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A Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements of our pupils and staff. It has been an incredible few months, and I am so proud of the dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm shown across the school.



Sports Success

This has been an exceptional year for sports at Heathcote, with our girls' football teams across all year groups reaching their respective finals – a fantastic achievement! For a full summary of our sporting successes, please see pages 30-36 of this newsletter.

Mathematical Excellence

Our pupils have been busy engaging in a range of exciting maths events, including Pi Day and the Cahoot Maths Competition. A special congratulations goes to Gabriel P in Year 9, who perfectly recited 476 digits of Pi, winning the competition – an amazing feat!

Academic and Extracurricular Highlights

Our Year 13 pupils have had a unique opportunity to participate in crime scene investigations, while our Year 11s have been developing their debating skills at Portsmouth University. These experiences have been invaluable in enhancing their learning beyond the classroom.

Staffing Updates

We wish Ms Morrison all the best as she heads off on maternity leave. Ms Gite will be leading on behaviour, and Ms Bashal will be supporting with attendance for the summer term. We also bid farewell to Mr Milner as he relocates to York – we thank him for his contributions to the school and wish him well.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to welcome an experienced Design and Technology teacher who will be joining us after the May half-term. In the meantime, a DT specialist will be covering for the next five weeks, supported by our DT team, to ensure our exam classes receive the best possible guidance.

Year 9 Options Evening – 1st May

A reminder to all Year 9 parents that the Options Selection Evening will take place on Wednesday, 1st May. Attendance is compulsory, as this is the only opportunity for pupils to choose their GCSE options. If you are unable to attend, please contact Ms Bashal as soon as possible.

Easter Break and Return to School

We will return after the Easter holidays on **Tuesday, 22nd April** at the normal time. Families who receive free school meals should have already received their vouchers for the holidays. Please take this time to refresh school uniforms and ensure that pupils are fully prepared for the new term. Can I remind you that pupils shoes should be leather look and not canvas or material. As the weather gets hotter can I remind pupils that they must have their blazers with them at all times. Pupils will be able to take them off when in lessons.

Inset Days for Next Year

Please note that for next year, we have decided to place three INSET days on the following dates: **24th October, 3rd November, and 4th November**. The half-term break will be from **27th-31st October**, meaning that pupils will have an extended half-term holiday.

Finally, we wish all families celebrating a **Happy Easter** and hope everyone enjoys a restful and enjoyable break.

Best wishes,

Sonia Close



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Mind-Bending Maths: Year 9's Journey Through Illusions and Paradoxes!

On the 6th of February the Maths Department organised an amazing trip for Year 9 students to two of the most intriguing museums in the city: the Twist Museum and the Paradox Museum in Central London. Both destinations offered an extraordinary mix of art, science, and mind-bending concepts, providing a fascinating journey through mathematical connections, optical illusions, and the beautiful complexities of the world around us.

For 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 the adventure began at the Twist Museum, a place where the ordinary laws of geometry and physics seem to twist and bend in delightfully surprising ways. As soon as we walked through the door, we were greeted by large, interactive exhibits designed to make the world of mathematics and physics both tangible and fun. One of the most popular attractions was the Möbius Strip—a single, twisted loop that has only one surface and one edge. Students were



amazed to realize that such a simple structure could defy their expectations, and it sparked a lively discussion about topology and the fascinating world of geometric shapes.

The Twist Tunnel was another highlight. This seemingly endless hallway spirals in such a way that it creates an optical illusion, making it look as if the space around us was shifting and warping with every step. The mathematical connection here was not only in the geometry of the tunnel itself but also in the way we experienced it. The students marvelled at how a simple twist of perspective could alter our perception of space—a concept that ties into mathematical principles of transformation and symmetry. Many students found

themselves laughing as they walked through the twisting tunnel, while others tried to guess how the illusion worked—proving that mathematics can be both entertaining and puzzling.

For 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 we headed to the Paradox Museum, where logic and reason are constantly put to the test. The exhibits here were all about paradoxes—situations that seem to defy reason or challenge the principles of everyday life. One of the most captivating exhibits was the Penrose Triangle, a figure that appears to be a three-dimensional shape, yet cannot physically exist. The students were immediately intrigued by this optical illusion, and



their discussions were filled with excitement as they tried to understand how such a seemingly impossible shape could appear so real.

Another favourite was the Impossible Waterfall, based on Escher's famous designs. This paradoxical waterfall continuously flows upward, defying gravity and logic in a way that left our group scratching their heads in wonder. The students quickly connected the paradox to concepts they had learned in their mathematics and physics classes, where they had encountered similar ideas of infinity, continuity, and non-Euclidean geometry.

While both museums were rich in mathematical content, they were also incredibly engaging and fun. Throughout our visit, the students were encouraged to interact with the exhibits, solve puzzles, and ask questions. It was amazing to see how the challenging concepts of mathematics and physics were brought to life through hands-on experiences, leaving everyone with a greater appreciation for the beautiful complexity of the world around us.

In the end, our trip to the Twist Museum and the Paradox Museum was not only a fascinating dive into the world of mathematics and physics but also a memorable and enjoyable experience that sparked curiosity and inspired deeper thinking. It was a fabulous day full of wonder, laughter, and learning - well done to the Year 9s!



Exploring Nature Through A New Lens

On Monday 17th March Ms Shorter and Mrs Komba-Kono had the pleasure of taking 18 students from across all year groups to visit The Hive on a Queer Ecology Trip.

The trip started with meeting our tour guide - Abi Young at Chingford Station where we then embarked on a 2-hour trek through Epping Forest to the Hive. Along the way we had the opportunity to understand more about Queer Ecology and the concept of looking at nature through a lens that is non-judgemental and inclusive. Queer Ecology allows us to reimagine the ways in which we understand the natural world. It



disrupts the heteronormativity that has been imposed on nature and celebrates the diversity of all living things.

Once at The Hive we all took a well-deserved lunch break!

We then entered a Zine workshop where students were allowed to express their beliefs and personalities in a safe and respectful environment- using articles about the forest, nature and LGBTQ creating their own magazine/ collages followed by a cosy camp fire and marsh mellows, which we all enjoyed.

To finish the trip, we headed back to Heathcote School (of course we





took a short cut!!!) through the beautiful forest albeit muddy and us losing a few students to some slips and slides along the way which was most entertaining for all!

Ms Shorter and Mrs Komba-Kono would like to thank all students for a wonderful day.





Pi, Puzzles, and Passion: Celebrating the International Day of Maths!

On March 14th, our school joined millions around the world in celebrating the International Day of Maths, a global event dedicated to the beauty of mathematics. This special day coincides with Pi Day, as the date (3/14) reflects the first three digits of the famous mathematical constant, π (3.14).

To make this day both educational and fun, we organized a series of exciting activities that engaged our students, encouraged their love for numbers, and celebrated the wonders of math in creative ways.

Pi-Themed Treats

Our canteen got into the spirit of Pi Day by preparing delicious pies for the students to enjoy during lunch. It was a great way to combine math and food in a fun and tasty way!

Pi Hunt

Students embarked on a Pi Hunt around the school grounds, solving math-related riddles and puzzles at various stations. This interactive activity not only boosted their problem-solving skills but also gave them a hands-on experience with Pi and its mathematical significance.

Pi Recitation Competition

We held a thrilling Pi Recitation Competition where students challenged themselves to remember and recite as many digits of Pi as possible. It was inspiring to see how many students took on this challenge, with some reciting Pi up to over 300 digits!

Pi-Themed T-Shirts

To add some flair to the celebration, the maths department wore Pi-themed t-shirts, showcasing their love for math.

Poster Competition

Our students displayed their artistic talents by participating in a Pi-themed poster competition. The posters, filled with colourful designs and mathematical concepts, were a wonderful representation of the creativity and enthusiasm our students have for math. The winning four posters are shown on the right.

We hope these activities sparked curiosity and encouraged our students to see the beauty in numbers and math in ways beyond the classroom. Mathematics is not just about

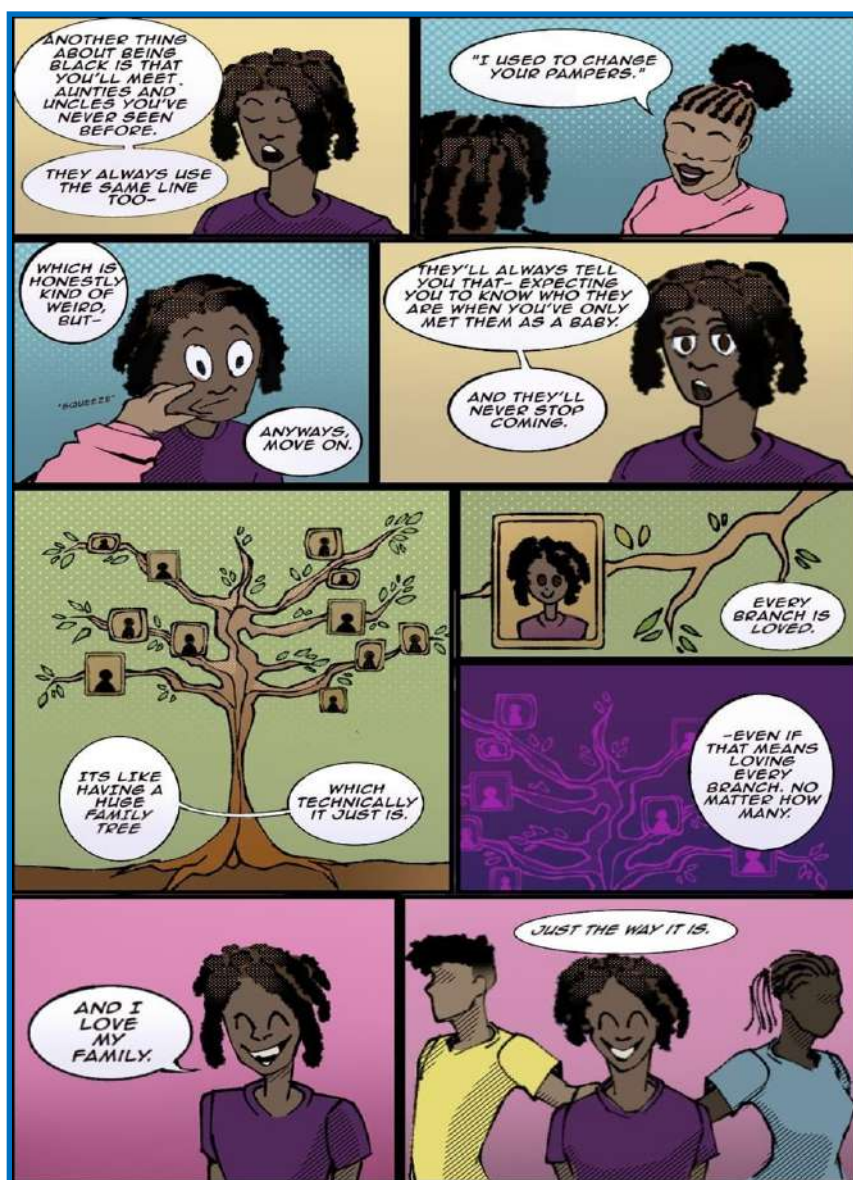


A Masterpiece in the Making: Zhibin Secures Prestigious Architecture Offer

The Art department is delighted to share some fantastic news regarding Zhibin in year 13. He has received an offer from the prestigious University of the Arts London to study Architecture. This is a significant achievement, as only 26% of applicants are successful in securing a place. Zhibin's offer reflects his exceptional talent and dedication.

This is a huge milestone in his academic journey! Congratulations Zhibin and we wish you all the success in the future!

Opal Comic Competition



We are thrilled to present the entries for the Opal Comic Strip Competition, a celebration of comic and graphic novel culture. Students were invited to create original comic strips, showcasing their creativity and story telling skills.

The winners will attend an exclusive workshop with the Comics Laureate (and ex-Heathcote teacher!) Bobby Joseph in Leicester, their work displayed in a public exhibition and the strips be published in a Graphic Novel Anthology!

Winners will be announced on the 31st March. Below and on the right are designs reflecting the project brief "why vote" and "what does black culture mean to you".





Year 11s Debating Success at The University of Portsmouth

A group of Year 11 students had the incredible opportunity to visit the University of Portsmouth for an enriching and exciting day allowing them to showcase their talents in debating.

Debating Success: HS2 – Progress or Problem?

One of the highlights of the day was the thrilling debate on the controversial HS2 railway project connecting Birmingham to London. Our students engaged in passionate discussions, presenting well-researched arguments on both the benefits and drawbacks of the high-speed rail system. Competing against each other, they demonstrated exceptional critical thinking, persuasive speaking, and teamwork.



Their impressive debating skills did not go unnoticed – they were recognised for their outstanding performances with ‘Oscars’ style trophies.



A huge ‘well done’ to all the students who attended and a big thank you to the University of Portsmouth for hosting this event.

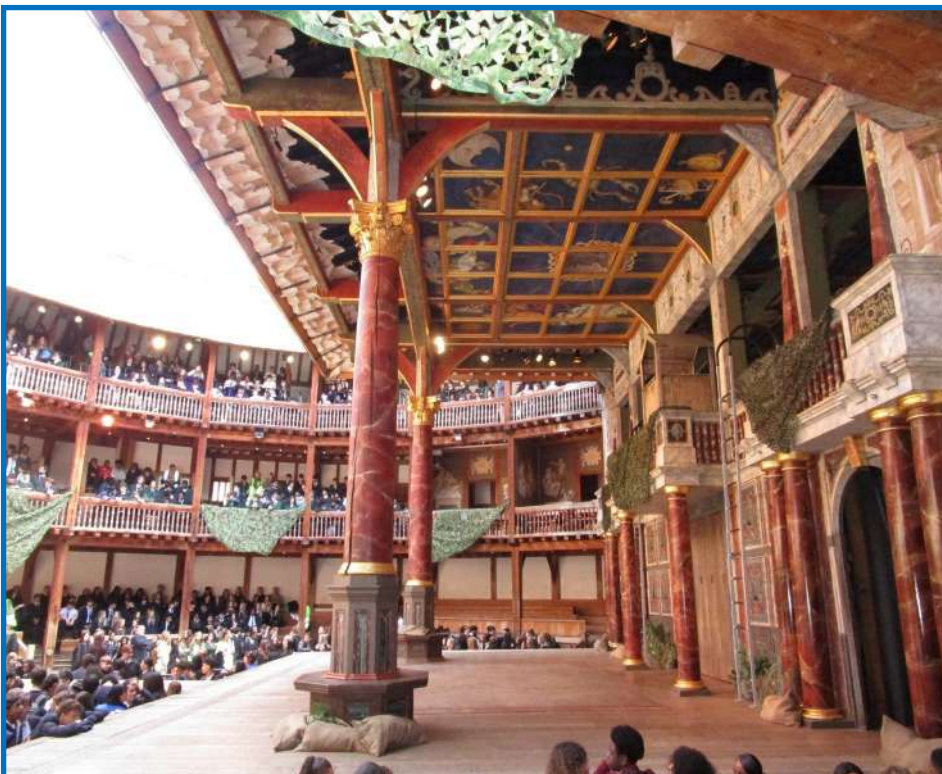
Year 8 and 9's Captivating Trip to The Globe

On the 31st of March, our Year 8 and 9 students had the incredible opportunity to visit Shakespeare's Globe to watch a modern adaptation of Macbeth. This dynamic performance brought fresh energy to the classic tragedy, with soldiers on bicycles weaving through the action and striking visual representations of guilt from Macbeth.



From the very first scene, the stage was alive with movement and intensity. The cast delivered a powerful interpretation of Macbeth's descent into darkness, using creative staging and dramatic effects to highlight the play's themes of ambition, fate, and remorse. The innovative use of bicycles added a fast-paced, almost surreal quality to the battle scenes, making them even more gripping.

Students were engaged from the very start. The play's exploration of guilt was particularly striking, with haunting imagery and expressive performances bringing Macbeth's torment to life. It was a thrilling and thought-provoking experience, offering a fresh perspective on one of Shakespeare's most famous works.



The trip was a brilliant success, leaving students inspired and eager to explore more of Shakespeare's works. A huge thank you to the staff who organised this unforgettable experience!



Heathcote Students Speak a Different Language!

At Heathcote School we recognise the value of all languages and encourage students to maintain their skills in their home languages and take GCSE and A Level exams if these are available.

Each year, we can celebrate impressive student achievements from dedicated young people who work independently and in their own time to gain extra qualifications and achieve high grades.

For the first time this year, we have been pleased to offer Turkish students dedicated booster lessons with Turkish teachers without cost, for both GCSE and A Level to support them with preparing for the exams. Specialist teachers guide students with reading, writing and research and provide individual feedback with exam practice questions.

Many students have been making the most of the opportunity by attending after school lessons and are confidently preparing to take exams this summer.

If you are interested in attending classes next year, please contact Ms Bahra to find out more at sbahra@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk



News From The Biogarden

Hi Friends of the Biogarden Besties,

This is another update from your favourite gardeners.

We just wanted to tell you about some major renovations we have done in the garden in the last few weeks. Firstly, we have got the pond up and running! We have planted some lilies and have also planted some other pond plants. We have successfully filled it up however the magpies keep throwing the water out!

Another thing we have done is build a compost heap from scratch with the help of caretaker Ian. Thank you caretaker Ian! We have put all the unwanted brambles in it and hope that the spikes will decompose so we can reuse them as something a little more safe and more beneficial to our garden.



One last thing we have done is received our first PR package which we have put together. We would like to give a shoutout to the Dyson Foundation for sending us these fabulous air quality monitor kits that include lesson plans as well as air quality monitors that we got to put together ourselves. It was so much fun. We would love for you to send us packages with seeds that you don't need, any gardening supplies, any unwanted wellies or ideas.

(Contact Ms Kerr if you have any tips or tricks that you want us to try.)

Until next time Biogarden besties!



Students Analyse a Crime Scene



Year 13 students recently took on the role of Scenes of Crime Officers (SOCO) in an engaging simulation of a crime scene as part of the Applied Science Unit 23 Forensic Evidence, Collection, and Analysis. The hands-on exercise challenged students to process a simulated crime scene where they applied forensic techniques to gather and analyse evidence. This practical experience not only reinforced theoretical knowledge but also highlighted the importance of attention to detail and critical thinking in real-world investigations, sparking interest in Forensic Science.

Harry

This unit has been really interesting and exciting due to the range of unique techniques I have learned through research and practical work.

Using these techniques, we processed a simulated crime scene as a SOCO – this has been my favourite practical so far, and has broadened the possibility of me perusing this profession in the future.





Romia

This unit has confirmed my passion for wanting to become a Forensic investigator. Throughout unit 23 I have been able to act as a SOCO by collecting evidence to identify what individuals have been involved in a crime. I was able to apply the knowledge I earned to process the simulate crime scene and formulate my own conclusion as to what has possibly had taken place.



I really enjoyed this unit as it has further developed my understanding into the processes that occur behind the scene of what encompasses different roles within forensic science.

Barri

I have really enjoyed studying about forensic science and crime scenes. This course has tested and challenged multiple skills including problem solving, analysis and general practical skills.

Crystalia

What I have enjoyed so far about studying Forensic science was being able to assume the role of a SOCO at a crime scene to collect evidence.

To be able to correctly collect evidence such as blood and drugs (fake) and the necessary tests to confirm these pieces of evidence, we learned about the various roles involved within a forensic investigation and how best to preserve any evidence collected.





It All Adds Up For Sparx Maths!

As a reward for the most points in Sparx (Maths) homework, 30 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were invited to take part in a Maths Kahoot End of Spring Term quiz on Monday 31st March, run by the AMSP.

There were a total of 45 playing teams across 5 schools, and 2 of our teams from Heathcote gained 1st and 2nd place! Melissa S in 8.7 and Fatima S in 8.6 won first place, and our runners up were Eleanor J in 9.6 and Georgia D in 9.5!



Congratulations to the winners and runners up, but also to everyone who took part! It was a fun afternoon that involved both learning about Maths as well as an interactive game!

Ms Collins





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Year 7 End Of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English	Zander B
Maths	Ivon N
Science	Jeron A
History	Mila Q
Geography	Razvan D
Art	Charlie D
Music	Emmeline M
Drama	Hasan K
PE	Tommy J
Product Design	Poppy M
Fashion Textiles	Anish P
Architecture Design	Frankie R
Food Nutrition	Cerys W
Graphic Products	Julian D
French	Maeve B
Spanish	Mila Q
IT	Apicella R
RE	Sofian B
EAL Recognition	Tanzeel S
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Awards	Jeron A, Mila Q
Year Leader Awards	Alessia M, Levi D
ACE Award	Jasmin S
Superstars Award	Jack G
Ready Award	Daniella J
Respectful Award	Moe A
Responsible Award	Dylan J
Encourage Award	Liepa D
Challenge Award	Anita H
Succeed Award	Lina K
Form Star (7.1)	Johan P
Form Star (7.2)	Holly B
Form Star (7.3)	Tommy J
Form Star (7.4)	Jamie A
Form Star (7.5)	Ben W
Form Star (7.6)	Olivia B



Year 8 End Of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English	Nadisha A
Maths	Blake W
Science	Jasmine S
History	Haadi S
Geography	Kieren M
Art	Esme G
Music	Ruya T
Drama	Oscar W
PE	Otis K
Product Design	Okan Y
Fashion Textiles	Eddie H
Architecture Design	David I
Food Nutrition	Laura G
Graphic Products	Dexter T
French	Marcus L
Spanish	Toby G
IT	Mehmet O
RE	Harry H
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Awards	Jasmine S, Konstantinos K
Year Leader Awards	Sarah S, Vishnu S
ACE Award	Peter D
Superstars Award	Mabel M
Ready Award	Netanella M
Respectful Award	Isabella R
Responsible Award	Hannah G
Encourage Award	Jay H
Challenge Award	Kaya S
Succeed Award	Georgie H
Form Star (8.1)	Oscar W
Form Star (8.2)	Coco F
Form Star (8.3)	Jacob W
Form Star (8.4)	Elif G
Form Star (8.5)	Laura G
Form Star (8.6)	Coco C
Form Star (8.7)	Alice H



Year 9 End Of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English	Chnar C
Maths	Sami S
Science	Harry B
History	Marinella T
Geography	Mert G
Art	Rashmiya N
Music	Aaron S-H
Drama	Ben M
PE	Tommy S
Product Design	Alexander G
Fashion Textiles	Harry B
Architecture Design	Daniel C
Food Nutrition	Georgia D
French	Przemyslaw L
Spanish	Savannah A-T
IT	Josh S
RE	Herbie K
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Awards	Rhazel M, Jessica C
Year Leader Awards	Trinity R, Aazim I
ACE Award	Rashmiya N
Superstars Award	Maya C
Ready Award	Thomas W
Respectful Award	Iulian E
Responsible Award	Eleanor J
Encourage Award	Chantai R
Challenge Award	Khirisha P
Succeed Award	Hannah P
Form Star (9.1)	Revin C
Form Star (9.2)	Taya W
Form Star (9.3)	Meadow E-F
Form Star (9.4)	Hannah S
Form Star (9.5)	Liam H
Form Star (9.6)	Herbie K



Year 10 End of Term Awards

Subject Awards

English	Imogen W
Maths	Deniz D
Science	Juno K
History	Marley E
Geography	Charlie J
Art	Jodie B-T
Drama	Ela H
PE	Molly F
Product Design	George M
Fashion Textiles	Sheyn A
Architecture Design	Maisie W
Food Nutrition	Raphael L
French	Kalifa D
Spanish	Ivan I
Business/Enterprise	Lorcan K
IT	Eleena A
Sociology	Eva I
RE	Aryam A
Health and Social Care	Sienna S
EAL Recognition	Adnana C

Pastoral Awards

Headteacher Awards	Tuana A, Antonia T
Year Leader Awards	Eleena A, Joel M
ACE Award	Elisa A
Superstars Award	Izzy W
Ready Award	Sophie D
Respectful Award	Hafsa A
Responsible Award	Kaya H
Encourage Award	Isha K
Challenge Award	London M-R
Succeed Award	Kayleigh B
Form Star (10.1)	Ruben T
Form Star (10.2)	Deniz D
Form Star (10.3)	Kayleigh B
Form Star (10.4)	Asia P
Form Star (10.5)	Joel M
Form Star (10.6)	Daniella C



Year 11 End of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English	Chloe F-H
Maths	Teddy H-M
Science	Inaaya W
History	Amourendie M
Geography	Izabela N
Art	Ja'Lysa R-F
Dance	Darcy W
Drama	Albe D
PE	Destiny N
Product Design	Jacob P
DT	Lihan W
Food Nutrition	Jahziah H
French	Rufuro M
Spanish	Chélan J
Business/Enterprise	Ryan T
IT	Kealan L
Sociology	Jessica L
RE	Caitlyn M
Health and Social Care	Kyra-Shae W
EAL Recognition	George S
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Awards	Dominyka G, Erald D
Year Leader Awards	Amourendie M, Rayaan E-M
ACE Award	Dylan A
Superstars Award	Paige S
Ready Award	Sid S
Respectful Award	Dominyka G
Responsible Award	Caglar U
Encourage Award	Leigha R
Challenge Award	Theo T
Succeed Award	Iqra R
Form Star (11.1)	Ion G
Form Star (11.2)	Evelina S-B
Form Star (11.3)	Ryan T
Form Star (11.4)	Shiloh M
Form Star (11.5)	Caglar U
Form Star (11.6)	Zuzanna A



Year 12 End of Term Awards

Subject Awards

English Literature	Em B
Maths	Fionn D
Biology	Hanan A
Chemistry	Natila H
Physics	Damilola A
BTEC Applied Science	Eva J
Politics	Mya N
History	Hannah H
Geography	Nelly K
Art	Harrison F
Economics	Saad A
BTEC Sport	Alfie M
PE	Amir Z
Architectural Design	Peter D
Business BTEC	Lilly S
IT/ Computer Science	Kiro C
Sociology	Charlotte H
Psychology	Janae D
Health & Social Care	Palwasha A

Pastoral Awards

Year Leader Awards	Amir Z, Genesis M
ACE Award	Tyrese J
Superstars Award	Isla A
Ready Award	Nelly K
Respectful Award	Emre M
Responsible Award	Fatima M
Encourage Award	Alice F
Challenge Award	Lawrence A
Succeed Award	Santiago M
Form Star (12.3)	Teddy G
Form Star (12.5)	Bobby C



Year 13 End of Term Awards

Subject Awards

English Literature	Marco C-T
English Language	Zehra C
Maths	Reece S
Biology	Tara S
Chemistry	Fadwa H
Physics	Ayaan K
BTEC Applied Science	Caden W
Politics	Megan L
History	Frankie F-H
Geography	Raegan B
Art	Tiegan C
Economics	Travis A
Drama	Isaac N
BTEC Sport	Daniel A
PE	Tansel T
Architectural Design	Alfie B
Business	Fadwa H
Business BTEC	Mehmet K
IT/ Computer Science	Leo W
Sociology	Gabi S
EPQ	Mahek B
Psychology	Teddy G
Health & Social Care	Irmak D

Pastoral Awards

Year Leader Awards	Megan L, Ben J
ACE Award	Sanjay S
Superstars Award	Romia W B-M
Ready Award	Tuba C
Respectful Award	Ben S
Responsible Award	Freddie F
Encourage Award	Faheem R
Challenge Award	Amaury S-M
Succeed Award	Travis A
Form Star (13.3)	Freddie F
Form Star (13.4)	Reece S
Form Star (13.5)	Phoebe L



School Uniform

At Heathcote School we believe that school uniform plays a crucial role in creating an inclusive community, providing a school identity and demonstrating equality amongst students. Students are expected to wear school uniform at all times and a high standard of dress is required both within the school and when representing the school in the community. Whilst this list below is not definitive or exhaustive, students are expected to be appropriately and respectfully dressed for school. The emphasis is on formal dress. Final decisions regarding the appropriate nature of uniform choice will rest with the Headteacher.

All students must wear at all times:

- A black blazer with a Heathcote Badge (sewn or ironed on)
- A plain white shirt with collar, tucked in (any clothing worn under shirts must be white)
- A school tie * (with year group colours), with a minimum of 5 bars of the stripe showing.
- Black school style trousers (not tight fitting), knee length skirt (**only the standard skirt from Speedstitch is now permitted if this option is chosen**) or a full length skirt.
- Black leather or leather look school shoes—this includes a trainer style but must be leather or leather-look.
- White or black, ankle/knee length socks or tights.

Year group tie colours 2024/2025

Students to keep ties for their time at Heathcote.

Year	7	8	9	10	11	Prefect
Colour	Yellow	Red	Green	Black	White	Black

Optional

- School style black V-necked jumper
- Muslim girls may wear a plain black hijab. For other students hair accessories should be plain white or black
- Sikh boys may wear traditional turbans.

Please Note

- Belts, hair bands and other accessories must be plain and in school colours.
- Boots may be worn to school in bad weather but must be changed for school shoes on arrival at school.
- Waterproof coats and hats can be worn to and from school during colder and wetter months and should be plain coloured and sensible. Students should have an umbrella. Hoodies are a banned item and not suitable as a coat—these will be confiscated. On the rare





occasions students may come to school in PE kit, they must wear a blazer over this.

- Hairstyles should be suitably formal. Significant hair colouring or shaving of hair (including patterns) is not permitted.
- Hair accessories should be plain and simple. Bands and Ribbons should be black or white. Bandanas are not allowed.
- Light make-up is permitted. Nail polish and acrylic nails are not permitted.
- One discreet item of jewellery per student may be worn i.e. 1 small pair of plain gold, silver or diamante stud earrings. Earrings must only be worn in the ear lobe.
- **No other piercing is permitted.**
- Watches are encouraged.
- A large formal style school bag is compulsory (big enough to carry A4 books)

PE kit

- Navy blue sports socks
- Heathcote PE shorts
- Heathcote PE polo shirt
- Heathcote PE tracksuit top or Heathcote PE jumper
- PE bag
- Sports trainers—studded boots should be worn when playing football or rugby on grass.

Optional items include Heathcote PE tracksuit bottoms, navy leggings, navy base layers in cold weather.

Drama kit

- Drama socks with a gripped sole.

The Halo Code at Heathcote School

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locks, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs and headscarves, as long as they are in line with school colours and hair colour guidance.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture has no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed or look professional.

*Our school uniform suppliers are Speedstitch (Address: Speedstitch, Unit 32, Walthamstow Business Centre, Clifford Road, Walthamstow, E17 4SX, 020 8531 4446 – Opening times 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday). All information regarding prices and stock can be found on the website. You are able to purchase all of the school uniform from Speedstitch, but you may prefer to buy some items from other suppliers (such as supermarkets). Items with an * must be purchased from Speedstitch. In 2018, only new Year 7 students need to purchase a tie. If students in any year lose their ties or need a replacement, these can be obtained from the school office or Speedstitch. Badges can be purchased from school or ready-sewn onto the blazer if you purchase this item from Speedstitch.*



NEW STARTERS

Kate Keen – Science Technician (Part Time)

Emma-Louise Nelson – Head of Performing Arts

Humaira Ghafoor – Exams & Data Support

Shanna Nash – Librarian

Ceiri Van Haeften – Communication Support Worker (Part Time)

Linda Elliot – Librarian (*since 1996!*)

Mat Milner – DT Teacher

Katie Morrison – Assistant Head - *Maternity*

LEAVING US

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 22nd April—Students Return To School

Monday 28th April—Culture Day

Thursday 1st May—Year 9 Option Selection Evening

Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May—Year 10 Parents Evening

Friday 23rd May—Break Up For Half Term

Monday 2nd June—Students Return To School

Thursday 12th June—Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 26th June—Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 27th June—INSET Day, Students Not In School

Wednesday 2nd July—Year 6 Transition Day

Thursday 3rd July—Year 11 Taster Day

Friday 11th July—Sports Day

Thursday 17th July—Year 7 and Year 8 Disco, Year 11 Prom

Wednesday 23rd July—End Of Summer Term—Students Finish at 12.30pm



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9th
April

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10th
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WEEK 2



Fire
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15th
April

Lego
Coding



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Sporting News From The PE Department

Year 7 Netball Team Shines in Their First Season!

We are thrilled to celebrate the success of our Year 7 netball team this half term! This was the first time these students played together as a team, and they have had a fantastic season so far.

Their journey began with a challenging match against a strong Holy Family team, ending in a 7-2 loss. However, the team put in an incredible effort, with Sophie, Florence, and Holly forming a solid defence while Issy, India, and Amelia scored two brilliant goals. Mali-Rae and Sarah linked the centre court beautifully, ensuring smooth movement of the ball.



The team quickly found their rhythm in their second game, securing a thrilling 3-3 draw against Highams Park. It was one of the best Year 7 netball matches we've seen, with the players showing composure, excellent communication, and impressive teamwork.

Their hard work and determination paid off in the final three games, where they achieved a 9-2 victory against Frederick Bremer, a 3-1 win against Lammas, and an exciting 4-4 draw against Walthamstow Academy.

Throughout the league, we have seen some outstanding performances with Mali-Rae, Issy, Cerys, Sarah, and Florence all receiving Player of the Match awards. A huge congratulations to the entire squad: Holly, Kayla, Sarah, Mali-Rae, Cerys, Chloe, Hanaa, Maeve, India, Sophie, Issy, Amelia, Florence, Maya, Jasmine, Ava, and Mila.

This has been a fantastic start to their netball journey at Heathcote, and we are excited for many more successful seasons ahead!

Well done, Year 7!

Miss Clancey

Football Season Reviews

The Year 8 boys' football season has come to a close. During the season, there were victories and some very close games. The squad showcased great teamwork and spirit throughout but ultimately fell short and didn't make the semi-finals. The highlight of the season was beating the borough champions 4-3 (Highams Park) with a last-minute goal for Kyle E, backed up by some screamers from Georgi A and Zyron M.

However, the girls have been highly successful this season!

Year 7 Girls Football Team Crowned League Champions!

The Year 7 girls' football team has made history by winning the league without losing a single game! The team displayed exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the season, finishing as undefeated champions.



From the first match, the girls set the tone for their campaign with a dominant victory against Fredrick Bremer 3-0. Their attacking prowess, solid defence, and unwavering team spirit saw them overcome every challenge thrown their way. A standout moment of the season came in a thrilling 2-0 victory against Chingford Foundation in the final, with Issy J and Mia H showcasing their attacking flair and defensive discipline.

Credit goes to all the players for their commitment to matches and training. Special

mentions to Issy J for her outstanding goal tally and Eloise B and Holly B for leading the team with confidence and determination.

Winning the league without a single loss is a remarkable achievement, and the team should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Congratulations to the Year 7s on being borough champions.

We can't wait to see what the future holds for this talented squad!

Year 8 Triumph in Nail-Biting League Final

The Year 8 football team has etched their name into school history by securing the league title in a dramatic final, clinching a narrow 1-0 victory against Chingford Foundation. The match was a tense and fiercely contested encounter, with both teams displaying remarkable skill and determination.

From the opening whistle, the game was played at an electrifying pace. The Year 8 squad demonstrated solid teamwork and resilience, fending off relentless attacks from their opponents. The opposition pressed hard, but the steadfast defence and exceptional performances by Millie and player of the match Lora A kept them at bay.

The defining moment of the match came in the second half when a well-timed through ball found its way to the team's Andreyca C. With





precision and composure, she slotted the ball past the opposing goalkeeper. Despite late pressure from the opposition, the Year 8s held firm, displaying remarkable discipline and tactical awareness to maintain their slender lead until the final whistle.

Mr Prince expressed immense pride in the team's achievement, stating, *"The girls have worked incredibly hard throughout the season, and their commitment and determination paid off today. They deserve this title."*

The victory marks a significant milestone for the Year 8 team and sets a strong foundation for future successes. Congratulations to the Year 8s on being Borough Champions.

Year 9 Girls Battle to Third Place Finish After Semi-Final Heartbreak

The Year 9 girls' football team showed incredible resilience and determination in the Waltham Forest girls football league, narrowly missing out on the final after a tense penalty shootout in the semi-finals to Highams Park but bouncing back to secure third place with a dramatic last-minute winner against Walthamstow Academy.

Semi-Final: Heartbreak on Penalties

The semi-final was a closely fought contest, with both teams displaying strong defensive performances and moments of attacking brilliance. Despite creating several chances, neither side could find the breakthrough in normal time, leading to a nerve-wracking penalty shootout. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on our side, and the girls fell just short, bowing out heartbreakingly.



Third-Place Playoff: Late Drama Seals Victory

Determined to finish the tournament on a high, the team regrouped for the third-place match. They started strongly, taking the lead early on, but their opponents fought back to make it 2-2 going into the final moments. With extra time looming, the girls pushed forward one last time, and in a moment of pure magic, a stunning last-minute goal from Imogen W secured a thrilling 3-2 victory.

It was a fantastic display of teamwork, perseverance, and spirit from the squad. Well done to all the players for their hard work and commitment—this performance proves they are a force to be reckoned with!

Year 10s and 11s: Unstoppable Champions! Girls Crowned Borough Champions with Unbeaten Run

The girls' football team became Borough Champions without losing a single game throughout the competition. Their incredible journey was capped off in style with a dramatic

final, sealed by a stunning free-kick from Ellie that secured victory and the trophy.

The team showed immense skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the tournament, dominating their opponents with strong performances in every match. Their unbeaten record speaks volumes about their consistency and commitment.

In the final, both teams fought hard in a tense and competitive match. With the score level and time running out, Ellie stepped up to take a free-kick from outside the box. With precision and power, she curled the ball past the goalkeeper and into the top corner—an unforgettable goal that sealed the championship win.

The final whistle sparked scenes of celebration as the team, coaches, and supporters erupted in joy. This triumph is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire squad, who have shown resilience and brilliance throughout the tournament. Special mention to Jessie E and Molly F, who have been outstanding in defence and in goal.

Mr Prince praised the team, saying:

"I couldn't be prouder of this group of players. They have given everything in every game and deserve this championship. It's Kezia, Jasmine and Dominyka's last game for me and going unbeaten is an incredible achievement, and Ellie's goal was the perfect way to finish the competition!"

A huge congratulations to the whole team for this outstanding success. Their determination, teamwork, and skill **have made them worthy Borough Champions!**





What a season it has been, but we are not finished yet as the girl's Year 7s and 8s have made history by making the London cup final. **No team in Heathcote history has made it that far.** Let's hope Mr Prince and the girls can bring the trophy home.

Year 10 Boys Football Season Review

The Year 10 boys' football season has come to a close. During the season there were thrilling victories and hard-fought battles, the squad showcased great teamwork and spirit throughout.



The season kicked off with a strong performance against Highams Park, where the team secured a well-earned victory. Riley and Jordan controlled the midfield with confidence, setting the tempo and dominating possession to lead us to a fantastic opening win. In the second match against Holy Family, the team displayed immense character, coming from behind to snatch a dramatic result. A powerful bullet header from Efe proved to be the turning point, sealing an impressive comeback. Our third fixture saw us face a tough Willowfield side at Douglas Eyre. Despite the result not going our way, George M put in a heroic shift between the posts, pulling off some outstanding saves, while Mikael worked tirelessly in midfield. The season concluded with a challenging game against Frederick Bremer. With a depleted squad, the team battled hard but unfortunately fell short. However, their effort and commitment never wavered, showing true sportsmanship until the final whistle.

Overall, it has been a season full of positives, with strong individual performances and moments of brilliance. The team can be proud of their efforts and will look to build on this next year. Well done to all the players involved!

Heathcote Hits The Big Time At Indoor Borough Championships

The recent Waltham Forest Borough Indoor Athletics Championship was a momentous event for our team, marking an incredible achievement as we emerged as borough champions. This report highlights our journey, key performances, and the overall significance of this victory.

Preparation and Teamwork

Our success was the result of rigorous training, strategic planning, and exceptional teamwork. Leading up to the championship, our athletes dedicated themselves to intense practice sessions, focusing on speed, endurance, agility, and technique. Coaches and trainers played a crucial role in refining our skills and boosting our confidence.

Outstanding Performances

Several of our athletes delivered remarkable performances across multiple events. Notable achievements include:

- *Sprint Events:* Our sprinters dominated this event
- *Long Jump and High Jump:* Exceptional jumps by our competitors contributed valuable points to the overall team tally.
- *Relay Races:* Our relay teams demonstrated outstanding coordination and speed, winning crucial events that secured our lead.
- *Shot Put:* Strength and precision led our athletes to significant victories in this field event.

Team Spirit and Sportsmanship

Beyond individual performances, the championship showcased our team's unity, resilience, and sportsmanship. Athletes supported one another, celebrated successes together, and showed respect for competitors, embodying the true spirit of athletics.

Significance of the Victory: Winning the borough championship is a historic achievement for our team, reinforcing our reputation as a powerhouse in indoor athletics. This victory serves as motivation for future competitions and inspires younger athletes to strive for excellence.

Conclusion

Our triumph in the Waltham Forest Borough Indoor Athletics Championship is a real testament to our hard work, determination, and our teamwork. We look forward to building on this success in upcoming competitions, continuing to set high standards, representing our borough with pride.



Going for Gold

Heathcote's sporting news

A roundup of the latest Sports News from our P.E Department

Year 9 & 10 Girls Crowned Borough Basketball Champions!

The Year 9 & 10 girls' basketball team has made history by being crowned Borough Champions for the second time after an outstanding tournament performance. The team showcased incredible skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the competition, proving themselves as the best in the borough.

From the opening game, the girls set the tone with a commanding win, displaying sharp passing, strong defence, and clinical finishing. As the tournament progressed, their confidence grew, and they continued

to dominate their opponents with impressive fast breaks and well-executed plays.

This achievement is a testament to the team's hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

Congratulations to the Year 9 & 10 girls' basketball team on their remarkable success. They have not only made their school proud but also set a high standard for future teams to follow!

Special mention to Imogen W who was rewarded MVP(player of the match).

Read more sports news on Page 30



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