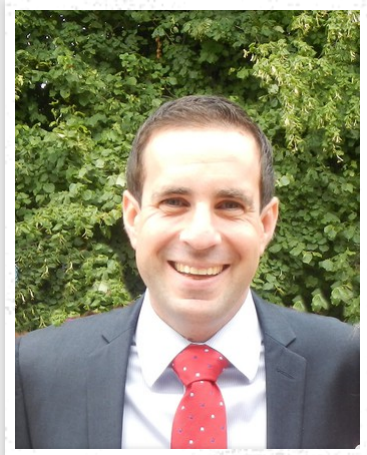


Headteacher's Newsletter

JUNE 2018

I'm delighted to be writing my final newsletter of a tremendous year at West Hatch. I am exceptionally proud to have been afforded the opportunity to lead the School, and I hope that everyone in our community is happy with the direction that we are travelling. I would like to thank all of the staff, pupils and of course our parents for their support this year. I would also like to make a special note of our Governing Body who are all so giving of their time, free of charge, and make such a difference to the School.



There have been a number of challenges over the course of my first year as Headteacher, not least our Ofsted Inspection where our pupils made such a positive impression on the Inspectors. Indeed in their report they wrote '*The School provides a calm and orderly learning environment and pupils have very positive attitudes towards their learning. At break and lunchtime we observed good behaviour and pupils of different ages, gender and race mixing harmoniously*'. This is exactly what I see every day and I'm pleased that the Team got the same impression of our School. If you have not seen our Inspection Report I would encourage you to do so and it can be found on the School's website.

I would like to thank those parents who attend our Parents Voice meetings, particularly those who will be leaving us this year as their children finish their studies at West Hatch. There are many things that have changed at the School for the better as a result of their support and input and all parents are very welcome to attend the meetings.

I hope you have enjoyed reading my newsletters over the course of the year. I particularly enjoy celebrating the successes of our pupils inside and outside of School and thank you to those parents who have sent us information for all of my newsletters this year. I'm sorry about the length of this newsletter particularly but we have so many wonderful achievements to share with you.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our pupils the best of luck with their exams this year, both public and internal. I know that pupils and staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure

they are as prepared as possible and I look forward to seeing parents and pupils on GCSE and A Level results days in the summer.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday once it arrives.

Daniel Leonard
Headteacher

SNACK SHACK COVER AND PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

For many years we have asked parents for voluntary contributions to the School and these contributions make a significant difference to our ability to go the extra mile for our pupils under increasing financial constraints laid down by the Government. The contribution we request is £50 per academic year and can be paid via Parent Pay, although any amount of money can be contributed below or above £50 and believe me every little helps!

Following on from feedback at Parents Voice, from now on we will be attempting to raise money via contributions and other activities for specific things and our first target is a cover for the snack shack area. In future Newsletters I will be showing a fund raising thermometer to show where we are towards our target of £70,000, which would provide a large cover for the snack shack area. The School will be working hard to raise money through other activities towards this total as well. If every family was able to make a £50 contribution per child we would have over £60,000 towards the cover immediately.

I understand that money is tight for many people and there is no pressure to make a contribution; I did however want to remind parents why we ask for one and the impact it can have on the School and their child's time at West Hatch. Below is an example from another School of what we wish to purchase.

Finally, I am aware that some companies do match funding for certain initiatives. If you are aware that your company does so or wouldn't mind asking, it would be very much appreciated by the School.



THANKING STAFF

We are very lucky to have such a fabulous staff body at West Hatch who very much care about our pupils. Many parents write to me to thank the staff for their efforts, particularly after examinations. I have therefore created a link that enables parents to thank staff quickly and easily and I will then get a copy of the note and pass it onto the member of staff once I have read it. If you would like to say thank you to any member of staff please follow the link below to the 'contact us' page on our website to do so.



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THE TARGET TEAM



**TARGET TEAM INCLUSION EVENT- DEBDEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 2018**

Members of the Target Team recently visited Debden Park High School to attend an Inclusion Event where we saw the West Hatch team win the Sports Event with 29 points .

The competition included archery, curling, boccia and lacrosse which is something new for the Target Team. West Hatch was able to play against other Essex Schools including St John's Epping, Debden Park and Davenant. The team was pleased to be able to compete against some of their rivals they have previously met at competitions throughout the year.

Max Scrivener; "I was so happy we got to go to this event as I managed to score a bullseye in the archery competition".

Louise Wynne; "I really enjoyed trying lacrosse as we have never played this before, it's hard to keep the ball in the racket and try and throw it at the same time!"

All team members agreed that this event really helped them work together as a team and has helped provide them with a boost in confidence.



Target team report May 18

Attached you can read the fantastic report created by Kody Clamp regarding the event.

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YEAR 13 AND 11 LEAVERS DAYS 2018





It was wonderful to be able to say a proper goodbye to our Year 13's and 11's during the last week of term and celebrate the different personalities and achievements within each year group. Once again our pupils were a credit to the School and I would like to wish our Year 13's the very best of luck for their futures and look forward to see many of our Year 11's back here in September, both preparing to start new chapters in their lives.

SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE

With topics ranging from feminism and animal cruelty to siblings and fashion; there was the usual eclectic mix of topics for the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge workshop.

On Tuesday 17th April, 26 Year 10 students took part in the workshop. Designed and delivered by The Speakers Trust, and supported and funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation, the "Speak Out" challenge has become an anticipated annual event at West Hatch.

Students spent the day learning the skills and techniques for public speaking, making the most of opportunities to put these into practice, before preparing a speech they were judged on at the end of the day.

With only about sixty minutes to prepare, all the students delivered a speech on a topic of their choice. They were judged on their content, delivery and structure, and four students were selected to go through to the School's Final: Kiera Carroll, Amy Fitch, Imogen Stephens and Denys Nunez.

Rebecca Wallis and Robert Allen both received a Special Commendation certificate, in recognition of the quality of their speech, improvement and overcoming nerves.

From the final four, Kiera Carroll was selected to take part in the regional final on Thursday 10th May, at which she performed extremely well and was commended by the judges for her presentation.



BOOK RECYCLING

With many of our pupils finishing their course this year Parents Voice have asked if we could hold a book recycling box within reception. If your children have finished with textbooks they have bought or revision guides, we would very much appreciate you

bringing them into School where we would recycle them to others on your behalf. The box will be available from next week should you wish to donate any books.



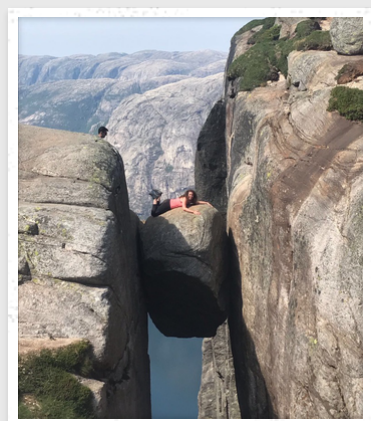
SAM MCCARTHY'S FANTASTIC FUND RAISING

Sam McCarthy (Yr.11), has been raising money for his World Challenge trip to Zambia by various means including growing his hair. Sam has done so well that he has already exceeded his target and will now donate all additional money raised to Haven House, as it is his local charity and he believes it is a great cause. Sam has already raised over £2,000 for the hospice. Well done Sam a fantastic achievement.

CHIGWELL ROW BUS

I'm delighted to say that the Parish Council have been working hard to provide a hop on and off, free bus service that will cover Chigwell Row and West Hatch. Plans are still in their infancy and I will update parents with any further news but a real positive for our parents living in that area.

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



It's not only our pupils who are willing to challenge themselves and raise money for charity. Mrs Minister and Miss Lowry recently travelled to Stavanger in Norway to hike Pulpit Rock and Kjerag (1,000m high Norwegian Fjord). Mrs Minister will also be jumping out of an aeroplane in the next few weeks in order to raise money for the National Brain appeal; she has to date raised £1795 for this great cause.

Not to be outdone, Miss Lowry recently completed the London Marathon in the sweltering heat. Miss Lowry raised £1800 for Barnardos, another fantastic charity. I'd like to congratulate both members of staff on fabulous achievements. Should you wish to donate to their worthy causes please follow the links below:

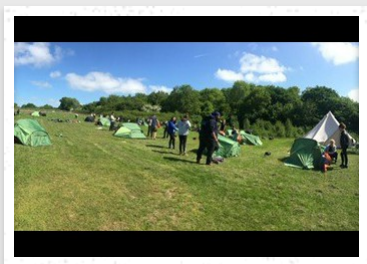
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<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/niamh-lowry>



YEAR 10 EXPEDITION

Well done to all of our Year 10's who participated in the Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition in May. The real ones coming up, let's hope the weather is as beautiful as it was during the practice.



PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

I have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding our 6th Form students and our parents parking and driving outside the School, most notably three point turns around the area. Could I please remind pupils and parents that they need to respect our local residents and ask them to adhere to the Schools commitment to working with our local community.

3 PEAKS CHALLENGE FOR MACMILLAN

Both Katie Springate and Freya Wood in Year 9 completed the 3 peaks challenge over the half term break. The challenge took 6 days and they were only £36 away from their £3,000 target. A fabulous achievement and we are very proud of both young ladies.



Congratulations to Katie Springate and Freya Wood, who completed the 3 peaks challenge over half term and raised funds for Macmillan

JACK PETCHEY AWARDS



MAX HOLMES (YR.11)

For helping Mrs Bendall during an Open Evening and being a positive role model for other students



BEN RICHARDS (YR.7)

For his involvement and commitment to Sports; especially captaining teams and supporting other players



FRANKIE SARNA (YR.11)

For his work ethic and for supporting younger students during Form with their homework for a variety of subjects.



KODY CLAMP (YR.8)

For his commitment to his lessons and improvement with his attitude and focus. Kody has really settled in to life at West Hatch and is a welcomed addition to the West Hatch family



SONYA EMIN (YR.9)

For supporting another student and being an excellent role model

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent events

Thursday 21st June - Lower School Awards Evening (Yr.8 at 6pm/Yr.9 at 7.30pm)
 Wednesday 27th June- Parents Voice meeting (7pm)
 Monday 2nd July (TBC) - Upper School Awards Evening (Yr.11 and Yr.13)
 Tuesday 3rd July - Year 12 Charity Dance event (approximately 7pm)
 Saturday 7th July - Year 7 Graduation Day (12 - 3pm)
 Tuesday 10th July - Summer Concert - (7-8.30pm)
 Thursday 12th July - Sports Awards evening (approx 7pm)

School early closing

Tuesday 26th June - 13:25 (CPD afternoon)
 Friday 6th July - 12:15 (preparation for Graduation Day)
 Friday 20th July 13:25 (Last day of term)

Pupil only events

Thursday 7th - 8th June - Geography Field Trip (Year 9/10)
 Monday 11th - 12th June - Duke of Edinburgh Award
 Monday 25th June - Yr.12 Induction day (for current Yr11)
 Tuesday 26th June - 29th June - Year 8/9 Languages trip to Spain
 Thursday 28th June - Yr.10 Mock Interviews
 Monday 2nd July - Yr.12 Futures day
 Wednesday 4th July - Yr.11 Prom - Woolston Manor

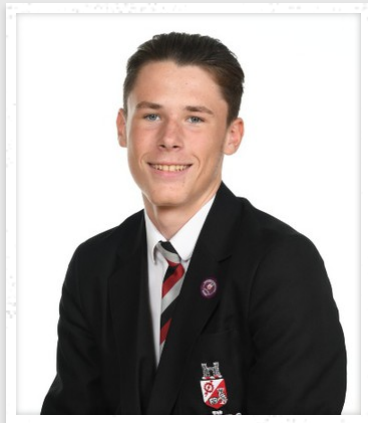
Thursday 5th July - Yr. 10 Sixth Form Taster day
Monday 9th July - Yr.10 Work Experience (2 weeks)
Monday 16th July - Yr.12 work shadowing (1 week)
Thursday 19th July - Sports Day

AND FINALLY FROM ME....

Once again thank you for your support this year. Please remember we have two CPD days at the start of September due to the expansion so that we can ensure the School is ready for our pupils. The new Year 7 will therefore start on Wednesday 5th September and the rest of the School at the normal time on Thursday 6th September. Good luck to those families whose children are sitting external examinations this summer and to those who are leaving us. We wish you the very best of luck in the future and please stay in touch!

Please see below for our pupils' achievements.

OUR PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Callum McEvoy and his West Hatch friends Callum Glanville & Charlie Tremayne all in Year 9 have been playing football for Essex County School's Football Association this season. They all worked so hard and made it through to the County Cup Final, which was held at Harlow Town FC. Unfortunately they lost 2-1 to Surrey due to an atrocious penalty decision made by the referee but both their families and the School are very proud of them. Well done boys.



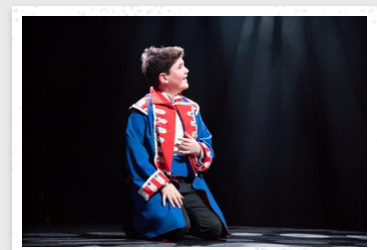
George Clark (Yr.8) of Brunel House has been awarded the Jack Petchey Award for his volunteering services at a community kids club called Frantics. The award ceremony was held on Sunday 20th May 2018 where George was presented with his award. Well done George.

Ornela Brahaj (Yr.7) in Austen House participated with her girls football team AFC Leyton in a tournament and the team came runners up after being narrowly beaten by 1 point. Ornela was nominated and won the golden ball at the tournament for her football skills. She was presented with the golden ball by former Liverpool/Spurs and Fulham player Danny Murphy and former England Women's International player Sue Smith. Ornela won the award as a result of her ability to go round four players from the opposition, and then with her super speed ran past the goalkeeper to score for her team.



Congratulations to Mason Noble Williams (Yr.10) who plays rugby for the School and for Wansted RfC. Mason has just been selected for the u16 Essex/Saracens Rugby team which he will start in September.

Joshua Lord (Yr.8) performed at The O2 this May. He sang two solo songs in the show to more than 1000 members of the audience. The show is a huge variety show which includes talent from all over the country. He was absolutely amazing and wowed the 1000 strong audience, singing Bring Him Home from Les Miserables and A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman. Clearly a young man with a very bright future. Well Done Joshua.





Congratulations to Tallulah Fontenelle (Yr. 11) and Arjun Kuhaendran (Yr. 10), who have both been elected to the Epping Forest Youth Council.



I was delighted to hear that Jazz Winter (Yr. 10) has been giving up her free time to volunteer at the Redbridge food bank in Ilford. This is a really worthy cause Jazz and a wonderful thing that you are doing.

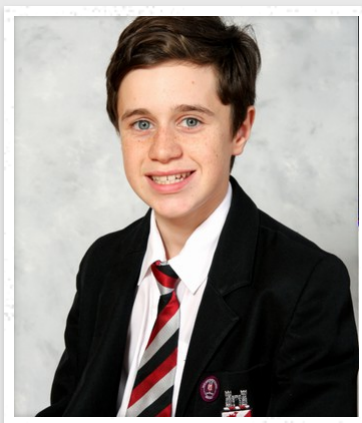
Congratulations to Matthew Lewis and Zak Bowyer both in Year 11, on being part of the U16 Hockey team who were crowned Winners of the Mercian League 2017/18. The boys were also part of the team to get to the National Indoor and National Outdoor Championships.

Zak has also been selected to be part of the Ball Patrol Team at the Vitality Women's Hockey World Cup, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, taking place on the 21st July to the 5th August 2018. This is the biggest International Hockey event in the calendar, alongside the Olympic Games, and it is the first time England have hosted this prestigious tournament. This is the only volunteer role for U18's at the Vitality Women's World Cup, and it is one that carries a big responsibility. We hope it's a fabulous experience for Zak.

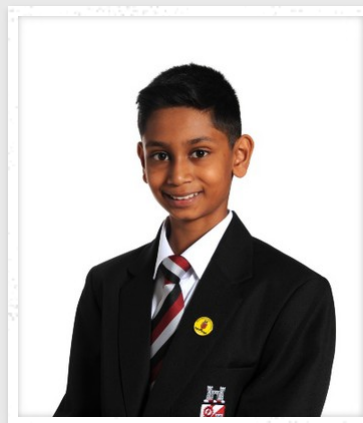




Congratulations to Aaron Gelkoff (Yr. 7), who I have had the pleasure of mentioning in a number of my newsletters, who played Lee Carter in the Musical Son of Rainbow. I'm sure we'll be seeing a lot more of you in future newsletters Aaron.



Well done to Venice Goldstein (Yr. 10) who recently received a Jack Petchey Award for public speaking.



Well done to Tristen Patel (Yr. 7) who recently passed his Grade 2 in piano. Tristen is also currently in training to become a black belt for Wing Chun. It's a martial art that he enjoys and has practised since he was 4 years old.



It was lovely to hear about Sophie Williams (Yr 7) who recently attended a private family function to celebrate Jamaica's sporting success, where she met the Jamaican Prime Minister, Andrew Holness and the First Lady Juliet Holness. They discussed education and Sophie told him she attends a fantastic School! We're glad you think so Sophie.

AND FINALLY...

You may remember me publishing an item in one of my earlier Newsletters, about a former pupil Akwasi Yeboah, who has a scholarship to play basketball in America competing in Division 1 Basketball at Stony Brook University. I am delighted to provide a link below to a feature piece on Akwasi, written by another former pupil, Benedite Pambani, for his Sports PR & Journalism final assessment.



Benedite Pambani Sports Feature Piece.docx

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Once again thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter and particular thanks to all of those parents that have allowed us to celebrate their child's successes.

