

# WEST HATCH HIGH SCHOOL E-NEWSLETTER

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***MEET THE HEAD*** - *Welcome to the first edition of our online newsletter.*



We will publish an edition every half term to celebrate the academic achievements and wide-ranging successes of our school community. We hope you find it of interest.

The e-newsletter contains links to our news releases and gives you access to audio interviews and video clips.

We will continue to provide regular media releases, and publish our 'Hatching Out' supplements in the Epping Forest Guardian.

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## LATEST NEWS

**Year 13 Leavers:** The achievements of Freddie Wilson (*pictured below*) are among the highlights of the year group.

KS5 co-ordinator Karen Moore said: "We would like to wish all our Year 13 students the best of luck and all the success for the future as they take their exams."



She added: "A highlight for the year group is the success that Freddie Wilson has already achieved. He has been an exemplary student, always supporting the school and helping to promote the Sixth Form. After lengthy interview procedures he has secured placements with both Laing O'Rourke and Balfour Beatty as a training Chartered Surveyor. Each application meant competing against more than 500 applicants. Both companies are offering a salary with training plus other perks and also paying for him to complete his degree. As he is still awaiting the final details from both companies, Freddie is yet to decide which opportunity will be the best option."

**Year 11 Leavers Day:** Fancy dress and the traditional shirt signing formed part of Year 11 Leavers Day. For more pictures [click here](#)



**Student Harry Warren - "We have to move on with our lives, the school won't do things for us any more..."**

For a video interview with Head of Year Paul Nicholls and students Harry Warren and Samantha Toplis [click here](#)



**Head boy and Head Girl appointed:** Sharaf Shiekha and Gemma Curtiss (*pictured below*) have been elected the new Head Boy and Head Girl following a ballot of students and staff. Meanwhile



Noah Lown and Deanna Mathers (*pictured left*) have been reflecting on their year in the role. [Read more](#)

For the school's Sixth Form website [click here](#)



### **Memorial tributes to Redas Daiynas:** Following the tragic death of Redas, who recently died in



a motorcycle accident, the Rev'd Ian Monks, a former teacher at West Hatch, lead a very special service in his memory for all Year 11 students. A shrine was created at the front of the school where students and his family laid flowers and candles.

Headteacher Frances Howarth said: "Our thoughts are with Redas, his family and his school friends at this very sad time. He will be very much missed by many."



### **Hackney Half Marathon raises money for Camp International trip to Kenya:**

West Hatch teachers Ms Edwards and Ms Lowry, took part in the Hackney Half Marathon to raise money for the Camp International trip to Kenya this summer.

Ms Edwards finished in 1hr 51mins and Ms Lowry in 2hrs 14mins.

Ms Lowry said: "This is the first time I have run a half-marathon. It was so painful - an experience that I have never had before! But we are getting closer to the total for the funds that we have to raise for the trip so we are very excited."



Each of the 34 students has to raise £3,780 while the teachers have to raise funds for additional expenses. Fundraising has included bag packing at Sainsbury's in South Woodford, washing cars, selling cakes and entering fun runs, bike rides and half marathons. The students will spend a month restoring and rebuilding facilities in local communities. They will also teach English at village schools and run sports clubs.

Students will also be challenged by trekking in the mountains. Ms Lowry said: "We will be Ambassadors for West Hatch in Africa as well as taking part in the experience of a lifetime."

Sixth Former Rhys Maslen, who finished in 1hr 37mins 28secs, said: "I got a great sense of fulfilment when I completed the Hackney Half Marathon. I'm now very excited and looking forward to the 2016 London Marathon which I've signed up for!"



**Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Final:** Year 10 student Ropa Guta represented the school at the West Essex Regional Final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. Her presentation on



'Happiness' drew loud applause from the audience. Ropa was not placed in the top three but agreed with the judges' choice of the overall winner. She said: Nia (Epping St Johns) was brilliant. We are happy because she deserved to win."

Ropa added: "Whereas the heats were at our school I really enjoyed meeting competitors from other schools in Epping Forest."

Epping Forest MP and Deputy Speaker Eleanor Laing congratulated all the students on their

confident and engaging presentations. She said: "Communication skills are incredibly important in every area of employment and life. All these students have demonstrated courage and passion tonight."

For more about the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge [click here](#)

### **School holds mock General Election:**



Students went to the polls for a mock General Election following a week of studies on the elections and politics... [Read more](#)

**West Hatch High School student lands Bugsy Malone role:** Student Michael Matias is combining his school work with his latest London theatre role as he appears in the musical Bugsy Malone at the Lyric Hammersmith.... [Read more](#)



**Michael Matias - "I just feel like I'm in my own little world - there's no-one who can disturb my acting and I can be who I am on stage with the characters."**

To listen to the interview with Michael [click here](#)

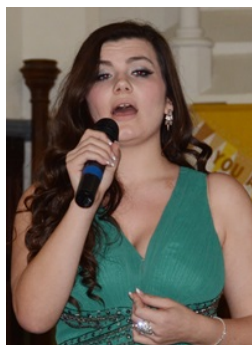
**Ex-student straight into Britain's Got Talent semi-finals:** Former West Hatch High School student Michael McNeish is through to the live semi-finals of ITV's Britain's Got Talent with dance group BoyBand... [Read more](#)



*Michael McNeish (left) performing at a West Hatch High School dance show*

*To watch Boyband on ITV's Britain's Got Talent [click here](#)*

**Former student Charlotte Jaconelli gives debut London solo concert:** Former West Hatch student Charlotte Jaconelli, who shot to fame with fellow ex-West Hatch student Jonathan Antoine on ITV's Britain's Got Talent, gave her debut London solo concert at the St James Studio.



*To watch Charlotte perform 'I can build a snowman' with her sisters 11-year-old Mia, who is in Year 7, and Millie, aged six, [click here](#)*

## **SPORT**

**GYMNASTICS - West Hatch High School gymnast takes gold at international competition:** An 11-year-old student at West Hatch High School has won a gold medal in gymnastics representing the UK in an international competition...



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**CRICKET - VIDEO: Champagne moment for Surajrai:** Year 7 student Surajrai Singh-Roud takes a wicket for the 1st XI cricket team on his debut for the 6th form team in a match against Newham College thanks to a catch by Joe Ball.

Watch the video [here](#)

**BOYS FOOTBALL - Staff victorious:** West Hatch staff retained the Jon 'Ottis' Redding Shield when they took on the students at Old Chigwellians. A defensive error led to Eren Muti giving the



students the lead with ten minutes gone and shortly after the break they were two up when Antione Milla's free kick trickled under the wall into the bottom corner. However the staff remained undeterred. A Will Hutchins mishap led to the ball being cut back to Ray Flowers who got the staff back into the game. Moments later the staff levelled at 2-2 when Billy Healy (back from his trainee year last term) nodded home a header. It seemed as though it was a shock to the students as they struggled to regain their passing game and when Flowers outwitted Aston Nash on the left side to provide Healy with an easy chance it was 3-2. Entering the final

quarter the staff were confident and only an incredible save onto the bar from Scott Burdett kept out Flowers for his second. The referee then awarded a controversial penalty to the students with ten minutes left and Matthew Stacey stepped up to make it 3-3. Flowers left the field with cramp before Healy sealed his hat-trick to make it 4-3. After guiding his students to a league success and Essex Cup final, staff manager Casca Hoy showed them how to do it by tapping in the final goal of a thrilling encounter to make it 5-3.

For more pictures [click here](#)



**BOYS FOOTBALL - Player of the Year award:** Oliver Black has received the award after being voted the football First XI Players' Player of the Year 2015



**ATHLETICS - Success at national competition:** Fifty-five students competed in the National Track and Field Cup competition at Lea Valley Athletics Centre when they faced tough competition against some of the region's top seven athletics schools including Emerson Park and Chingford Foundation.



The inter-girls team (Years 9 and 10) were the most successful West Hatch team finishing third while the Junior Boys, Girls and Senior Boys finished fifth, fourth and fourth respectively.

Year 9 pupil Jake Groce scored the most school points (46 points), 24 of which were achieved with an outstanding 1.75m high jump (county standard). Mariellen Teubes (Year 8) also had an exceptional performance contributing 40 points.

PE teacher Aaron D'Silva said: "All students worked very hard all day and were a credit to the school."

To view video clips of West Hatch High School athletes taking part in a range of competition events [click here](#)

## HOUSES



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