## Heron Hall Newsletter

# Autumn Term 2019

### **Holocaust Survivor Visit**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December Heron Hall welcomed a very special guest visitor to the school. Holocaust survivor Arek Hersh came in to speak to the Year 8, 10 and 11 students about his experiences and answer their questions. The students were so enthralled by his speech that he sold out of his book in the library at lunch time and had to take orders for after Christmas.



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### **Careers Fairs**

Heron Hall has had two Career Fairs this half term which have helped to put the students in Year 9, 10 and 11 in touch with jobs, colleges and placements from across the borough. After Christmas students from Year 8 will also get the opportunity to build on their careers meetings this half term with a careers fair for them before they pick their options.

### **Trips and Visits**

Mr Lee ran a hugely successful trip to Oxford University with a number of Year 10 students who have formed part of the "Brilliant Club" at Heron Hall. This has been an opportunity to develop their writing, listening, debating and thinking skills with an Oxford PHD tutor as well as see the university itself.

Madam Nelson took the Year 8 girls on a STEM Trip where they were able to win the Robotics Competition. They programmed a robot to go round a course in the quickest time of 2 minutes and 33 seconds.





### **Student Take Over Day**

In November students
were given the
opportunity to take
over the school and
help run it for a day. It
was great to see the
potential in students
across KS3.

### **Millionaire Readers**

Well done to Hamza
Yusuf in Year 7 who was
awarded our first
Millionaire Reader
award of the Year. So
far students in Year 7, 8
and 9 have read over 20
million words.



### **Key Dates for Next Half Term**

**7**<sup>th</sup> **January 2020** – The first day back at Heron Hall after Christmas. Please be aware that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is an inset day and students are not expected to attend.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 8 Careers Fair to look at the jobs and colleges on offer and make informed GCSE choices.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 8 Options Evening for students to investigate the GCSE subjects they can study at

Heron Hall.

Thursday 13th February – Year 11 Parents Evening