



# HEATHCOTE NEWS

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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share a few reflections and important updates.



This has been a very positive end to the term, with pupils taking part in a wide range of trips, enrichment days and events. These experiences have been a real highlight and have showcased the incredible work, creativity and enthusiasm of our pupils both in and beyond the classroom.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, who have worked tirelessly to organise and accompany these trips and events. Their commitment ensures that pupils benefit from rich, memorable experiences that enhance their learning and personal development.

We were thrilled to mark the end of the year with our celebration assemblies, recognising the outstanding achievements of our pupils. The award winners are featured in this newsletter, and we are extremely proud of their dedication and hard work.

As a school community, we also say a fond farewell to **Lynette Hollis**, who is retiring after 17 years of dedicated service at Heathcote as a Food Technician. Lynette has made a significant contribution to the school and has supported countless pupils and staff over the years. She will be very sadly missed, and we wish her every happiness and good health in her retirement.

I would also like to apologise for the typo in last week's bulletin regarding dates. Thank you for your understanding, and please find the confirmed key dates below:

- **Thursday 8th January** – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- **Wednesday 14th January** – Sixth Form Open Evening
- **Monday 26th January** – Challenge Week begins (Years 11 and 13)
- **Thursday 29th January** – Year 9 Parents' Evening & Options Fair

Please note that **parents' evenings do not require bookings** families can simply arrive and meet teachers.

I would strongly encourage families who have children in Years 10 and 11 to attend our **Sixth Form Open Evening** and to share this invitation with other families.

### Start of Term Arrangements

Pupils will return to school on **Monday 5th January at 9:55am**. For families who require it, **Breakfast Club will be open from 8:45am** on this day.

We would also like to remind families that, should you require any **safeguarding support over the holidays**, you can contact the **Waltham Forest Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** on **020 8496 2310**.

We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our **Christmas hampers** and helped decorate our **Christmas tree**, making the festive season even more special for our school community.

Finally, may I wish all our Heathcote families a **very Merry Christmas** and a peaceful festive break. I look forward to welcoming pupils back next term.

With best wishes,

**Sonia Close**  
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## Rashmiya Speaks Out

Our students were lucky to take part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, an exciting programme that helps young people build confidence and develop their communication skills through public speaking. They took part in workshops led by professional trainers, learning how to prepare and deliver a short speech on a topic they are passionate about. We are especially proud of Rashmiya, who won the borough finals! This outstanding achievement not only highlights her incredible talent and hard work but also brings great recognition to our school, showing the strength and confidence of our students. The experience has helped all participants grow in confidence, resilience, and self-belief, with Rashmiya now having the chance to progress to regional finals. Good Luck Rashmiya - we will be there to support you.

Here, Rashmiya reflects on her experience on stage delivering her speech to approximately 100 people made up of parents, pupils, governors and the judging panel.

**“Standing off stage, heart racing, blood rushing, seconds away from bursting with fear and anticipation ... only to hear my name ring out across the hall, an eruption of cheers and cacophony of claps from the audience: a moment that entirely describes the incredible emotional rollercoaster that is the Jack Petchey Speak Out challenge. An experience that was incredible, unbelievable, a night never to forget!**

**Luckily I was able to make new friends from 12 different schools: intelligent peers that made the competition all the more challenging but also interesting. I honestly**



had no idea what the outcome would be, but little did I know the shock that was to come. I almost don't even remember doing the speech, it was like I was possessed, an out of body experience watching myself speak. But once I reached a certain flow I felt confidence surge through, cultivated by all the love and support of my family and friends.

While speaking on stage was an exhilarating and once in a lifetime experience, it was nerve wracking throughout - from the moment I walked on stage, to the moment I finished my speech, to the final revelation of the winners. I still remember my heart racing and stomach squirming as each name was called out almost painstakingly slow, hearing the runner ups being called out and almost losing hope and the initial incredulous disbelief that I had won. I was incredibly lucky to have my English teacher Ms Reid and my family there to support me throughout the competition and I am truly honoured to bring the trophy home to our school!"





## Sixth Form Pupils Shine in Prestigious Debate Competition at Westminster

A huge well done to our Sixth Form pupils who proudly represented the school in the 6th Form Debate Competition, led by Sir Iain Duncan Smith. The competition provided an exciting platform for students to showcase their debating skills, confidence and teamwork at a very high level.



Congratulations to Alea S, Joe G, Leigha R, Ella B, Valentin C, Yanis G, Zahraa R, and Teddy M, all of whom participated and fantastically represented the school. Their communication skills, teamwork and self-assurance were truly impressive throughout the competition.

The semi-final and final rounds took place at the Palace of Westminster on Thursday 27th November, making the experience particularly memorable and prestigious. Special congratulations go to Ella, Leigha, Valentin and Yanis who progressed to the final and achieved an outstanding second-place finish.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils involved for their hard work, dedication and excellent performance. This achievement reflects both their commitment and the high standards of our Sixth Form — well done to everyone involved!



## Future Changemakers Take the Lead at Envision Launch

Well done to all the Envision pupils who attended the Envision Competition Launch Trip on Wednesday 26th November. The launch event was a fantastic start to the programme, and it was wonderful to see such high levels of engagement, enthusiasm and commitment from everyone involved.

A special mention goes to Wyatt Stoughton, who particularly stood out on the day for confidently taking the lead and demonstrating excellent initiative. It was also great to see how effectively the group worked together as a team, supporting and encouraging one another throughout the event — a true reflection of strong collaboration and shared purpose.

The Envision Programme is a cross-school active citizenship competition that gives young people the opportunity to make a real difference. Eighteen Year 12 pupils have joined the programme and will be working closely with Envision Programme Coordinators and volunteer mentors from a local business. Together, they will design, develop and deliver a social action project aimed at creating a positive impact within their school or college community.



The launch event, held in Covent Garden, allowed pupils to meet the Envision team, gain a clear understanding of how the programme will run, and network with professionals. This inspiring experience marks the beginning of an exciting journey, and we look forward to seeing the innovative and impactful projects our pupils will develop. Keep up the great work!



## Stories Shine Bright At The Laying Of The Flowers

We were delighted to once again be invited to the Laying Of The Flowers ceremony at Chingford Cemetery on Friday November 7th. This annual ceremony is a chance to pay our respects to those who fought so hard in the past to protect the country in times of war.

Along with other schools in the local area, we laid a wreath in remembrance and released a dove in the course of the service. Afterwards, we were privileged to be shown around the war graves by ex-servicemen Peter and Alistair, who provided our pupils with the backstory to some of the servicemen laid to rest here. Our pupils found it extremely interesting to learn about the sacrifices made by those in service, some of whom were just teenagers themselves.

We would like to say thank you so much to Peter and Alistair, and to all those who arranged the event and invited us to share...







## Students Face Court



Recently, our year group had the opportunity to visit Snaresbrook Crown Court, and it was an experience none of us will forget. As soon as we arrived, the atmosphere felt very serious and professional, which helped us understand how important the work done there really is.

One of the highlights of the visit was meeting a judge, who spoke to us about their role in the justice system and what it takes to work in law. They explained how decisions are made in court and answered our questions honestly, which made the career feel much more real and achievable. It was interesting to hear about the challenges judges face and how they must always remain fair and unbiased.

After the talk, we were lucky enough to sit in on a real court case. Watching everything happen in real life was very different from seeing it on TV. The lawyers, witnesses and judge were all extremely professional, and it was fascinating to see how carefully each detail was considered. The case was especially interesting because it showed how the law affects real people and real lives.

Overall, the visit to Snaresbrook Crown Court was educational, eye-opening and engaging. It helped us better understand how the legal system works and gave many of us a new appreciation for the rule of law. It was definitely a trip we will remember.





## Maths Masters: Sparx XP Stars of the Term

All of our young Mathematicians are expected to complete their Sparx homework on a weekly basis. Each term, we will reward those pupils with the most XP points – these are gained by doing homework on time, to the best of their ability, as well as completing extra tasks for more points.

Well done to the following pupils who have the highest amount of XP points in their Sparx Maths homeworks this term!

7C1 – Deniz T, Rayyan M-T  
7C2 – Saktheesan K, Peter D  
7C3 – Meibor L, Noelle M

7C4 – Timur E, Cheska A-B  
7C5 – Lace C, Rhalissa W-B-M  
7C6 – Hadia A, Zainab Z

8C1 – Jeron A, Holly B  
8C2 – Rio C, Chuka A  
8C3 – Sophie B, Jack G  
8C4 – Umar I, Elisa D

8C5 – Madinah S, Maya S  
8C6 – Orleana H, Mustafa H  
8C7 – Teodora D, Grace C

9Ha – River Y, Fatima S  
9Hb – Melissa S, Reuben C  
9Hc – Daniel K, Alex G  
9Hd – Safia H, Sky M

9Fa – Thomas P, Tia H  
9Fb – Thanujan P, Jay H  
9Fc – Arnas D, Isabella R  
9Fd – Konnie B, William G

10Ha – Nini-Iman A, Beatrice S  
10Hb – Hannah P, Hazal E  
10Hc – Gabriel Pih, Naila B  
10Fa – Gabriel C, Elijah N

10Fb – Joseph S, Oliver P  
10Fc – Fatjon M, Aaryan D  
10Fd – Nadeem A, Nithursha P  
10Fe – Alfie M, Albert P

The pupils have been invited to take part in a reward event, with the year 7s and 8s enjoying their reward on Monday 15th December 2025, and the year 9s



and 10s will have theirs on 7th January 2026. Well done everyone - keep up the good work!



## From Page to Stage: Year 10s Watch A Christmas Carol



Our Year 10 students recently had the exciting opportunity to attend a live performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, bringing a key GCSE English Literature text vividly to life.

Watching the novel performed on stage allowed students to deepen their understanding of



the plot, characters, and themes in a way that goes beyond the classroom. Seeing Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation unfold through powerful acting, staging, and dialogue helped students to better grasp Dickens' messages about redemption, social responsibility, and the consequences of greed — all central ideas explored in the GCSE syllabus.

The live performance also

supported revision by helping students visualise key moments from the text, such as the visits from the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. These scenes, often analysed in exams, became more memorable through dramatic interpretation, making it easier for students to recall quotations, character motivations, and atmosphere when writing exam responses.



In addition, hearing the language spoken aloud reinforced students' understanding of Dickens' use of dialogue and tone, while the Victorian setting and costumes helped contextualise the novel's social and historical background — an important element of higher-level GCSE analysis.

Overall, the experience was both enjoyable and academically valuable. The performance not only strengthened students' confidence with a challenging literary text but also demonstrated how live theatre can enrich learning and enhance GCSE revision. We look forward to building on this experience in lessons as students continue their preparation for their English Literature examinations.





## From Words to Wisdom: Year 8 Developing Reading and Discussion Skills

This term, Year 8 have been taking part in weekly guided reading sessions with a strong focus on building vocabulary and developing literacy and discussion skills. Pupils have been encouraged to explore new and ambitious language, discuss meaning in context, and apply unfamiliar vocabulary in their own spoken and written responses.

Our core text has been *Private Peaceful*, which has provided rich opportunities for thoughtful discussion and close reading. Through guided questioning, students have examined themes such as friendship, family, conflict, and courage, while also developing inference skills and the ability to justify ideas using evidence from the text.

Discussions have been respectful, reflective, and increasingly confident, with students building on one another's ideas and listening carefully to different viewpoints. Overall, Year 8 have shown excellent engagement and clear progress in reading fluency, vocabulary acquisition, and collaborative talk. We are very pleased with their commitment and enthusiasm during these sessions.



## Prepared to Act: Year 8 First Aid Training Day

Year 8 students took part in an exciting and educational workshop run by the London Ambulance Service. The workshop taught students important first aid skills and how to respond in an emergency.

Students behaved very well throughout the session and were highly engaged in the activities. Feedback from the London Ambulance team was also very positive.



We would like to say a big thank you to the London Ambulance Service for their time, knowledge, and support. We hope that what our students learned will help them feel confident and maybe even save someone's life in the future.





## Thinking Big: Sixth Form Students Achieve Top Honours in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

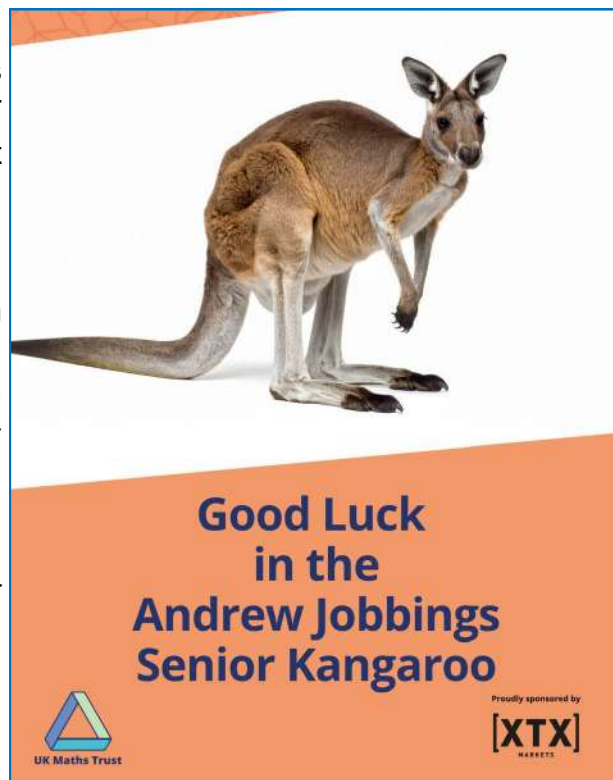
Despite the demands of a rigorous sixth-form curriculum, our Year 12 and Year 13 students rose to the challenge by taking part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge achieving some excellent results.

We are especially proud of Can (The best in school) and Kiasha in year 13, who secured Gold Awards, and qualified for the next round — the extremely challenging Andrew Jobbing's Senior Kangaroo. Good luck to you both!

An impressive group of students achieved Silver Awards: Fionn (Year 13), Gabriel (Year 13), George (Year 12) and Emily (Year 13).

Bronze Awards were earned by Elliott (Year 12), Nathan (Year 12), Damilola (Year 13), Anthony (Year 13), Igor (Year 13), Wyatt (Year 12), Ackshaiyan (Year 13), Kiro (Year 13) and Ben (Year 12).

Well Done to all of our Year 12 and Year 13 participants for their enthusiasm, resilience and mathematical skill — a fantastic achievement for the whole department.

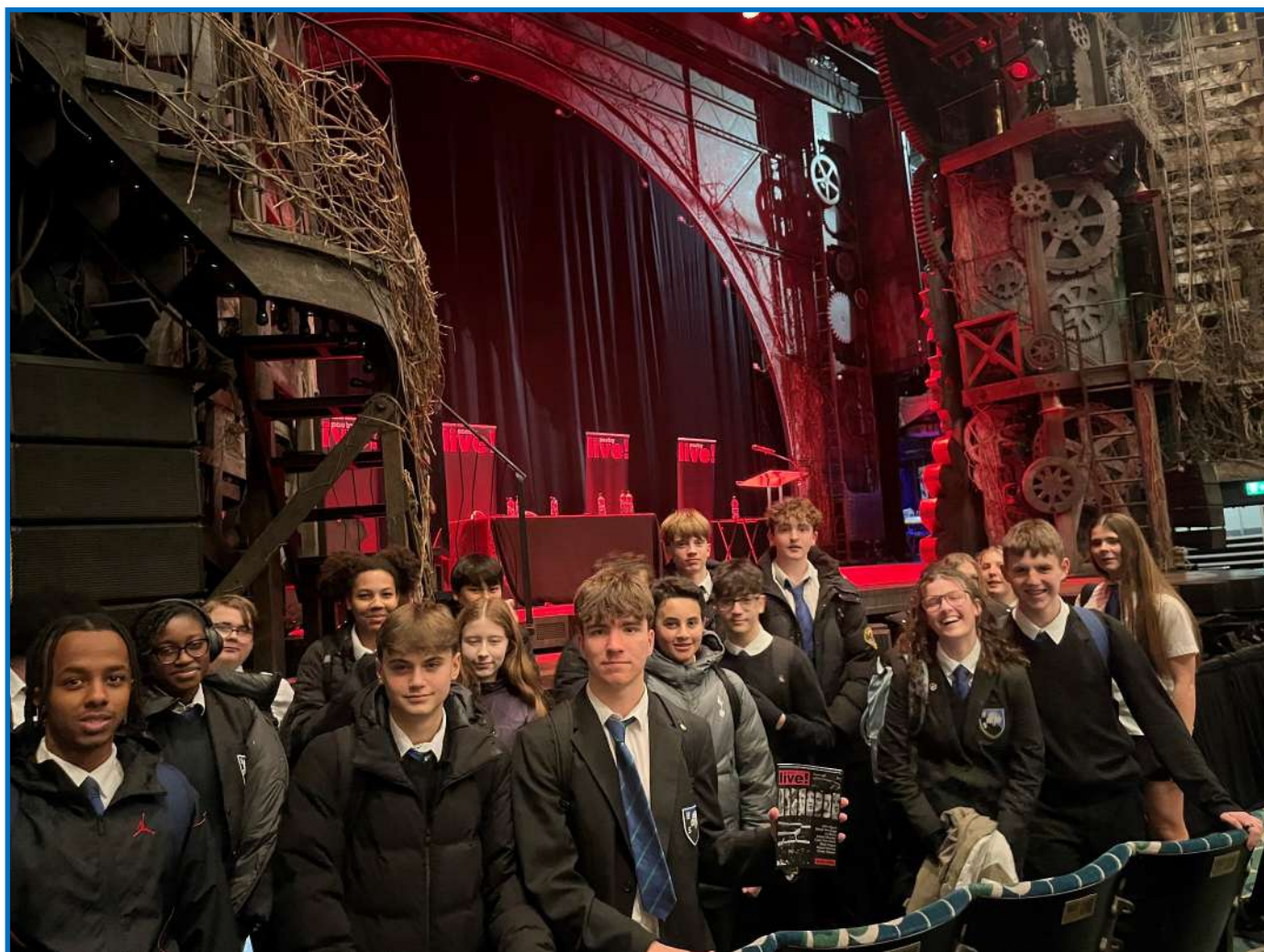


## Bringing Poetry to Life: GCSE Students at Poetry Live

A group of our GCSE students recently attended the GCSE Poetry Live event at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, and it proved to be an inspiring and highly valuable experience. Students heard live readings and discussions from several poets on the GCSE specification, including Poet Laureate Simon Armitage, bringing their set texts to life in a truly memorable way.

The day also included guidance from a Chief Examiner, giving students practical insight into how to approach the GCSE English Literature exams with confidence. Our students engaged thoughtfully, asked insightful questions, and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.

We are confident that this experience has deepened their understanding of poetry and will have a positive impact on their exam preparation.





# Heathcote's Christmas Spread!

We enjoyed our usual Christmas celebration assemblies this year, with a traditional Christmas lunch served in the final week of term. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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**NEW STARTERS**

**Rahul Rahanu** (Art Teacher)

**Danielle Bastienne** (ICT Teacher)

**Jaya Bailleux** (Geography Teacher)

**Layla Khalique-Loonat**

(Geography Teacher)

**Zerin Glen-Hall** (English Teacher)

**Nasreen Khan** (English Teacher)

**Elanaz Kir** (History Teacher)

**Avis Allen** (PE Teacher)

**Ibrahim Abdulkhalig** (History Teacher)

**Raheela Ahmed** (Science Teacher)

**Cameron Rowe-Osamor** (Pastoral)

Behavioural Assistant)

**Lynette Hollis** (Food Technician)

**Tracy Rollings** (TA)

**Sandra Banahene** (TA)

**LEAVING US**

## Upcoming Dates

*Friday 19th December*

End of Autumn Term (Pupils Dismissed 12.30pm)

*Monday 5th January*

Start of Spring Term (Pupils Arrive At 10am)

*Thursday 8th January*

Year 8 Parents Evening

*Wednesday 14th January*

Sixth Form Open Evening

*Monday 26th January*

Challenge Week Begins (Years 11 & 13)

*Thursday 29th January*

Year 9 Parents Evening & Options Fair

*Monday 9th February*

Challenge Week Begins (Years 7, 8 & 9)

*Friday 13th February*

Trip Day (Years 7-10 and Year 12)

*Monday 16-Friday 20th February*

Half Term (Pupils Return Monday 23rd at 9am)

*Monday 2nd March*

Challenge Week Begins (Years 10 & 12)

*Thursday 12th March*

Year 11 and Year 13 Second Parents Evening

*Thursday 26th March*

Year 7 Parents Evening/Languages Selection

*Friday 27th March*

End of Spring Term



## Year 7 End Of Term Awards

<b>Subject Awards</b>	
English	Jake M
Maths	Kuzey O
Science	Emily R-B
History	Thomas B-C
Geography	Harley S
Music	Asher H
Drama	Finlay M
PE	Hayden C
Product Design	Remy M
Fashion Textiles	Elayda O
Food Nutrition	Maya S
Graphic Design	Ella H
French	Miarose H
Spanish	Justin W
RE	Delilah H-M
DSD	Leon T
Cover Supervisor	Dominic I
<b>Pastoral Awards</b>	
Headteacher Award	Miarose H
Year Leader Awards	Jack B, Leyla A., Cheska A-B, Blake A, Benedict B
ACE Award	Eren K
Superstars Award	Rayaan N
Tutor Award (7.1)	Justin B
Tutor Award (7.2)	Rayaan N
Tutor Award (7.3)	Skye P-J
Tutor Award (7.4)	Melissa A
Tutor Award (7.5)	Finlay M
Tutor Award (7.6)	Eren K



## Year 8 End Of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English	Dylan J
Maths	Sardi H
Science	Mia H-M
History	Poppy M
Geography	Jason M
Art	Mia H-M
Music	Jay M-D
Drama	Jassvin P
Product Design	Holly B
Fashion Textiles	Poppy M
Food Nutrition	Furkan M
Graphic Design	Olivia P
French	Ava M
Spanish	Max A
RE	Isabella T
DSD	Jake P
Cover Supervisor	Charlie P
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Award	Raheema A
Year Leader Awards	Jay M-D, Sardi H, Aleena M, Razvan D, Olivia Lily C
ACE Award	Anita H
Superstars Award	Alea D
Tutor Award (8.1)	Raheema A
Tutor Award (8.2)	Joshua M
Tutor Award (8.3)	Jasmine S
Tutor Award (8.4)	Ranbir S
Tutor Award (8.5)	Maya F
Tutor Award (8.6)	Emmeline M



## Year 9 End Of Term Awards

### Subject Awards

English	Jude F
Maths	Mason S
Science	Millie T-M
History	Gheorghe B
Geography	Hannah G
Art	River Y
Music	Millie T-M
Drama	Harry E
PE	Alina W
Product Design	Azeezah A
Fashion Textiles	Ruiya M
Architecture Design	Aniela T
Food Nutrition	Peter D
Graphic Design	Armaghan A
French	Austin S
Spanish	Haadi S
RE	Naail K
DSD	Kaya S
Cover Supervisor	Lola F

### Pastoral Awards

Headteacher Award	Nathan S-H
Year Leader Awards	Alina W, Tia H, Sophie B, Tommy D, Vishnu S
ACE Award	Aras E
Superstars Award	Grace T
Tutor Award (9.1)	Blake W
Tutor Award (9.2)	Wajaahat A
Tutor Award (9.3)	Tia H
Tutor Award (9.4)	Anas C
Tutor Award (9.5)	Laura G
Tutor Award (9.6)	Haadi S
Tutor Award (9.7)	Lola F



## Year 10 End of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English	Zac C
Maths	Milan W
Biology	Simona B
Physics	Rashmiya N
Chemistry	Eleanor J
History	Nini-Iman A
Geography	Iulian E
Art	Simona B
Drama	Imogen W
PE	Nini Imaan A
PE: Health and Fitness	Harry H
Product Design	Alia C
Fashion Textiles	Chloe U
Food Nutrition	James C
French	Hannah S
Spanish	Simona B
Enterprise	Hazal E
Sociology	Gracie P
RE	Koray A
Health and Social Care	Freya D
Cover Supervisor	Harry B
EAL	Nithursha P
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Award	Muhammad K
Year Leader Awards	Jaden F, Joseph S, Anaya R-E, Ariella M, Daniel C
ACE Award	Lotanna E
Superstars Award	Saruhan A
Tutor Award (10.1)	Ava G
Tutor Award (10.2)	Oliver P
Tutor Award (10.3)	Gracie P
Tutor Award (10.4)	Alia C
Tutor Award (10.5)	Jake P
Tutor Award (10.6)	Eleanor J



## Year 11 End of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English	Maisie W
Maths	Freddie S
Biology	Imogen W
Chemistry	Jessie E
Physics	Kerem G
History	Daniela C
Geography	Gabriella H
Art	Humphrey M
Drama	Amaya S
PE	Max H-W
PE: Health and Fitness	Aaron R
Product Design	Deniz D
Fashion Textiles	Michael D
Food Nutrition	Daisy W
French	Kalifa D
Spanish	Eva I
Enterprise	Shay S
Sociology	Elizabeth A
Health and Social Care	Sienna S
DSD	Hafsa A
Cover Supervisor	Eleena A
EAL	Mohit K
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Award	Anotnia T
Year Leader Awards	Eliza A, Imogen W, Rosie K, Daniela C, Mason S
ACE Award	Elizabeth A
Superstars Award	Brehanna P
Tutor Award (11.1)	George M, Ayla C
Tutor Award (11.2)	Josie K, Isha K
Tutor Award (11.3)	Livvy C, Selim A
Tutor Award (11.4)	Alfie P, Eliza H
Tutor Award (11.5)	Efe K, Freddie S
Tutor Award (11.6)	Thomas C, Benick D-J-V-A



## Year 12 End of Term Awards

### Subject Awards

English Literature	Leigha R
English Language	Lunna Q
Maths	George S
Biology	Olivia H
Chemistry	Kaidy B
Physics	Elliott H
BTEC Applied Science	Ion G
Politics	Leigha R
History	Grace P
DT	Pei Jin C
Economics	Ben M
Business	Inaaya W
Business BTEC	Danylo S
Sociology	Izabela N
Psychology	Chezarina O-O
DSD	Inaaya W
Cover Supervisor	Erald D

### Pastoral Awards

Headteacher Award	Grace P
Year Leader Awards	Leigha R, Wyatt S, Buse B, Mahek B, Caglar U
ACE Award	Kaidy B
Superstars Award	Kezia A
Tutor Award (12.1)	Ion G
Tutor Award (12.2)	Grace P
Tutor Award (12.3)	Buse B
Tutor Award (12.4)	Maissa R
Tutor Award (12.5)	Lihan W



## Year 13 End of Term Awards

Subject Awards	
English Literature	Em B
Biology	Kayla B
Chemistry	Anthony C
Physics	Fionn D
BTEC Applied Science	Jessica R
Politics	Caitlin R
Geography	Peter D
DT	Janae D
Economics	Saad A
Business BTEC	Juliana Garcia S
Sociology	Daniel S
EPQ	Ackshaiyan M
Psychology	Ubbayd N
Health & Social Care	Marwah K
DSD	Zaki M
Cover Supervisor	Emre M
Pastoral Awards	
Headteacher Award	Chris A
Year Leader Awards	Constantin I, Gabriel G, Lara C, Daniel S, Lili N
ACE Award	Lilly S
Superstars Award	Yaaqub R
Tutor Award (13.1)	Osman A
Tutor Award (13.2)	Ubbayd N
Tutor Award (13.3)	Thevhan K
Tutor Award (13.4)	Harrison F
Tutor Award (13.5)	Damilola A



## 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.
- Black tights.

### Year group tie colours 2025/2026

Students to keep ties for their time at Heathcote.

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



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## Sixth Form Open Evening



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## Game On! Sporting Highlights and Successes

### Year 7 Girls Football Borough Champions

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls' football team, who have been crowned Borough Champions after an outstanding season. The team won all of their matches against eight strong opponents, showing incredible teamwork and determination throughout. They scored an impressive 22 goals and conceded only 2 goals across the entire season. A fantastic achievement, well done to all the players.

*Congratulations to:*

Delilah H-M (7.6)

Billie D (7.4)

Noelle M (7.4)

Blousie C (7.1)

Mikayla G (7.6)

Adaora G (7.1)

Elisa R (7.4)

Penny A (7.2)

Oyindamola D (7.4)

Maya S (7.2)

Paige D (7.6)

Maryam Z (7.1)

Mille C (7.1)

Lola B (7.3)

### Year 9 Netball

THEY WERE SO CLOSE! Our Year 9 girls came second in the Borough Netball Competition. Although they won their pool, and successfully beat Kelmscott in the semi-finals, unfortunately, we were beaten by a very strong and experienced Holy Family team in a nail-biting round. We are extremely proud of the girls with their effort and team cohesion. We look forward to what year 10 brings.

All fixtures, results and players of the match can be seen below:

Opposition	Score	Opposition's Player of the Game	Miss Lewis' Player of the Game
South Chingford	7-5 (W)	Lola	Amelia
Chingford	9-8 (W)	Lola	Fatima & Millie
Fredrick Bremer	<i>Cancelled</i>		
Kelmscott (Semi-Final)	6-5 (W)	Lola & Fatima	Rubyrose
Holy Family (Final)	5-20 (L)	Chloe & Lola	Millie



As a team, the girls have grown and developed and represented the school proudly. Well done to all our players who contributed to the team performance this term - you have been a credit to the school and have been a pleasure to lead.

A special well done and thank you to Lola whom has led the team as captain and has been extremely dependable as a player and as a teammate.

Well done to all 12 players:

GS: Fatima & Rubyrose

GA: Lola & Charlotte

WA: Alice

C: Amelia & Chloe

WD: Safia & Esther

GD: Netty & Tia

GK: Millie



### **Year 7 Boys Basketball**

Due to the unavailability of other schools, year 7 boys only managed one fixture so far this season against our local rivals Chingford Foundation. The end resulted in a 23-22 loss. However, the lead changed on a number of occasions.

Fortunately, the team have more opportunities to get their first win under their belt when they play South Chingford, Norlington and Leytonstone.

***Keep up the good work and team spirit!***

# Going for Gold

Heathcote's sporting news

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

## Inspired At The Alessia Russo Inaugural Cup

In November, Heathcote were proud to take part in the Alessia Russo Under-13s 5 A Side Tournament, sponsored by Adidas and Sky Sports. This inaugural event was held at the New River Leisure Centre in Tottenham, north London. The tournament was hosted in partnership with Sky and included workshops designed to boost their wellbeing and confidence during the event, including a zone for meditating.

The girls did really incredibly well in this tournament and finished 3rd - it was a great competitive game and we were really proud of their performance amongst 180 other children from North and East London schools. The girls also had the chance to meet Swedish Arsenal legend Freddie Ljungberg!

You can read more by visiting the Sky website [using this link.](#)



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