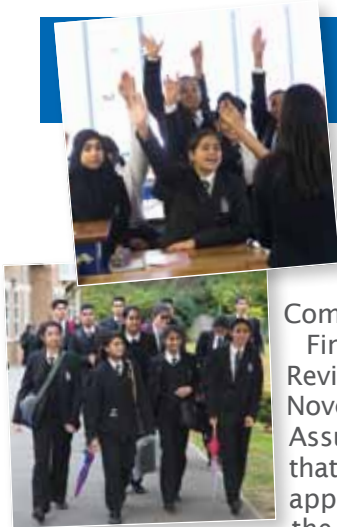




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HESTON IS OUTSTANDING AND IN THE TOP 9%



Two separate reviews have provided some very pleasing comments as well as external endorsement of just how well students at Heston Community School achieve.

Firstly, a Challenge Partners Review that took place at Heston in November concluded: "The Quality Assurance Review found indicators that Heston Community School appears to have moved beyond the Good grade as judged by

Ofsted in the School's previous Ofsted report January 2012 and is working within the Outstanding grade."

Additionally, the Business Education and ICT Team were confirmed as a Quality Area of Excellent Practice by the Review and will now provide support to other schools to raise standards.

Here are some of the comments the Review team made:

"The strong evidence of a strategic and successful drive to improve teaching, learning, and achievement indicates that improvement strategies are 'outstanding'"
"... pupils were making flying progress and the lesson was a joy to behold."

"The general conduct of pupils in and around the classroom was very good and pupils were unfailingly courteous when asked questions."

The Challenge Partners Review is not an Ofsted inspection and should not be viewed as a mock inspection. The strength of the review lies in how it allies the rigour and professionalism of Ofsted with the care and collaborative approach of a partnership. This is a joint exercise between the review team and the school. This approach enables honest and

open conversations about where the school is and where it is going, to the benefit of all concerned.

The second piece of good news came with the publication of Heston's RAISEonline results in December. RAISEonline monitors the attainment and progress of students and enables schools to compare their performance with schools nationally. The latest figures published have seen Heston's progress over the last three years continue with the School being placed in the top 9% of schools nationally for the progress that students make. The progress made by students in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages were all significantly above the national average providing strong evidence that the quality of teaching in the School leads to outstanding achievement.

Headteacher, Phil Ward said: "I am delighted to get independent confirmation of just how well we are doing. This is excellent news and I am immensely proud of my colleagues and students. The comments from the Challenge Review team are superb and a true reflection of the work we do here and our progress as measured by RAISEonline is equally impressive ...

Congratulations to all and well done Heston!" ■

QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES

School Improvement Strategies:

Outstanding

Achievement is:

Outstanding

Quality of Teaching:

Outstanding

Area of Excellent Practice:

Confirmed (Business & ICT)



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HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

I am writing this report early in the New Year as we prepare for the start of Spring Term. I hope you had a good Christmas break and I would like to take this

opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year.

2014 was an excellent year for Heston and this was confirmed by the two great pieces of news at the end of the year (covered on the front page). The first of these was the outcome of the Challenge Partners Review of the School and the second, the publication of the latest annual RAISEonline Report. Together they told us that we are both "outstanding" and in the top 9% of schools nationally.

I am confident that 2015 will see our outstanding progress continue and at this time, when many of us are making New Year's resolutions, I can tell you that one of mine is to do all I can to make Heston Community School even better throughout 2015. I am sure many of you have made your own New Year's resolutions but I would like to suggest some more for various groups:

For Heston Students: Keep impressing visitors to the School and our community as you have impressed visiting Headteachers who carried out the Challenge Partners Review, Open Evening visitors (who always sing your praises) as well as your Headteacher and all your Teachers every day. This Newsletter is very difficult to put together because we can only choose some of your great achievements ... we

want it to be even more difficult in the future!

For Heston Parents and Carers: Please continue to reinforce our "Passion for Learning" with your children. We look forward to your continued engagement with us and seeing you at Parent Forums and Coffee Mornings as well as Parents' Evenings. Do not miss any opportunity to sing the praises of the School your child attends to others.

For Primary Schools and their Parents and Carers: Make sure you find out why Heston Community School is getting such glowing reports and excellent results ... you are welcome to visit us at any time, just contact us to make an appointment.

For my Teachers: More of the same please! Delivering outstanding lessons and going the extra mile supporting students and organising great trips and extra-curricular clubs and activities that really add to and change our students' lives.

Well done to everyone whose achievements are celebrated in this Newsletter. However, as I said earlier, there are not enough pages here to cover all the achievements and special events that take place at Heston Community School. I see our students and staff doing very impressive, thoughtful and caring things every School Day and that is very rewarding for me. The fact that our achievements have been recognised by independent experts was a very special Christmas present though not surprising.

With best wishes for 2015.

Phil Ward
Headteacher



FIRST ASPIRING FUTURES EVENING

An impressive number of businesses, universities and colleges attended Heston's Aspirating Futures Evening for an evening designed to provide students and their parents with more information to help them make the best decisions on future careers and courses.

As well as exhibitors speaking to students and parents there were also a number of presentations throughout the evening covering: Medicine, Applying to University and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). A number of Heston's ex-students who are now at Imperial College also

talked about their experiences in both applying to university and life at university.

Miss Jenny Bowton, Careers Co-ordinator and organiser of the evening said: "This was the first ever Aspirating Futures Evening at the School. It was a real pleasure to see the high level of engagement from both students and their parents as they visited stalls from universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and businesses. Parents and students were very appreciative of the opportunity the evening offered them to gather so much information at one venue. Exhibitors commented on how polite and friendly our students were. After this success, we look forward to staging the event again next year." ■

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR EXHIBITORS AND SPEAKERS

The following universities attended: Bristol University, Brunel University, Cambridge University, Exeter University, Kings College University, St Mary's University, Roehampton University, City University, Oxford University, Royal Holloway University, University of Greenwich, University of the Arts

The following businesses attended: Barclays Bank, Metro Bank, BSKyB, DHL, Cisco, IBM, GSK, NHS
The following colleges and organisations attended: College of Law, West Thames College, Richmond College, Uxbridge College, STEM ambassadors, Connexions and Apprenticeships

CULTURAL FUSION SHOW ... A SHOW TO REMEMBER

Once again the Cultural Fusion Show was a great success with a variety of acts entertaining a packed Hall for two nights. The performers also put on a special matinee show for two local primary schools – Heston and Westbrook. The noise all audiences created cheering and applauding was a suitable reward for the excellent dancers, comedy performers, singers and comperes who put on a wonderful show.

Sixth Form student, Nadia Patel, who was one of the organisers of this year's show as well as a performer, said: "This year's Cultural Fusion Show was packed with some amazing performances, the standard of talent within our School is amazing. Every single person involved dedicated huge amounts of time and effort to make the show the best possible. There were many tiring days of rehearsal and preparation, but everybody's hard work paid off and it was definitely a show to remember!" ■



DESERT ISLANDS LITERACY PROJECT FOR VISITING PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Year 6 students and teachers from Wellington and Westbrook Primary Schools visited Heston to participate in a literacy workshop on the theme of desert islands. Students watched film clips, read extracts from both *Robinson Crusoe* and *Lord of the Flies* and analysed images from desert island locations to produce a piece of creative writing. A team of Heston's Year 7 students were fantastic at supporting and guiding the younger pupils in their groups. Back in their own schools and classes, the students involved created lessons based on the workshop so that they can share their experience with their peers. ■

MATILDA FOR H.I. STUDENTS

A group of Hearing Impaired (H.I.) students went to see *Matilda*, based on the novel by Roald Dahl. Here is Year 11 student Naval Khalsa's report.

"The Hearing Impaired students went on a trip to see *Matilda*. It was at the Novello Theatre, Covent Garden. We took part in a workshop with Handprint. We were role playing and then we learnt a signed song *When I grow up*.

We went backstage and saw the set, costumes and props. The set was amazing, all different colours. We then signed our song to the cast. After lunch we watched the performance. It was really interesting. My favourite part was when Miss Trunchbull somersaulted and I thought she was going to fall. I liked Miss Trunchbull best. When the performance finished, I wished there was more." ■





STUDENTS HEAR ABOUT WORK IN AFRICA AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS



MEDIA STUDENTS RESEARCH, PRODUCE, FILM, DIRECT, EDIT & PRESENT NEWS AT SKY STUDIOS



PARENTS & CHILDREN FROM 33 PRIMARY SCHOOLS MEET TEACHERS & STUDENTS AT OUR OPEN EVENING



ALTER EGO PRESENT *LOOKING GOOD* TO YEAR 9 – THEIR PERFORMANCE COVERED ISSUES FACED BY YOUNG TEENAGERS



HESTON STUDENTS ENSURED SOLDIERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN WW1 AND OTHER CONFLICTS WERE REMEMBERED



YEAR 11 WIKTORIA'S COMPETITION WINNING ARTWORK IS FEATURED THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH



ENGLISH STUDENTS VISIT *TERROR AND WONDER: THE GOTHIC IMAGINATION* – AN EXHIBITION AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY



"GREAT ATTACKING AND DETERMINED DEFENSIVE PLAY" HAS SEEN YEARS 7 TO 10 RUGBY GIRLS' SEASON START WELL



ASPIRING MEDICS GET ADVICE ON OPTIONS & UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS FROM PETER RAWLING



COFFEE CLUB REGULARS LOST IN AN END OF TERM CHRISTMAS QUIZ AGAINST THEIR CHILDREN – OUR STUDENTS!



YEAR 8 VISIT SHOOTING STAR CHASE & HAND OVER £454 TO THE CHARITY

HEAD BOY, HEAD GIRL & SENIOR STUDENT TEAM APPOINTED

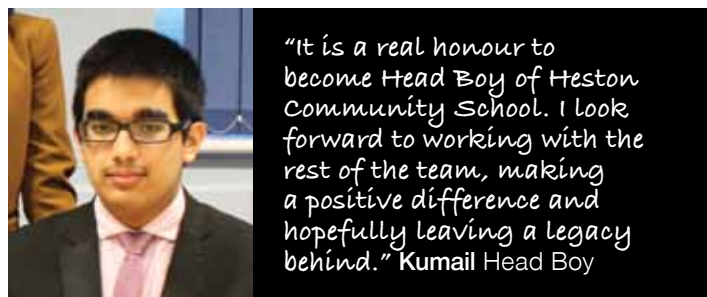
Avani Gupta and Kumail Kermali have been appointed Head Girl and Head Boy following interviews and presentations to Headteacher, Mr Phil Ward, Mr Hywel Evans, Learning Co-ordinator for the Sixth Form and Ms Nusrat Khan, Assistant Learning Co-ordinator for the Sixth Form. Both students were delighted with their appointments. The competition for these positions was very tough and the "judges" had a very difficult decision to make.

Other key roles were also filled by Sixth Form students, see table right.

Congratulations to them all! ■



DEPUTY HEAD BOY	HARMEET GROVER
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL	AMAN SINGH
ASSISTANT HEAD BOY	FABIAN CHOPRA
ASSISTANT HEAD GIRL	ISRA SHEIKH
HEAD OF CHARITIES	KABIR SIDHU
HEAD OF CHARITIES	KARANVIR GOSAL
EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR	SAMINA ANAND
EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR	SAINA KANWAR
COMMON ROOM FUND RAISER	TAHIRA MAHMOOD
COMMON ROOM FUND RAISER	PRAVIN SUDUWELIKANDA
YEAR 7 INTERVENTION CO-ORDINATOR	SONALI AHUJA
SIXTH FORM SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR	FATIMAH ZAHEED
SIXTH FORM SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR	SHEHLA KHAN
COMMUNITY LIAISON	NARAIN SINGH



DALJIT NAGRA'S POETRY WORKSHOP

To enhance their study of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Year 9 English students had the opportunity to participate in a poetry workshop with the poet Daljit Nagra. Daljit read a selection of his poetry including *The Balcony Song of Raju and Jaswinder*, a re-interpretation of the famous balcony scene in a modern setting.

Students learnt about Daljit's ideas and influences and considered similarities and differences with Shakespeare's work. Then, they composed their own poetry around the theme of doomed love and overcoming barriers in society.

Daljit has a Punjabi background, was born and raised in London then Sheffield and has won several prestigious prizes for his poetry as well as having his work published around the world. ■





YEAR 7S' FIRST TERM

Joining Year 7 at a new "big" school is a daunting prospect so a great deal of work goes in to making this transition as smooth as possible. We work with primary schools to get to know our new students and organise Summer School where new starters can see the School as well as meet new friends who will be starting at Heston in September.

This induction process continues at the start of term to make it easier for students to make new friends through a wide range of clubs and activities and to make getting around school as easy as possible. Later in the term we invited their primary school teachers to a Tea Party – the students were delighted to see them and tell them about their "new" School.

Mr Dave Lynn, Learning Co-ordinator for Year 7, has been very happy with the process: "I have been extremely pleased with the manner in which the Year 7s have settled into life at Heston, and I would like to thank parents for supporting us in ensuring your child's transition to secondary school has been smooth and successful. I have witnessed some exciting lessons being delivered to students and have felt proud of how positive and eager their attitude towards learning was, as well as how presentable they all looked. I have great aspirations for the year group and I strongly believe that each and every one of them will have a happy and successful future here at Heston Community School. Thank you for your continued support and congratulations Year 7." ■



BUT WHAT DO THE STUDENTS THINK?
Here's how they described their first term at Heston:

"I love Heston – it's even better than I imagined. Heston lets you express yourself"
Jeevan (7 ■) Heston Primary

"Exciting and awesome!"
Sabriya (7 ■) Dairy Meadow Primary

"Really fun and I really enjoyed being part of Heston. I have also settled in well because I have performed in a musical already"
Jasleen (7 ■) Springwell Junior

"I think I have made a massive improvement in my studies and I have many friends that are very nice"
Ranna (7 ■) Norwood Green Junior

"At Heston there are lots of nice teachers and if I have a problem there is always someone I can go to. Also I enjoy the lessons I do!"
Madeleine (7 ■) Westbrook Primary

"I feel confident in school. I feel better because teachers sign. I like the H.I. unit because they help"
Nawal (7 ■) Foxborough Primary

"I was very nervous and shy – I wasn't very confident in class but now I am"
Sukhuer (7 ■) Three Bridges Primary

"Great!!! The best!!!"
Oscar (7 ■) Berkeley Primary

JASMIN ♥ SCIENCE ...

Congratulations to Year 9 student Jasmin Nitu who got through to the finals of a National Science competition by writing an essay about why she loves science. Jasmin joined other finalists at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) and had a behind-the-scenes tour of the high-powered laser facility and found out more about the work carried out at RAL. Jasmin then had to make a presentation to a panel of RAL's leading scientists. Jasmin's presentation and her answers to judge's questions were excellent and although she did not win she was a real credit to Heston.

Jasmin thoroughly enjoyed her visit: "It was a wonderful and unique experience. I was amazed as

to how the whole laboratory worked. I think you all should take the time to visit the amazing place."

If you were wondering why Jasmin loves science her essay concluded with this line: "I love science because science can change the world in all aspects" ... and more details are on the school's website. ■



MORE

HCS NEWS IN PICTURES



SIXTH FORM HISTORY STUDENTS VISIT HAMPTON COURT PALACE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TUDOR BRITAIN



THE INCLUSION TEAM HELD THEIR FIRST COFFEE MORNING FOR "THEIR" PARENTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 8'S BALDEEP WHO WON THE FIRST MANGA ART AWARD



ENGINEER NITA ABRAHAM SPENT A DAY AT HESTON TALKING TO YEARS 10 TO 13 ABOUT ENGINEERING OPPORTUNITIES



YEAR 12 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN TRINITY'S BIG SLEEPOUT RAISING OVER £380 FOR THE HOMELESS



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN WAS ONE OF THE PERFORMANCES IN AN ENTERTAINING MUSICAL THEATRE EVENING



MANNY ROMAN, CEO OF THE MAN GROUP, SPOKE TO SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ABOUT INVESTMENT BANKING



CREATIVE WRITING ON THE TOPIC OF CONFLICT HAS RESULTED IN STUDENTS' WORK BEING PUBLISHED



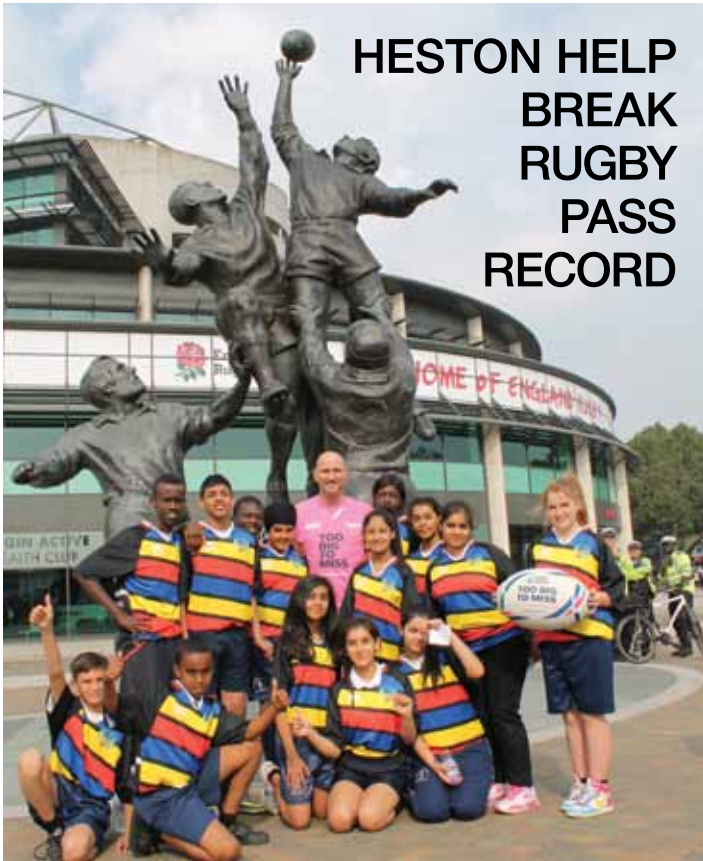
ROBOTS, DRAGONS' DEN & A BUSINESS TRADING COMPETITION WERE PART OF OUR SUPER LEARNING DAYS



MRS NIDHI CHHIBBA, AST. CURRICULUM LEADER FOR BUSINESS STUDIES – HIGHLY COMMENDED AT THE SPARK AWARDS



BRONZE & SILVER D OF E AWARD STUDENTS PRESENTED REPORTS ON THEIR BOX HILL & DORSET EXPEDITIONS



HESTON HELP BREAK RUGBY PASS RECORD

Rugby World Cup 2003 winner, Lawrence Dallaglio together with 14 Heston students helped to create the longest rugby pass, as part of an event marking the one year countdown to the start of the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students who play rugby at Heston together with ex-England captain Lawrence and other schools passed a rugby ball from Redlees Park in Isleworth to Twickenham Stadium, ending at the Line-Out statue outside the stadium.

Mr Dallaglio said he was impressed by the skills on display that saw the ball passed 1,400 times over a distance of more than one mile: "They did a fantastic job and no one dropped the ball, which is more than can be said for a few professionals"

Miss Hollie Blenman, PE Teacher and Girls' Rugby Coach, said: "The students stepped up to this challenge and I was very proud of them."

The students thoroughly enjoyed their record-breaking achievement ... here are some of their comments:

"It was great fun as we worked well as a team"
Amber Year 9

"Today was great fun ... we met new people and beat the challenge" Ida Year 9

"We really stood out in our great kit!"
Gurjeevan Year 7

"It was nerve-wracking every time I got the ball but so proud we did it" Sana Year 9 ■

BOXING CHAMPION INSPIRES STUDENTS



Ahmet Canbakis, seven times national boxing champion of Turkey and three times Balkan champion, provided a motivational evening for Years 7 to 10. Ahmet, whose daughter Safia joined Heston's Year 7 in September, runs Cranford Amateur Boxing Club and he brought a number of his young boxers along to demonstrate their skills.

The students learnt about Ahmet's boxing life and he also talked about the dedication needed to be a champion as well as emphasizing the importance of health, fitness and well-being.

The students who had been selected to attend this session then had the opportunity to throw some punches at Ahmet and take part in some skipping training.

The evening was a great success and certainly inspired the students. ■



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