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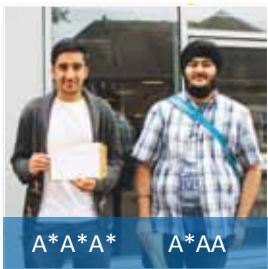


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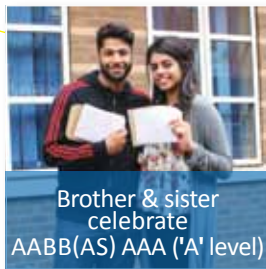
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE TO ALL OUR STUDENTS!

Two Thursdays in August saw Heston students discover how they had performed in their GCSE, AS level and 'A' level public examinations. For everyone concerned – students, their families and friends as well as Heston’s teachers – these important results are eagerly awaited but it is also a tense and emotional time!



A*A*A*

A*AA



Brother & sister
celebrate
AABB(AS) AAA ('A' level)



Congratulations from
Mr Evans for 5A* 5A



Well done from Ms
Slater for 10A* B

'A' LEVEL

47% A*-B; 77% A*-C; 99% A*-E

Sixth Form students were the first to get their results and for many their future at university depended on getting the right grades ... and most did!

Headteacher Phil Ward congratulated all concerned as well as wishing them well in the future: "Once again I am delighted with the outstanding results achieved by our students. This is the result of the hard work and dedication of both the students and teachers at the School. Parents and Carers are also key members of the team that helped produce these results and I would like to thank them for their support. I hope that our students now enjoy a well-deserved break as they prepare for the next big step in their lives, be that further studies or the start of an exciting career. I am confident that, as Hestonians, they will go on to even greater successes in life showing the same passion for learning as they have during their time at Heston."

GCSE

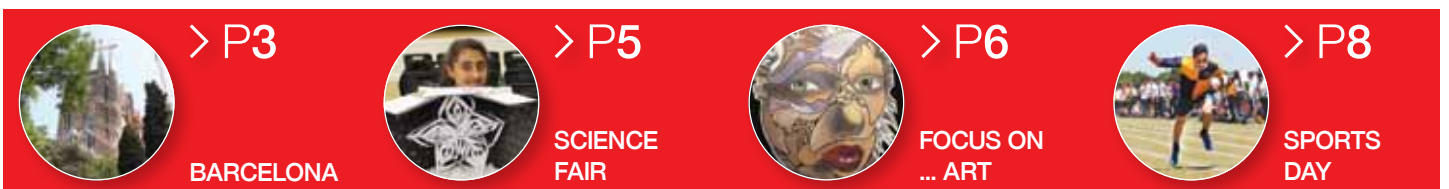
81% 5+ A*-C; 55% 5+ A*-C[†]; 96% 5+ A*-G

One week later GCSE students produced another impressive set of examination results with the following subjects seeing a particularly high number of students gaining A* to C grades: Biology 97%, German 97%, ICT 96%, Physics 95%, Chemistry 95%, Graphic Design 94%, ECDL IT 100% and BTEC ICT 100%.

Eight or more A* and A grades were achieved by eighteen Heston students and over half the grades awarded in Biology, Physics and Photography were A* or A grades.

Phil Ward was once again full of praise for all involved: "Congratulations to all our GCSE students whose achievements continue to impress. I am very pleased to see that our excellent record at GCSE has continued this year. These outstanding results are thoroughly deserved and will prepare our students very well for their Sixth Form studies." ■

[†] including Maths & English



HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

As we start another Academic Year I would like to reflect on what an excellent year we have just had and to look forward to how we move forward as individuals and a school community in the future.

The end of each School Year sees students gaining their just rewards for all their hard work during the year. This is most obviously illustrated by their impressive examination achievements which are outlined on the front page of this newsletter and from awards made both during the year as well as at our wonderful Celebration Evening.

I am always very proud of both Heston's students and my team of teachers on these occasions. It is particularly rewarding for me to see our Sixth Form students celebrate their 'A' level successes as they look forward to moving on to the next challenge in their lives. I can remember many of these same Sixth Form students arriving at Heston to join Year 7 – I am sure many of them were nervous as they joined "big school" but how they have grown in their time at Heston not only physically but in a much broader way too. They are now confident well-rounded individuals ready to take on the world, they are great team players and generous too – they soak up knowledge and experiences but give a lot in return.

We have had some truly outstanding achievements and events during the last year and Heston has been recognised by a Challenge Partners Review to be "working within the



Outstanding Grade" and by RAISEonline to be in the top 9% of schools nationally for the progress that students make.

I am pleased to say that our parents recognise this too with 95% saying that their child makes good progress at Heston and 98% stating that their child is happy at Heston.

All of this is excellent news but we are not resting on our laurels! We are determined to continue to get better – as I said at our Celebration Evening one of the secrets to running a great school is to get the best people and get them to teach about their passion – at Heston we do that and we instil a passion for learning in our students.

During the Summer Break we have put a number of quotations on the walls around the school to inspire the students and one of them is a good reminder to us all – "It is not about being the best – it is about being better than you were yesterday" and that is what we will strive to do throughout the coming year. I also happen to think Heston is the best too!

With best wishes.

Phil Ward
Headteacher



A BRILLIANT CELEBRATION EVENING

The Hounslow Civic Centre was once again the venue for Heston Community School's Celebration Evening when students and staff are rewarded for their work, achievements and contributions to the School throughout the year.

Awards were made in three categories: Achievement, Progress and Contribution to the ethos of the School. There were also Special Awards for Artist and Sports Person of the Year as well as Attendance Awards. The final student award was the Headteacher's Award which was won by Sixth Form student Samina Anand who had earlier talked about her work in raising awareness about forced marriages throughout the school.

As well as the presentation of these awards the audience of students, parents, friends and staff were entertained by singers and musicians and enjoyed



a buffet provided by Guest Speaker Dipna Anand's restaurant, *Brilliant*.

Dipna, who is a past Heston student, spoke about her time at Heston and her ambitions as well as congratulating all the award winners and encouraging them. She stressed that it was "important to find where you talent lies" and to "reach for the stars, overcome any barriers and visualise your success".

As the students and parents left they were full of praise for the evening having enjoyed *Brilliant's* buffet. Parents were, quite rightly proud of their children's success and the award winners each received an engraved pen in recognition of their achievements.

Well done to all of them!

Full details of the evening and all the award winners can be found in the News section of our website. ■

BARCELONA

JAKUB SANIUKIEWICZ (Y9) REPORTS ON THIS "ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE"



DAY ONE (JULY 2ND)

The excited group of 45 students loaded their bags onto the coach and waved their loving parents goodbye as they drove down to Heathrow, where the adventure really began. Following the boring old passport checks and security screenings it had come to our attention that our flight with British Airways to Barcelona was delayed by around two and a half hours, not a great way to start a trip! We landed in Barcelona after midnight, where we had to then drive to our hotel. We arrived at our 1940s style hotel and settled in at 3am!

DAY TWO (JULY 3RD)

After a breakfast full of vibrant coloured fruit and food that would suit even the pickiest we made our first transit into the heart of beautiful Barcelona where our first stop was Parc Güell, a major tourist sightseeing attraction with great views of the ocean and trails through impressive architecture. The next attraction for the day was Barcelona Zoo, where we split into groups and ventured out for a peaceful afternoon surrounded by many pesky peacocks. Attempting to escape them, Ms Dua hired a small golf car in which we hurried to view the whole zoo!

In the evening, Ms Dua hosted a fitness workout session by the hotel pool, however as I took part I didn't realise how much pain I would inflict on myself in the upcoming days from the strained muscles!

DAY THREE (JULY 4TH)

The third day of our awesome adventure was a time to relax a little. The male section of the group went mad on the visit to the Camp Nou stadium, the home of Barcelona Football Club! We then visited an old Spanish village where we were able to spend the majority of our day. Many took this opportunity to sit down and use up all of the free WiFi whilst crunching on frozen desserts; shopping for small souvenirs was also common. On the other hand some students spent their time playing around!

DAY FOUR (JULY 5TH)

Buzzing students on the coach longed for this day the most, the trip to the Spanish theme park Port Aventura where the teachers and students got to go wild on the park's attractions. Many dared Europe's tallest rollercoaster, Shambhala whilst a rumour spread that Mr Williams chose the teacup ride instead!

FINAL DAY (JULY 6TH)

Tired out, the group packed and said farewell to their hotel, that had serviced them generously over the past few days. A few more sightseeing opportunities were planned before we were set to get back home. We visited the notorious church, Sagrada Familia, and got to see the impressive architectural work that has been done on this magnificent building. We then shopped to our hearts' content at the Barcelona Mall, where many students took this chance to buy the teachers some presents to show how grateful they were to Mrs Virk for organising the trip and Ms Dua, Ms Borundel, Mr Howkins and Mr Williams for going through the time and pain of taking us on this trip.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this once in a lifetime experience! ■





BRUNEL UNIVERSITY
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE TASTER DAY
FOR SIXTH FORMERS



SUPER LEARNING DAY – YEAR 8
ENJOY TRIPS TO THORPE PARK AND
THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM



STUDENTS WHO WILL JOIN HESTON
IN SEPTEMBER MET EACH OTHER
& THEIR TUTORS ON TRANSITION DAY



ARTIST ALBIE ESPINOLA
DELIVERED A BRILLIANT WORKSHOP
FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS



YEAR 7 STUDENTS WERE FILMED
AND FEATURED ON THE VICTORIA
DERBYSHIRE PROGRAMME ON BBC TWO



BRONZE D OF E STUDENTS' 24 KM
EXPEDITION ON BOX HILL WAS THE
"BEST TRIP EVER" ... IT DIDN'T RAIN!



THE LEGALISATION OF DRUGS WAS
THE SUBJECT OF THE FIRST IN A
PROGRAMME OF DEBATES FOR YEAR 12



HI & EAL STUDENTS ENJOYED
THEIR TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT PALACE
... AND PIZZA EXPRESS



SUPER LEARNING DAY – YEAR 7'S
SPONSORED WALK RAISED £1,271
FOR NEPALESE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS



HESTON & LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS HAVE BENEFITTED FROM
A "WOMEN TO WORK" COURSE AT THE
SCHOOL



MR NEWTON CONGRATULATES
THE INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS PHYSICISTS
OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

GOVERNORS' CORNER



As we start a new academic year we welcome new students to Year 7 and I have every confidence that the education they will get at Heston Community School will be excellent. Having looked at some of Hounslow Borough's statistics I am pleased to see that parents share my view – Heston is becoming more popular year on year!

Our existing parents have that view too and I would encourage them to share their experiences of Heston with their friends who are currently considering which secondary school their primary school children will go to.

I have been asked by some local primary school parents how the admission system works and the choices they have – it does look complicated but parents need to consider many factors including the distance your child will need to travel, the range of opportunities offered outside the classroom, and the links the school has as well as the results they achieve. I know from my experience as both a governor and a parent that Heston really does deliver on all these fronts and is an excellent choice!

New parents also need to get a feel of a school's culture and I would strongly recommend they visit schools. Heston's Open Evening is on Thursday 1st October so encourage your friends to come along to find out why Heston is getting glowing reviews for the work going on here.

Kuldip Sidhu
Chair of Governors
gb@hestoncs.org



HESTON'S FIRST SCIENCE FAIR

The first ever Heston Community School Science Fair was a huge success. Year 7 and 8 students spent the last few weeks of term working in groups to independently research a scientific question of their choice and create a project to present their ideas.

Students showed their creativity and innovation by coming up with some truly intriguing scientific questions from "Why do cats always land on their feet?", "Does listening to music help you remember?", "How do we see optical illusions?", "Does the Bermuda triangle really exist?" to "Will VRMMORPGs* be possible?"

Two winning groups were selected from every form and took part in the Science Fair on Monday 13th July. It was an absolute joy to see over 80 enthusiastic young scientists demonstrating their hard work in the Hall. Headteacher, Mr Ward, and Head Boy, Kumail Kermalli, judged the projects based on the students' displays and their answers to questions about their investigations.

Jasveer, Maria and Avleen (7R pictured below) were selected as overall winners for Year 7 for a beautifully presented, innovative, well researched and fascinating project on "Are all snow flakes unique?"

Myah, Amber, Zahraa and J'Nai (8B pictured below) were the overall winners for Year 8 with "Can we predict earthquakes?" for an extremely detailed report demonstrating a high level of scientific understanding and a stunning shaking earthquake simulation model.

The two winning teams have won some scientific books to hopefully further inspire their love of Science and all form winners that took part in the Science Fair will be invited to a lunch time pizza party during Autumn Term.

Well done to all Year 7 and 8 students for their effort and dedication, the Science Department was very impressed by the students' maturity, organisation, team-work, excellent work ethic and enthusiasm throughout the project.

Ms Bethany Hart

Director of Science

*Virtual Reality Massive Multi-Player Online Role-Playing Games



OPEN EVENINGS

WHOLE SCHOOL Thursday 1st October 2015: 6:00 to 8:00pm
Headteacher & Student talks at 7:00pm and an opportunity to meet teachers and students on a tour of the school

SIXTH FORM Tuesday 8th December 2015: 6:00 to 7:30pm
Presentations on Sixth Form life and a chance to talk to teachers and students about Post-16 options

FOCUS ON ... **art**

We are going to take a closer look at individual departments in our newsletter and as a Specialist Visual Arts Academy we thought it was appropriate to start with Art – other departments will be featured in future issues of the newsletter.



Art is very important at Heston and the Art Department has a key role in developing students' and teachers' creativity. Creativity is a key skill that helps students solve problems not only in other subjects at school but also in their lives generally. Our Super Learning Days will often be led by the Art Department where creativity combines with team work and organisation to produce, most recently, some amazing robots.

Primary schools that visit us also benefit from advice and guidance from Art teachers and students as well as having great fun in the state-of-the-art studios in the Hogarth Building.

Although the department's wider role is important the creations of our GCSE and 'A' level Art students illustrate how the department's main role produces some stunning work. The Art Exhibitions to showcase the examination work in Art, Graphics and Photography are outstanding and our visitors are constantly impressed by the students' skills and creativity – as illustrated on this page and there is more to see in the Galleries section of the school website.

Ms Helen Wyglendacz, Curriculum Leader for Visual Arts explains more about her team



(pictured below left) and how they work so effectively with students:

“The large Art team at Heston are a characterful, feisty and creative bunch who are really passionate about their subject. All the Art teachers are experienced practitioners who specialise in an area of expertise such as Photography, Graphics, Multi Media Design, Textiles, 3D Design, Painting, Ceramics or Animation. Most have considerable industry experience as well, so they understand how to apply visual literacy skills to modern life.

Part of our mission is to enlighten the wider school community about the vast array of careers that can be accessed through studying the Visual Arts. It is not, as our students discover, just about drawing and painting, but is a potential gateway to exciting careers in internet and games design, architecture, the fashion industry, film and TV production, advertising and marketing, interior design ... in fact over 200 related Creative Industry job roles start with Arts College training ... it's really not just about making pretty pictures!

We are proud of our relationship with the students, how they learn to express themselves creatively, the grades they attain and the pride and confidence they develop for their own work. This is commented upon year after year by the exam boards.” ■



MORE

**HCS NEWS
IN PICTURES**



DRAMA STUDENTS VISIT THE BRIT SCHOOL TO SEE A MUSICAL PRODUCTION



HESTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL HAD ART EXHIBITIONS, SONG & DANCE, MEHNDI AND FACE PAINTING



SCIENCE, ART, IT, FOOD & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TASTER SESSIONS WERE ENJOYED BY LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS



CONGRATULATIONS TO EX-HEAD BOY ASHISH – UCL'S TOP SCORING ORTHOPAEDIC SCIENCE STUDENT



YEAR 11 CELEBRATED FINISHING THEIR GCSE EXAMS IN STYLE AT THEIR PROM



£800 RAISED BY STUDENTS PLUS ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO AID NEPALESE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS



EASTER & SUMMER UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS AT LSE & ST GEORGE'S MEDICAL SCHOOL



YEAR 7 STUDENTS ARE GETTING ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT IN LITERACY FROM THEIR YEAR 10 MENTORS



'A' LEVEL ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENTS HEAR ABOUT ARCHITECTURE, CULTURE & RESEARCH AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM



FREE BREAKFASTS FOR YEARS 7 TO 11 PROVIDE A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL DAY ... AND HELPS LEARNING TOO!



SUPER LEARNING DAY – YEAR 9 CAREERS WORKSHOP INCLUDE ADVERTISING, ACCOUNTANCY, LAW & MEDICINE



A GREAT YEAR OF SPORT

Sports Day and the Sports Personality Awards Evening were a fitting end to an excellent year of sport at Heston.

Sports Day saw Year 7 to 10 students compete with enthusiasm and passion in track events from 40 metre sprints to the exhausting 800 metres as well as skipping and obstacle races and the tug of war. Competition was fierce on the day as it was in the week beforehand when students competed in the field events – Javelin, Shot Putt, Discus and Long Jump.

The PE Department were rewarded for the great job they did in organising all the events by winning the Staff Relay race!

Congratulations to all competitors particularly to overall winners Orange House.

The final scores were:

1ST	Orange	607 points
2ND	White	543 points
3RD	Red	532 points
4TH	Green	522 points
5TH	Blue	496 points
6TH	Purple	484 points
7TH	Yellow	449 points

Many of the athletes were recipients of awards presented at the annual **Sports Personality of the Year Awards** on Thursday 9th July.

Students accompanied by parents and friends heard of the achievements of individuals and teams in Basketball, Cricket, Football, Rugby and Rounders. Player of the Year and Most Improved Player

awards were made in each Year Group followed by an Overall Winner for each sport. Teachers outlined the reasons for the awards and in many cases explained just how difficult it had been to select the award winners due to the excellent performances of many of the students in sports teams that have performed particularly well throughout the year.

Asha Msaaba (pictured below with all the award winners), a former Heston student and England international basketball player, spoke about her time at Heston and her sporting career as well as congratulating all the winners.

Following Asha's speech, as the evening drew to a close, the final awards were presented for GCSE students of the year and to nine students for their "Outstanding Contribution to Physical Education".

Full details of all the award winners can be found in the News section of the school's website.

The final award was the Sports Personality

of the Year and the result was announced in reverse order ... in 3rd place – Sofia Javed ... in 2nd place – Aman Parmer ... and the winner was Year 10 student Bethany Mann. Bethany has been a key basketball player, reflected in her selection in the England U15 squad. She has also coached one of the school's junior teams.

We look forward to more sporting success next year. ■



YEAR 8 ROUNDERS TEAM – SEMI FINALISTS IN BOROUGH TOURNAMENT



YEAR 9 CRICKET TEAM WITH BOROUGH CHAMPIONS CUP AND MEDALS



STUDENTS PLAY AT TWICKENHAM AND MEET JASON LEONARD & MAGGIE ALPHONSI