful skills that will really influence and develop a brighter future for myself. I couldn't be more grateful for the support myself and other students receive to develop us into mature and intelligent adults.

Extended Learning Programme 2018



(Pictured above; Oyinkansola Adeboye, Olivia Dal Prato and Mia Bowers)

This Academic year we have introduced a new Extended Learning Programme which runs on most Saturdays and holidays which started at the end of October and runs until the middle of June 2018. The programme will allow students to get ahead with their learning and experience a wide range of activities in a variety of subjects through Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

In this first half term we have seen a vast amount of our students, over 100, attend Saturday sessions covering a wide range of activities. We had a really successful Maths session for Year 7 which was a really fun and innovative workshop looking at Building Robots in teams. The images above and below show some of the amazing creations that the students made during that morning.



Group work and team building was the central focus for the day and the students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

And a sumptuous breakfast and lunch were served to top the day off! A fantastic day for our students and a great experience to carry forward in their careers and futures.

(Ms Gordon)

Sixth Form Students of the Week

Every week, a Sixth Form student is nominated for Student of the Week. Any student nominated for **Sixth Form Student of the Week** will have their name put on both the website and on the THA Twitter account. They will also receive 10 achievement points.

Week commencing 30th October

Hannah Wood was chosen for 'volunteering during her own time to work with Year 8 students on their 'Of Mice and Men' work to help out during a cover lesson'.

Week commencing 6th November

Kane Gleeson and Jordan Spencer were chosen for their 'incredible support of the Sixth Form and enthusiasm during the school review'. Matthew Smith was chosen for his 'brilliant timed essay response'. Katie Fox was chosen for 'some fantastic analytical remarks in class discussions'.

Week beginning the 13th November

Katie Fox was chosen for her 'incredible work ethic and higher order thinking'.

Week commencing 20th November

Kia Antoine, Katie Fox, Jessica Keys, Elly-Mae McCallum, Matt Smith and Tia Webber were chosen for 'organising and delivering a fantastic



(Pictured above; Olivia Barr, Snehan Mohanadasan and Lily Hunt)

Year 11 students have been really proactive and actively engaging in the sessions on offer to them this half term with students attending sessions in Humanities options and Hospitality and Catering to receive support to develop and improve their subject knowledge and exam technique before their mock exams.

Please click [here](#) to view the Spring half term programme which offers wide and varied sessions including opportunities for students in Year 8 to further explore option subjects and find out what it would be like to study that subject at GCSE level.

Please encourage your child to utilise the opportunities available to their year group over the next half term and I look forward to seeing continuing high attendance and enjoyment from all involved. *(Mrs N. Williams)*

fundraising talent show for Children in Need'.

Week commencing 27th November

Cai Antoine was chosen for 'his attitude to learning and resilience'.

Week commencing 4th December

Matthew Smith was chosen for 'being instrumental in helping to organise and run the Local Senior Residents' Christmas Party this year'.

Week commencing 11th December
Robert Hughes was chosen for 'hosting an entire table on his own at the Local Senior Residents' Christmas Party so professionally'.

(Mrs Brady)

Snow Warning Procedures

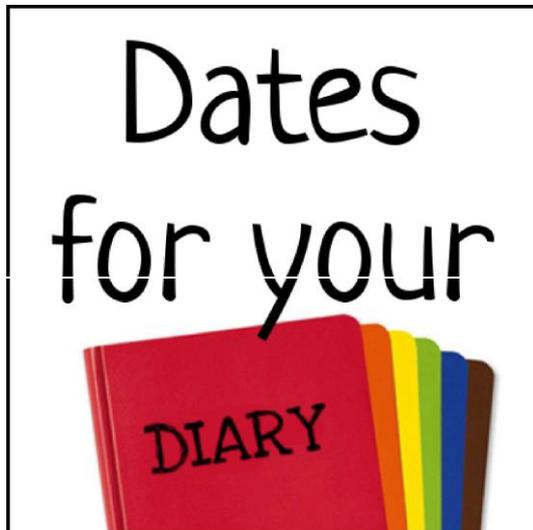


During the winter months in periods where severe weather conditions are possible, please be advised of the following:

Safe access to the site is constantly monitored and appropriate actions taken (e.g. gritting the surfaces)

Students will be reminded about safe behaviour during inclement weather (e.g. the throwing of snowballs would be sanctioned as unsafe behaviour)

On the rare occasion where it would not be deemed safe or practical to open The Academy due to severe weather, a decision would be taken as early as possible and



January 2018

Wed 17th - Year 11 Parents' Evening
(3:45pm - 6:30pm)

Wed 24th - Sixth Form Parents' Evening
(3:45pm - 6:30pm)

Wed 31st - Year 7 Parents' Evening
(3:45pm - 6:30pm)

February 2018

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

Thu 22nd and Fri 23rd - THA Production - Alice in
Wonderland

March 2018

Thu 1st - THA Presentation Evening Wed
7th - Year 8 Options Evening (6:00pm -
7:30pm)

May 2018

Wed 16th - Year 8 Parents' Evening
(3:45pm - 6:30pm)

Mon 14th - Tue 26th June - GCE and GCSE
Exams

July 2018

Fri 13th - Sports Day

**Collection of GCE/GCSE
Certificates Summer 2017**

communicated to parents/carers/students in the
following ways:

In Touch text
message Twitter

On The Academy's website
www.theharefieldacademy.org

(Ms Moriarty)



Spring 2018

Staff **INSET** Day - Tue 2nd January Students
return - Wed 3rd January February Half Term
- Mon 12th February to Fri 16th February
Staff **INSET** Day - Thu 29th March Spring
Holiday - Fri 30th March - Fri 13th April

Summer 2018

Students return - Mon 16th April
May Day Holiday - Mon 7th May
May Half Term - Mon 28th May to Fri 1st June
Staff **INSET** Day - Wed 27th June End of term:
Fri 20th July

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.

**Community Facilities
Available to Hire**



Exam certificates are now available for collection. These can be collected from Reception during school opening hours, 8.45am to 3.00pm.

Please call me on 01895 827990 to inform me when you will be collecting yours.

If you are unable to collect your certificates in person, please email me for further information gtheobald@theharefieldacademy.org.

(Mrs Theobald)

Christmas Card Competition 2017



The winner of this year's Christmas card design competition is Zoe Briggs (Year 7). Well done Zoe.

End of Term Letter to Parents and Carers from Headteacher, Tash Moriarty

A copy of the Headteacher's end of year letter to Parents and Carers can be found on The Harefield Academy's website or by clicking on the following link;



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
Conference, Exhibitions and Meetings
Dance, Drama and Performance

Reminder Spring Term 2018

Just a reminder that the first day of Spring Term for all students is Wednesday 3rd January 2018 when lessons will resume at the normal time of 8:45am.

All staff at The Harefield Academy would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



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