



## HIDDEN HEROES: SOLDIERS OF THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION

The History Department has been running a special pop-up exhibition *Hidden Heroes* this week in the Learning Resource Centre. The exhibition is an oral history project; Heritage Lottery funded, by Eastside Community Heritage and Middlesex University. The pop-up ties in with a more extensive exhibition running until March at the Bruce Castle Museum in Tottenham. *Hidden Heroes* records the previously untold tales of soldiers from the Empire, including those from the Caribbean, parts of Africa, India and even parts of the Far East. Some came to London to join British regiments although they were not always welcome. They fought for the British Empire in the First World War and many gave their lives. Students from Middlesex University and volunteers collected stories and memories from relatives of these soldiers using oral history and these have been reproduced on the exhibition panels.

William Ellis boys have been visiting the exhibition this week during History lessons and completing activities based on these oral histories. We are pleased to be the second school hosting this exhibition - a fitting way of commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme this year.

## School Canteen



Our thanks to the parents who have let us know that they would like to visit the canteen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am-12pm and join in an initial discussion with the school, our catering manager and school catering advisor regarding the provision of healthy food in school and prior to a meeting for all parents to be arranged for an evening later in the term. We will be in touch shortly. If any more parents are interested in being involved please phone the school office or email: [admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk) by the end of this week.

## Honours for Jack Petchey

The school has just received £1500 in awards that some of our students received from the Jack Petchey foundation last term. He was awarded a knighthood in the New Year's Honours!

## Ex Student in War and Peace

News has been received that ex-student, Thomas Arnold is appearing in the current TV production of War and Peace, playing Vassily Denisov. He attended RADA after WES and LaSWAP and has appeared in many film, TV and theatre productions.

## Sporting Event this Week



### Y10 Football v Highbury Grove on Tuesday

WES boys lost 4:3 but their resilience was outstanding, coming back for 2:0 down, to winning the game 3:2 through the most of 2<sup>nd</sup> half, and after Highbury Grove managed to equalise our boys conceded last goal in last 2 minutes of game. Overall, very good game and Mr Szymanski felt the boys performed very well.



## Message from School Office

**Lost property:** Further to our message last week, this is a photo of our basket of lost coats.



It will be in reception next week. Please do encourage your sons to come and have a look for any lost coats/rain macs at lunchtimes or after school.

**Contacting School:** Although we are happy to answer any enquiries from parents and take messages for teachers, please remember that teachers are not available during the school day as they are busy teaching (including Heads of Year) so please don't pop in without an

appointment expecting to see a teacher or telephone requesting to speak to a teacher immediately. We can take a message and ask them to call you back at the end of the school day, or for them to arrange a meeting with you when they are available.

**Term dates Next Year:** These have now been posted on the school website.

**Office hours: 8am-4.30pm**

## Next week

**Monday – Thursday** – Breakfast Club: 8am, Homework Club: 3.15pm, with City Year

**Monday** – KS3 Trip to National Gallery: All day, Year 11 Action Tutoring/Tree of Life Workshops: 3.15pm

**Tuesday** – Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly for Year 9 and 10 with Chief Rabbi and Holocaust survivor: 8.35am. WESPA Meeting: 6pm

**Wednesday** – (Holocaust Memorial Day) Year 12 Biology to London Zoo: All Day. **All boys will be dismissed at 1.10pm and should be off site by 1.45pm for Staff Training.**

## DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM	<b>JANUARY</b>	
	Early Closure for students (Staff Training)	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January from 1.10pm
	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
	Performance Platform, Informal Concert*	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb – 4pm
	Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 4.30pm
	Year 13 Parents' Evening	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 6.00pm (ABS)
	<b>Half-term break (15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February)</b>	
	Year 8 and 9 French/History Trip to Normandy	23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> February
	<b>MARCH</b>	
	LaSWAP admissions interviews	Various dates
	Year 12 & Year 13 Mock Exams	w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar
	Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 4.30pm
	Year 9 Music Concert with James Redwood	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – time tbc
	Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 4.30pm
Spring Concert	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar* – 6.00pm	
	* new listing	
	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY (25<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April)</b> GCSE Easter Revision Classes Ski Trip, China Trip	