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OUTSTANDING RESULTS – CONGRATULATIONS!



Students queued outside the Hogarth Building on two Thursdays in August to collect their all-important examination results. These results in many cases are crucial in determining the next steps Heston students make at school, university, college or in their first job, so it is a tense occasion ... equally tense for parents, friends and teachers who are waiting to see the students' reactions!

We are very pleased to say there were lots of smiles, hugs and celebrations!

Mr Ranjit Berdesha, Acting Headteacher, added his congratulations by saying: "I would like to congratulate all our students, their families and staff on the outstanding results achieved this year. These successes are the result of the commitment, hard work and partnership between staff and students and the tremendous support we all receive from our parents. We wish our leaving students best wishes for the future as they prepare for the next big step in their lives confident that they are equipped to meet the challenges of adult life. We also look forward to welcoming back many of these very able students and we will give them all the support and encouragement we can to develop further and achieve further success in our Sixth Form." ■

'A' LEVEL

47% A*-B; 73% A*-C; 98% A*-E

Top Performers: Adam Walczak 4A*; Kumail Kermali 3A*; Pravin Suduwelikanda 2A* & 2A; Zeki Hersi A*, A, B; Niquita Mansucal A*, A, B; Arjun Padda A*, A, B.



GCSE

75% 5+ A*-C; 68% A*-C including Maths & English

Top Performers: Sanisha Malhi 7A* & 3A; Kamalpreet Sadhra 6A* & 3A; Navjot Kahlon 6A* & 4A; Nina Fordred 6A* & 4A; Mansi Bhalsod 6A* & 4A; Sapna Naik 6A* & 4A.



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TRIP



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KARISHMA'S
RETURN



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RUGBY
GRADUATION

GOVERNORS' CORNER

Dear Parents and Carers, as we welcome new students, particularly our new Year 7s, as well as new staff members, we are looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year full of challenges and opportunities. We will see many outstanding achievements and I hope you will hear about them from your children but you will also be able to read about them in future newsletters. This newsletter, however, celebrates a very busy and successful Summer Term.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the School's newly appointed Acting Headteacher, Mr Ranjit Berdesha. He has replaced Mr Phil Ward who has opted to retire after 11 years at Heston Community School. Mr Ward has stated that he wishes to devote more time to his wife and family and we wish him well for the future. In his farewell letter to parents, students and staff he paid tribute to all who contributed to the success of the School during his Headship: "With the help of our truly amazing young people, our supportive parents/carers and committed staff, Heston has gone from strength to strength".

The Governing Board is determined to ensure

the excellent progress the School has made, as well as the progress your children make, continues and to that end we were very pleased to be able to announce the appointment of Mr Ranjit Berdesha to the position of Acting Headteacher. Many of you will know Mr Berdesha; he has been with the School for 15 years, most recently as Deputy Headteacher and has led and worked alongside colleagues to help Heston students to enjoy school and maximise their potential. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience, which he will be able to draw upon to provide the positive leadership and direction the School needs in order to evolve and flourish.

The Governing Board is eager to ensure that your children continue to fulfil their potential, enjoy school life and develop as individuals in a caring and challenging environment.

Best wishes,
Kuldip Sidhu
Chair of Governors



CELEBRATION EVENING

The Riverside Venue was the location for our Celebration Evening on Monday 11th July. Students and staff were rewarded for their work, achievements and contributions to the School throughout the year.

The evening started with hosts Amrit and Karishma, Heston's Head Girls, welcoming everyone and introducing our Dhol Drummers to provide a lively start to the proceedings.

Amrit and Karishma were then joined by Myah (Year 9) and Jakub (Year 10) to present their student reports. They all told of their many and varied experiences as students at Heston. A common theme throughout the evening was how Heston provided many opportunities for students to explore and push themselves in new areas.

Learning Coordinators hosted their Year Group awards with each award winner receiving a certificate and special Celebration Evening Medal (pictured right). Special and Staff Awards followed.

Our excellent hosts then introduced Guest Speaker, Councillor Tom Bruce who is a Heston Old Boy. After congratulating all

the award winners, he picked up on the Growth Mindset theme that we should all "embrace failure ... learn from it." He talked specifically about two men whose failures and determination made them great successes in business and sport – James Dyson made 532 prototypes that failed before he developed the successful Dyson Vacuum and Michael Jordan did not get into his high school basketball team but went on to be a truly great basketball player. He encouraged all students to have this same determination to succeed.

Another energetic performance from Ajeet, Taran and Karan, our Dhol Players, was followed by a delicious buffet and a lot of photography from proud parents! ■



HEADTEACHER'S REPORT



After 15 years of service it is my privilege to be entrusted with the education of children at Heston Community School and I look forward with relish to the responsibility of providing the best possible all-round education in preparation for fulfilling adult lives.

The academic success of students at Heston is underpinned by the traditional values of hard work, resilience and impeccable behaviour that is conducive to establishing good working habits. The excellent attitude of our students is supported by highly experienced teachers with a track record of securing both outstanding examination results and providing a pastoral system that leaves no child behind. The progress that our students make consistently places Heston among the top schools in the country for value added.

Although we take great pride in our high achievers, we are particularly proud that ALL of our students leave with sound qualifications on which to build their futures. In addition, we aim to develop skills and qualities that prepare our students for life beyond school; become effective members of the community with the confidence to take advantage of all the opportunities available to them and the awareness and willingness to contribute.

Heston is and will remain a strongly cohesive school with students coming from a variety of heritages and backgrounds. They flourish in our outstanding learning environment, developing respect and understanding for each other, thus ensuring they are well prepared for their adult lives. It is with great pride that I can state that visitors to the School regularly comment on the warmth of welcome, harmonious atmosphere around the School and the focus of students in their learning.

I would like to thank parents and carers for the support you have given to your children and the School. The student, staff and parent "team" is and will remain the foundation for continued success.

If you, like me, believe our School is a very special place do tell your friends and encourage any with young children to visit us to find out more.

Best wishes,
Ranjit Berdesha
Acting Headteacher



FRANCE TRIP TO POITIERS



Our trip to Poitiers in France (1st – 4th July) allowed students to develop their independence and understanding of the French language by talking to other students and members of society. When we arrived in France, we stopped in Rouen where we were able to try macarons and explore the small villages.



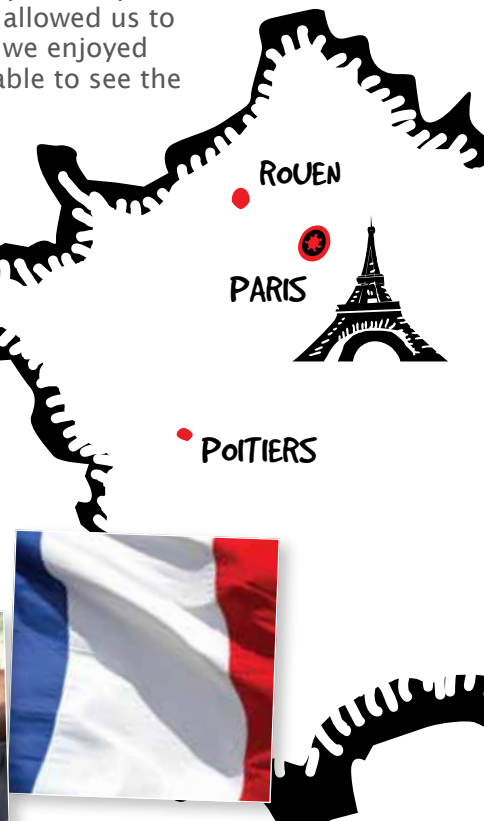
In the morning, we set off to the theme park in Poitiers called Futuroscope. To start with we were unable to find the good rides but as the day went on we found more and more water rides and we enjoyed getting wet in the hot weather. After a day at the theme park we went back to our hotel and relaxed with our friends until it was time to go to sleep.

The next day at Futuroscope we found all the good rides and the whole day was a blast. We were able to watch a water show in the theme park – it was exquisite and surreal, an illusion of colours and water tricks were used to tell a love story. Even though it was raining we all appreciated the lovely show.

On Monday morning we all went to breakfast to enjoy the pancakes and chocolate croissants before our journey back home.

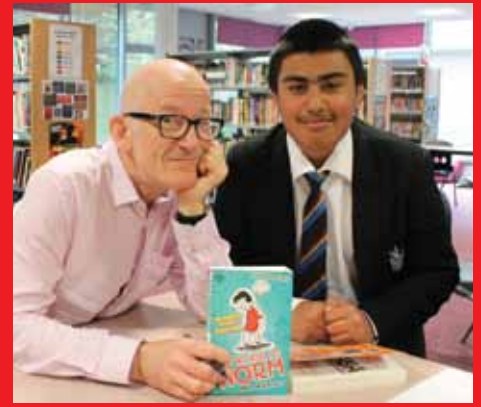
Overall, the France trip developed our independence and allowed us to have fun on a trip that we enjoyed with friends. We were able to see the teachers in a different light and interact with students from other year groups. This trip is a trip that I will always remember because of the lovely time we all had as well as the memories we created with our friends.

Myah Matharu 9 Blue ■





WELL DONE PRIYA 8Y
WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION WINNER



AUTHOR JONATHAN MERES
TALKS ABOUT *NORM*
& ENTERTAINS YEAR 7



YEAR 9 VOTE TO STAY IN EUROPE
BUT ONLY BY TWO VOTES



“LIKE WALKING ROUND A
TOP LONDON GALLERY”
– GCSE ART EXHIBITION



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNING
STUDENTS & MISS DAVIES



“ARTICULATE & CREATIVE” YEAR 12
POLICY LEAGUE STUDENTS
IMPRESS AT CITY UNIVERSITY



HESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENJOYED SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
TASTER SESSIONS



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHERS STUDIED
FLOOD DEFENCES, BEACHES
& CLIFFS IN DORSET



YEAR 11 BT MENTORING STUDENTS
GRADUATE & CELEBRATE
AT BT TOWERS



NEXUS 7 STUDENTS PERFORM
A PUPPET THEATRE VERSION OF
SHAKESPEARE’S *TWELFTH NIGHT*



YEAR 12 LEARN ABOUT BIOLOGICAL
SCIENCE DEGREES AT THE ROYAL
COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

KARISHMA RETURNS TO HER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Heston's Head Girl, Karishma Bagga, visited Heston and Westbrook Primary Schools to take assemblies. Karishma explains how this came about and the theme of her assembly:

"What do I believe? I believe we all have a responsibility to educate and inspire the young – the very reason why I did not hesitate when given the opportunity to take assemblies at two local primary schools.

Ten years later, taking a walk down memory lane, I revisited my primary school, Heston Primary, as well as Westbrook Primary School, to deliver an assembly to their six to eleven year olds.

The main focus of the assembly was to share the vast range of opportunities the younger students can embrace, beyond what may be offered to them currently, in addition to getting them to think about ambitions and personal goals – becoming a doctor or simply completing homework on time!

I must admit, I was delighted to see how enthusiastic the younger students were – particularly in response to my question, "What do you want to become when you're older?" to which some answered "a chemical engineer, a scientist, a magician..."

Being given the opportunity to inspire the young – coming from the voice of a senior student – about the endless experiences that lie ahead of them, the many goals one must set in order to reach their ultimate dream and to comprehend the value of giving back, is truly gratifying."

Karishma's talk finished with two "suggestions" to the primary school students:

Set yourself goals – completing homework the day you receive it, make at least one person smile a day, swim an extra 5 more laps when you next go swimming!

What will you do to make the world a happier place to be?

The assemblies were much appreciated by both students and teachers at the primary schools – one student commented to her teacher: "That was the best assembly Miss!" ■

£1282 FOR PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE

Money raised from a Mufti Day as well as milk shake and cake sales was presented to Rachel Edwards to add to her sponsorship funds for running the London Marathon in support of Princess Alice Hospice. Students who had been making and selling milk shakes and cakes had a chance to chat to Rachel about her Marathon experience and see her Marathon medal.

Rachel was running the London Marathon as a tribute to her dad, Les Edwards, who taught at Heston for 34 years and was Post-16 Learning Coordinator when he retired in 2012. Les sadly passed away in August 2014 following a battle with cancer and Princess Alice Hospice coordinated his care both at home and in the hospice.

Rachel said: "I cannot thank the staff and pupils of Heston enough for fundraising an amazing £1,282 for Princess Alice Hospice. It made the painful 26.2 miles of marathon all worthwhile! It was great to meet some of the pupils at the forefront of the fundraisers today to say thank you in person. I am truly grateful as I know the Hospice will be, along with all the patients and families this money will help support. I know that Dad would have been just as overwhelmed, so a huge heartfelt thank you." ■



FOCUS ON ... PE



Sport for all is what the PE department offers Heston students, in their PE lessons as well as by providing the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports and activities outside their lessons.

The main sports and activities covered are football, basketball, netball, rugby, dance, gymnastics, sprinting, badminton, cricket, fitness and rounders. Clearly the range of our students' sporting skills varies widely but the PE team work at all levels to get students to work towards their potential – this can mean selection for a national team or developing basic skills in a new sport.

We compete against our local schools and often progress to compete outside the borough as well. We are very proud of our teams' successes and here are some of their achievements this year:

- **Year 8 Boys' rugby team** won the Middlesex emerging schools competition
 - **Year 8 Girls** won the Hounslow schools rugby competition at Twickenham RFC
 - **Year 10 Boys' cricket** were unbeaten and came runners up in the Hounslow schools league
 - **Year 8 Boys** won the Hounslow schools cricket league
 - **KS3 Girls** were Hounslow schools basketball champions and came 3rd in the London schools competition
 - **KS4 Girls** were Hounslow schools champions and came runners up in the London schools competition
 - **Year 8 Girls' basketball team** were runners up in the London schools tournament
 - **Year 8 Girls** won the Hounslow schools netball league
- Within lessons students are helped to develop the necessary skills that will enable them to progress further in any sport if they wish to do so. They also benefit from specialist coaching from Brentford FC and the RFU amongst others – our work with the RFU was recognised when Jason Leonard OBE visited Heston for our Rugby Graduation (see page 8).

Many of our students are taking the opportunity to join local clubs and are keen to improve and enjoy their chosen sport in a competitive environment. We also encourage them to improve their skills and knowledge not just to perform but also to referee, umpire, coach and organise.

Ms Vicky Kelly, Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts and PE, says: "The PE team are all keen sports people and we get great pleasure from our students' achievements – be that performing at the highest level or simply enjoying a new sport for the first time. It is particularly rewarding to see students develop a lifelong passion for a sport that they first tried at Heston". ■



SPORTS PERSONALITY AWARDS

The Sports Personality Awards evening celebrated an impressive year of sport at Heston with teams in rugby, basketball, cricket, rounders, netball and football all performing well in tournaments against Hounslow schools. Heston students were also selected to play in regional, county and national teams. Well done to all our sports stars but particularly to the three overall Sports Personality Award winners (pictured left): 1st – Alexandra Enea 8R who captained the London Region basketball team; 2nd – Anmol Sihota 10O, a great leader in netball, football and rounders; 3rd – Jaskaranjit Khalon 8W, excellent performances at the borough athletics finals and for the rugby team. ■

MORE

HCS NEWS IN PICTURES



GREAT WORK FROM THE "A TEAM"
& THEY MADE AFTERNOON TEA FOR
PARENTS & TEACHERS TOO



YEAR 6 STUDENTS WHO HAVE
NOW STARTED AT HESTON
ENJOY THEIR TRANSITION DAY



THE HOGARTH GALLERY SHOWCASED
YEAR 7 & 8'S CHINESE SILK ARTWORK



YEAR 11 PROM – AMAZING OUTFITS &
A FIRE ALARM TOO!



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS VISITED
PARK LODGE HOUSE WITH GAMES
& DELICIOUS TREATS



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE YEAR 8
AWARD WINNERS GET CERTIFICATES
& PIZZA!



COFFEE CLUB PARENTS DELIVERED
A THANK YOU CARD AT THE FINAL
COFFEE MORNING OF THE YEAR



CONGRATULATIONS EBONY 80
WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION WINNER



STUNNING 'A' LEVEL SCULPTURE,
PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN & ART
IMPRESS VISITORS



EAL STUDENTS RECEIVED AWARDS
FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORK
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



PERFORMANCE POET STEVE TASANE
RAPS TO YEAR 7 & TAKES WORKSHOPS

HESTON'S RUGBY GRADUATION



Heston welcomed RFU President Jason Leonard OBE, together with film crews and CBRE representatives for the presentation of a Graduation plaque to Headteacher Phil Ward and PE Teacher and rugby coordinator Stuart Howkins.

Heston's Graduation recognises three years of work to establish rugby at the School. No rugby was played at Heston prior to joining the CBRE All Schools programme and now both boys' and girls' teams compete against other schools in Years 7 to 10. The Year 8 boys had a particularly successful season culminating in them winning the Middlesex Emerging Schools tournament at Ruislip Rugby Club beating Cardinal Wiseman School in the final.

Jason Leonard said: "CBRE All Schools is an important legacy strand for the RFU in sustaining growth of the game. For Heston and the 99 other CBRE All Schools graduating from the programme, they should be immensely proud of what they have achieved over the past three years. I'm privileged to be part of the graduation celebrations today."

Stuart Howkins, commented: "Today has been fantastic. We have been working tirelessly for the last three years to get our students playing rugby. Now we have strong groups, both girls and boys, playing and enjoying rugby. The words on our plaque – Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship – sum up perfectly why we want to encourage rugby and why our students want to play rugby." ■



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day saw Heston's athletes put in some impressive performances that Team GB would have been proud of. There were many excellent performances and no less than nine school records were broken including two records going back 16 years – the Year 7 100m won by Ryan Sihota in 13.50 secs and the Year 8 800m where Yahya Yusuf was victorious with a time of 2 min 33 secs.

The overall result saw Orange House declared winners – well done to all the competitors, organisers and supporters! ■



1ST	Orange	570 points
2ND	Yellow	531 points
3RD	White	525 points
4TH	Red	502 points
5TH	Green	463 points
6TH	Blue	438 points
7TH	Purple	435 points



CONGRATULATIONS TO PUNEET, ALEXANDRA AND HIFZA WHO WERE SELECTED FOR THE LONDON REGION U13 BASKETBALL SQUAD

YEAR 9 WILLIAM AND HIS FC REAL TEAM WERE UNDEFEATED IN AN U15 TOURNAMENT IN THE NETHERLANDS



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