



## Year 9 Live-In-History Latin Day

On Tuesday, 30th January, 50 Year 9 pupils enjoyed a morning learning about how the Romans lived. The morning was split into three sessions: "**The Roman Army**", "**Gladiators**" and "**The Celts in Britain**". It was very informative and enjoyable. The first part of the morning focussed on the Roman army and the Celts in Britain. Legionary Paulinus told us how the army was split into auxiliaries and legionaries. The auxiliaries were less well equipped and usually sent into battle first. The legionaries had better equipment, including a large helmet and half body armour. We handled a lot of interesting artefacts including spoons, pots and even some medicines.

After break, we learned about gladiators - mostly about the 'hoplomachus', who had a small shield and sword but a large spear. We then took part in demonstration fights with rubber weapons. This went down very well. For the final part of the morning, we returned to the Roman army, this time focussing on strategies. The most important aspect of fighting in the Roman army was that it used strong teamwork to defeat large numbers of disorganised enemies. At the end, we went outside to practise throwing Roman and Celtic spears - with mixed results!

*Robert Pitt 9BSP*

## STAY AWAKE ALL NIGHT - photo on front page

9th February 2007. It's 8.00pm and the Gristwood Centre is preparing to host the most unique social/educational event ever to take place within its walls. In preparation for a new unit in **AS-Level Psychology** concentrating on sleep and dreams, 6th form students studying the subject (as well as some who aren't) are gathering inside to take part in a stay-awake. That's an entire night of sleep deprivation, in school, on a Friday, with eleven hours to kill!

The gym is set up with table tennis, badminton, basketball and football in an initial attempt to keep us entertained. One student has even brought weights, with them. The crash mats are used to race one another by sliding as far as possible across the floor on them, with even Miss Coombs and Miss Sabbagh, getting in on the act: they're not very good at it though!

We take a simple memory test at 10.00pm before a film is set up and Mr Kalirai arrives to play poker with the gamblers of the group. Midnight sees the celebration of a student's birthday and chocolate cake, followed by a game of dodge ball. But by 2.00am things are quietening down, with the lack of sleep beginning to take its toll on everyone. Another film provides the teachers with the perfect opportunity to cheat. **Miss Sabbagh falls asleep (although later she refuses to admit it.)** The remainder of the early hours is spent either 'resting' or attempting to stay awake, mainly by making as much noise as possible and having fights with foam rockets. At 6.00am we are forced to take another two memory tests. The results are supposed to prove that with sleep deprivation deteriorates, and yet together we score 95% correct answers.

As 7.00am arrives there is a universal sigh of relief as we are freed from the gym and make our way outside to the cars waiting to take us home to bed zzzzzzzzz..... We won't be doing that again in a hurry, but at least it was an experience..

*Marietta Longley*

## George Doel Wins Second Place in Harrow Borough 'Speak Out' Challenge

On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006 George McKerracher and George Doel represented Nower Hill in the Jack Petchey '**Speak Out**' Challenge Harrow Borough Final. George and George began preparing for the event two months in advance. They attended a professional speakers workshop and then diligently embarked on writing, editing and rehearsing in preparation for the big day. Both speakers even braved a 'dry run' performance in a school assembly.

The final took place at Sacred Heart, where our two lads competed against the top Year 10 speakers from all the Harrow borough state schools. It was an evening comprised of 16 high calibre speeches, both in content and delivery. On the night George Doel's controversial speech on capital punishment, entitled 'A Life For A Life', was delivered with well measured pace, clarity and an assured sense of conviction. 'Food For Thought', George McKerracher's 3-minute tirade against the evils of junk food was forceful and arresting.

First place went to Julia Bush from Whitmore High School. George Doel deservedly won second place and was awarded an iPod Nano. Congratulations George and George on two sterling performances! Perhaps one of our present Year 9 pupils will take first place this coming December!



## 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM NEWS - It has been an eventful half term for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form at Nower Hill!

January saw our AS students sit their first AS module exams, just 6 months after the poor things had finished their GCSE's! They're a tough bunch though, and they all agreed it was good to get an idea of what's ahead in the summer...they were still smiling as they left the exam hall. We were also lucky enough in January to have a presentation from **Action Against Hunger**, the charity that the 6<sup>th</sup> Form have decided to support this year. They run treatment and feeding centres in developing countries around the world. Our charity prefects Krishnan Patel, Lily Tozzi and Ravi Grewal, were delighted to present AAH with a cheque for over £300.

The very beginning of February saw our first Harrow 6<sup>th</sup> Form Collegiate social event, 'Konverse'. It was a great success, largely due to the sterling efforts of our Head Prefects, Charles de Lord and Khiloni Jobanputra, ably backed by the prefects social committee. Students from the 6 High Schools within the collegiate enjoyed our evening of energetic dancing and socialising.

This month we sent a group of aspiring students to visit **Oxford University**. This gave them a chance to look around the University, learn more about the admissions process and to chat with Oxford Undergraduates. They enjoyed lunch in one of the Halls, plus had a little spare time to wander around Oxford making their way home through the snowy countryside.

*Mrs Voden- Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form*

## LETTINGS - Are you planning a Party, Quiz Night or having a special celebration?

Do you belong to a club or association that needs a regular meeting place? Have you ever thought of using Nower Hill? Why not book our Main Hall or our other facilities? It's local, there is plenty of parking **AND** you would be supporting the school!

**Please phone Jane Wilkinson on 020-8861-0101 for further details.**

## Write Lines Poetry Performance and Workshops

At the end of last term a group of pupils from Year 8 to 11 were selected to participate in an innovative project organised by Harrow Council in conjunction with Nower Hill High School, Weald Middle School and Bentley Wood High School for Girls. The project involved well-known published poets working with these pupils in the schools chosen to craft their own poetry and to compose group pieces together.

Nower Hill was fortunate to have the experience and wisdom of poet Jacob Sam Le Rose, once an MC in South London, over a five-week period. Over these five weeks the pupils worked for two hours after school on Wednesday and Friday evenings learning the skill of writing poetry and, just as importantly, developing their skills as performers. The theme of the poetry was 'Identity' and the work that the pupils produced was of an exceptionally high standard. The culmination of the workshops took place on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Harrow Arts Centre in Hatch End, where the young poets performed their pieces in front of a one hundred strong crowd. The event was hosted by Charlie Dark, and entertainment was provided by DJ Zak and an Urban Magician.

This term the same pupils have taken on the role of Poet Coaches themselves and have worked with some Year eight and nine pupils from the **Gifted and Talented Creative Writing Club**, formulating poetry based on animal testing which will be entered into an external competition run by '**Poetry In Print**'. Kaya and Ben are currently seeking funding from the Pinner Cluster to set up regular poetry workshops, which will be run by pupils, teachers and guest poets. This is an opportunity that will be open to all abilities, the only requirement being an interest in poetry and the spoken word.

If any of this sounds like something you could be interested in see Miss Sharman in E6 who will explain more. Better yet, the English Department are already seeking new recruits for 2007's Write Lines Project so make your voice heard get involved. Candidates from Years 8-12 are welcome, any ability, just bring with you enthusiasm, originality and a loud voice!

## GERMAN TRIP to BERLIN DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>

An intrepid group of Year 8s, 9s and 10s accompanied Mrs Jani, Mr Mason and me on a trip to Berlin before Christmas. We chose this time of year to have the opportunity to visit the famous German Christmas Markets. The Germans certainly know how to put on Christmas and the array of wares on sale at the numerous markets was phenomenal. We were all really impressed.

We enjoyed beautiful weather, cold but dry, and were able to take in the sights of the city both on foot and by train. All the pupils were impressed by the amazing Berlin architecture – a lot of building work has taken place since the reunification in 1989.

We covered a lot in four days: within our itinerary were visits to the impressive Berlin Zoo, the thought provoking Jewish Museum, the awesome Brandenburg Gate and the fascinating museum at the famous Checkpoint Charlie where we learnt about the Cold War and the famous Berlin Wall. We even fitted in a very swift visit to 'Starbucks'!! The last day saw us ascending the tallest tower in Berlin – the TV tower - and taking in the sights of Berlin from the top This was followed by a surprise visit to the Berlin Aquarium where we took a ride up inside the biggest free standing fish tank in the world! Amazing! A big thanks to all the lovely participants – it wouldn't have been so good without you. Also thanks to Mr M and Mrs J for all their help with the organisation.

We had lots of very tired pupils on the return flight.  
A job well done!

*Mrs Mason*

## Revision? Homework?

Don't forget that the School Library/Learning Resources Centre is open each day from 8am until 5pm (except Friday, early closing 4pm.) All are welcome to make use of the facilities, including the computers, on a first come, first served basis. There are plenty of resources available to assist you with homework and revision.

Also please visit **Nower Hill's Revision Zone** on our school website. Here is the link:-


[http://www.nowerhill.org.uk/revision\\_zone.htm](http://www.nowerhill.org.uk/revision_zone.htm)

## Year 10 Trip to Northwood Synagogue

Miss Craft's GCSE Religious Studies class visited the local synagogue on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, as part of a memorial service for the Jewish people who died in the Holocaust. Firstly, a Holocaust survivor called George delivered a speech. He had lived in Austria and was aged seventy-seven years old. He told us about his experiences and how he felt when he found out that his loved ones were killed. George told us about how his parents had informed him about their departure from Austria due to the political unrest in the country. Listening to George, made me realise how anxious, frightened and alone all the Jewish race must have been feeling at that time, not knowing what the future held for them. After George's speech, we had a short break, which included refreshments. We then returned to the hall to watch a short film about how the Holocaust affected people's lives. The film also displayed how the local communities helped the Jewish people.


Finally, we had a discussion about our views on the Holocaust. Our group leader Ben led this discussion. At the end, we lit candles in memory of the Jewish people that lost their lives.

*BY SAIRA HUSSEIN 10SMN*



**YONG IN UNIVERSITY**

Master JOON. S. PARK -  
Graduated at **YONG IN Tae Kwon Do University**, who has an experience of teaching for 20 years.  
This includes being an instructor for national military and police, and currently an international referee and member of the Asian Association of Technical Committee.  
(7<sup>th</sup> black belt)



### JOON'S TAE KWON DO ACADEMY (W.T.F)

Classes held at Nower Hill High School  
(Upstairs Gym)  
George V Avenue  
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Beginner's class starting from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 07  
Every Saturday 09.00- 10.00 am  
Thursday 19.00-20.00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> session 50%  
(Discount, if you book in advance 75%)

Instructor JEYANDRAN  
Specially trained by him in South Korea  
Contact no: **0788 68 38721**

**ALL AGES AND EXPERIENCE WELCOME!!!**  
(For enrolment please arrive 15 min's early)

## DANCE

MONDAYS 3.30- 4.30PM

### **Bollywood Dance Club** (in the GYM)

All welcome (boys and girls) no previous experience of Bollywood dance required.  
Yr 12 Dance Leaders 4.30-5.45pm (in the Hall) full P.E. Kit needed.

### **BOLLYWOOD EVENING** March 24<sup>th</sup>

We hope to audition for this evening on Wednesday after half-term. Tickets available after half-term – remember we sold out very quickly last year.

## NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS - A DOUBLE BILLED PRODUCTION

*Masque of the Red Death* by Edgar Allan Poe  
&

*Revolution* by Frank White

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007**

**7pm**

**In the Main Hall**

George V Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex. - Telephone 020 8863 0877

[www.nowerhill.org.uk](http://www.nowerhill.org.uk)

*Tickets:- Pupils £1*

*Parents £4*

*Concessions £2*

### **INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE**

89 Year 10 and 11 pupils were involved in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. All pupils were positive after the challenge; Look out for the results in the next issue of Nower Hill News.

## **Logic Puzzle**

### **Inter-tutor group competition**

Last half-terms competition saw an excellent response from form group, the winners in each year group were: 8MRE with 35 points, 9LNG with 34 points, 10SAB with 37 points, 11JIP with 21 points and 12 MJ with 33 points. This half-terms competition has been even more competitive with form groups trying to beat the winners from last term.

**Try these puzzles to see how you would get on!** →

### **ENTERPRISE COMPANY**

A new company under Enterprise will commence business after February Half Term. It will be a car wash company providing an excellent service to all staff. The service they are keen to provide initially is the washing of staff cars, and topping up washer holders with a superb screen wash. Please support these budding entrepreneurs on their new venture and look out for the posters for prices etc. promoting the car wash business.

*Mr Kalirai*

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS RAFFLE- The profit for the last school raffle was £462.17**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize was a TV won by Mr Savalingham, 2<sup>nd</sup> was a hamper that went to 'P. Dixit', and 3<sup>rd</sup> was £50 shopping vouchers that were won by Mr Rajendran. We were able to upgrade the £30 cash prize thanks to the generosity of Asha and her company who kindly donated this prize.

Many thanks to **Alexander Watson** for their continued generosity with the main prize, and to all those who made contributions to the contents of the hamper.


### **SCIENCE LECTURES AND DISNEY TRIP TO PARIS**

On Tuesday 24th January, 50 Nower Hill pupils and 4 members of staff set out at 5.30am on the one day that it snowed, the purpose: educational, the destination: Paris, Disneyland. After a lengthy 8-hour coach ride the famous tower came into view and the Disney fever began.


Once settled into the luxurious rooms, including television, en suite bathroom and comfy beds it was off to the first lecture: climate change. Along with other schools, we sat through the barrage of information and left feeling like scientists ourselves. The second lecture contained ideas on how the world was to end, in chronological order, we will drown, burn, suffocate and then be blown up by the sun leaving us a little optimistic in which death we should choose. The third lecture, being the most creative, compelled us to wonder about the genetics of the world, origins of disease and the future in genetics.

Although the lectures were great, they could not beat the Disney magic that almost everyone caved into. Rides were continuously boarded, characters were swarmed and souvenir shops left timeless as Nower Hill departed on the Friday. On the whole the trip was a great success, both educationally and as a vacation. On behalf of the whole group I would like to greatly thank Ms Jeans, Ms Rhodes, Ms Abbots and Mr Patel for organising and making the trip all the more enjoyable.  
*Science student.*


### Logic Puzzle




If the letter "a" costs 1p, "b" costs 2p and so on, "z" costs 26p, can you find a word that cost 50p? One point will be awarded for each correct word! Good Luck!



### Logic Puzzle



Adam said Dan did it, Dan said Ben did it, Ben said Chris did it, Chris said he didn't do it and Emma confessed that she did do it. If Adam didn't do it, one of the 5 did do it and if only one of them is telling the truth, who did it?



### **EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS REQUIRED** - £8.50 an hour

We need to find more assistant invigilators to add to our already established team to invigilate public and mock examinations at KS3 and GCSE level.

Invigilators are employed on an as and when basis at various times of the year.

The position would be ideally suited to reliable, responsible individuals who must be vigilant and be a figure of authority.

*Application by letter and accompanying CV should be sent to:-*

**Mrs. Veronique Sterno, Asst.  
Headteacher/Examinations Manager.**  
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## From the Headteacher

Parents and carers will be aware that we survey your opinions on Nower Hill on an annual basis. We have the outcomes of our recent survey of Year 8 parents/carers and the messages are very pleasing and encouraging.

We asked the following questions:

- Has your child settled happily at school?
- Is your child making good progress?
- Is homework regularly set?
- Are you happy with the quality of teaching?
- Is Nower Hill High School a safe community?
- Is communication good between home and school?

All results were above 90% in agreement. We are pleased and encouraged by each of these outcomes but perhaps a special mention re the final question that we asked. We strive to ensure that our 'home-school' communications are as good as they can be. This is not an easy task given the size of the school and it is very heartening that such a high percentage of Y8 parents/carers believe that communications are good.

On a completely different note, I want to add my congratulations to Dami Olatuyi and Risha Khagram our two Y9 pupils who have been elected as the Harrow representatives to the National Youth Parliament. Dami and Risha were voted in ahead of a field of candidates from other schools in Harrow. We are very proud of their achievement. The whole process is an excellent example of active citizenship being alive and very healthy at Nower Hill.

**Howard Freed**



## SNOW MUCH FUN

Light snow at school three weeks ago didn't compare to last Thursday's snowfalls, which led to many schools deciding to close for one day. Up to 15cm (6in) were recorded in some places. More than 600 schools closed, and there was widespread disruption on the roads.

*Have a relaxing half-term, and I hope you are all looking forward to the splendid photographs in the next issue of this news from the Year 11 Ball.*  
From the Editor.



## As an Arts College, Nower Hill has been asked to present a 'Festival of the Arts' for the Pinner community.

There will be exhibitions and performances by pupils from Nower Hill. This will take place at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Lane, in Pinner on the following dates:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Drama – 'Revolution' by Frank White
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Music – Concert Band and Ensembles
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Media Presentation & Photography
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Dance – 'Aliens'

A Visual Art display will be in place throughout the week.

**TICKETS £5 PER EVENT** - Details for the purchase of tickets will follow.

Please take this opportunity to support our talented young people as they reach out and impress an even wider community audience.

**Mrs M Chappell, Arts College Coordinator**

## Photo below – YEAR'S 8, 9 & 10 GERMAN TRIP TO BERLIN – Report inside...



## CONGRATULATIONS

to Dami Olatuyi & Risha Khagram - our two Y9 pupils who have been elected as the Harrow representatives to the National Youth Parliament.



## AS-Level Psychology students

celebrate Aarabi's birthday at a 'STAY AWAKE' experiment at school – report inside....



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