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HERON HALL ACADEMY



What's abuzz at Alexandra Palace?

Students were enchanted upon their visit to Alexandra Palace in celebration of the annual Biblio-buzz extravaganza. The event was part of a series of workshops, online challenges and performances that are on offer in the lead up to the book awards finale. Biblio-buzz is run by Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust and aims to inspire a love of reading and writing through a series of literary challenges, with the help of six professional authors.



Heron Hall have has been successfully nurturing a culture of reading for both learning and recreation amongst our pupils through the accelerated reader programme, and so students were ecstatic to attend this renowned event.

Inter-form reading competition

Spring Term winners: 7A & 8I.

- ★ Top 3 readers in 7A are; Darasimi, Kacie & Ayaan.
- ★ Top 3 readers in 8I are; Petra, Xacha & Kacey.

Reading is beneficial to everyone and we encourage all pupils, staff, parents, and carers to read for pleasure. Some of the benefits include: increasing vocabulary, aiding in sleep readiness and reducing stress.

Top Tips for Exam Success

In the run up to 2023 Summer exams, we will be offering students weekly tips to support their journey to success.

Tip #1: Study past exam papers

Looking over past exam papers is a classic GCSE and A-level revision tip. By taking the time to look over past exam and specimen papers, you'll be able to read between the lines better understand what it being asked. It helps in two ways:

- It gets you used to the layout of the exam.
- It familiarises you with the wording of the questions.



Club Spotlight



Origami Club

This term, Madam Lin has led the Origami club in their mission to create 1000 origami cranes, known as a senbazuru. The folded crane is one of the best-known designs of origami, the Japanese art of paper-folding. It represents an auspicious bird: the Japanese red-crowned crane, which, as legend has it, lives for a thousand years. It symbolizes honor, good

fortune, loyalty, and longevity. These formidable characteristics give the crane such special meaning and why the Japanese believed that anyone with the patience and commitment to fold 1,000 origami cranes would be given good fortune and granted a wish. We look forward to displaying these delicate creations at our Culture Evening Event later this year.



Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

This half term, we were profoundly affected by the catastrophic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Heron Hall joined with others within our community by responding to the urgent appeals striving to help those affected by the situation. We want to thank phenomenal students, staff and parents who have been involved in raising funds to contribute in the appeals. Some of the activities we held were;



A bake sale



Throw-a-pie-day



Wear your flags day



Raffle



Ticket sales from our Drama production of Moana Jr.

Notice - Exam Period

GCSE Exam Period 2023

GCSE exams this Summer will start on Monday 15th May and finish on Wednesday 21st June. Non-exam assessment components such as modern foreign language speaking tests and practicals begin before this period, and students timetables will vary for these components.

Notices to Students

Home-Learning Term 5

Research shows that commitment to home learning can accelerate your school progress by an average of 5 months! Assignments for next half term are now published on the school website. For access to a quiet space and resources to complete your assignments, come to Home Learning Club; Monday & Wednesdays 3:30-4:30