

# The Heathland

## Highlights 2017-18



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## RECORD BREAKING 'A' LEVEL RESULTS – THE BEST GRADES IN HOUNSLOW



In a great year for results at The Heathland School, pride of place must go to the 26 students who achieved A\* and A grades in all their 'A' Levels. Their results are a wonderful testimony to their hard work and resilience. They deserve our congratulations as do their teachers who prepared them so well to face the challenge of tougher examinations.

### HEATHLAND STUDENTS ACHIEVING ALL A\*/A GRADES

**Front from left:**  
**Rohan Sood**, *Mathematics at Warwick University*

**Flora Waller**, *Ancient and Modern History at Oxford University*

**Abdullahi Abdi** *applying for a Mathematics degree after gap year.*

**Emily Kearey**, *History and American Studies at Nottingham University.*

**Minhaj Rahma**, *Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University.*

**Kimrinjeet Mangat**, *Psychology at UCL*  
**Dalbir Bhamra**, *Engineering at UCL*

**Back from left:**

**Anika Patel**, *Economics at Birmingham University*

**Sarpnavi Uthayakumar**, *Physics at Imperial College*

**Hassiba Zenasni**, *Economics at Surrey University*

**Isabel Harvey** *Sociology at Bristol University*

**Nassra Adam**, *Economics at King's College, London*

**Abdulrahman Alkatta**, *Biomedical Science at Queen Mary*  
**Shyana Gopy**, *Chemical Engineering at Imperial College*

**Amrit Dhami**, *History and Economics at Oxford University*

**Delilah Crasto**, *Medicine at University of East Anglia*

**Ashley Vijayakumar**, *Management at LSE*

**Callum Williams-Gould**, *taking a gap year*

**Sarmad Khan**, *Medicine at St George's, London*

**Not in the photograph:**  
**Alexander Apetroaie**, *Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Warwick University*

**Zainab Aziz**, *English Literature at UCL*

**Radia Hassan**, *Biochemistry at Oxford University*

**Amar Nagi**, *Mathematics and Economics at LSE*

**Nasrien Youness**, *International Relations at King's College, London*

**Saher Zafar**, *Employment*

### OXFORD BOUND



Four students succeed in gaining places at world renowned Oxford University. Flora Waller (St. Johns), Minhaj Rahma (Balliol College), Amrit Dhami (Oriental) and Radia Hassan (University College, not pictured).

### HEADMASTER VISITS BUCKINGHAM PALACE!

The Headmaster receives an OBE for Services to Education from Prince William at the Buckingham Palace Investiture.







## GCSE RESULTS: EXCEPTIONAL GRADES IN A TOP YEAR

Excellence at GCSE: The students who achieved grade 7 or better (equivalent to A and A\* grades) in all their GCSE subjects).  
 Back from left: Vivek Kumar, Eashaal Mahmood, Riya Sachdeva, Josephine Kearey, Muntasir Uddin, Hana Ahmed and Hamza Cheema.  
 Front from left: Ali Hamza Mohammed, Mahira Muhsanat, Sachi Sahi, Natasha Galpayage Dona, Lucy Rogerson, Siddhi Barhanpurkar and Aleena Ali.

## THE MARK OF DISTINCTION

Another year of exceptional success for Sixth Formers studying BTEC Business or Science. The majority of students completing the two year course are now heading off to university degrees and, most likely, successful careers.



### BTEC Business

*Usmaan Hussain, Accounting and Management at Aston University. Sakura Suzuki, International Business at Loughborough University and Arjan Bansal, Business at Aston University.*



### BTEC Science

*Anish Mathew, Accounting and Finance at Surrey University. Muskan Kapoor, Biomedical Science at Bath University. Pictured above are just 5 of the 12 students who achieved 'Distinctions' and gained university places.*

## ON CLOUD 9



*Exceptional GCSE results for Hana Ahmed and Siddhi Barhanpurkar who received ten grade 9's in all their subjects. Only 700 pupils across the country can claim this achievement and The Heathland School has two of them.*

## ANOTHER TWO SUCCESSFUL HEATHLAND MEDICS



*Sarmad Khan, St Georges Hospital, London and Delilah Crasto, University of East Anglia*





Keiray and Daniella from (7TU) enjoy some marshmallows at 7 Kent's Year Base stall

## CHARITY WEEK ECLIPSES LAST YEAR'S TOTAL ▼

### APPRENTICESHIP DEGREES: ANOTHER ROUTE TO A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

A level student, Nikita Williams, has secured an 18 month apprenticeship with the global finance company JP Morgan Chase.

She will be learning whilst earning a competitive salary. After completing her level 4 qualification she will have the option to progress onto a degree in Applied Finance provided by the University of Exeter.

Nikita explained that JP Morgan looked for, 'personality, determination

and a willingness to work hard.' 'University is not the only route anymore' Nikita explained. 'Companies such as GSK, Google, Jaguar Land-Rover, Canon and the BBC offer apprenticeship programmes covering a wide range of careers.'

The school wishes Nikita the very best of luck in her new role.



Charity Week is the highlight of every school year and this year was no exception. The school raised over £19,000 eclipsing the previous year's total. Money raised was divided equally between the three chosen charities; Tear Fund, Refuge and The British Heart Foundation. All the tutor groups worked very hard in their fundraising but special mention must go to 11 Gresham who collected a staggering £1506.41.

Highlights from this year included Heathland's Got Talent, Mr Sharma's Haircut, House Bhangra and Gala evening which closed the week's events.



Pupils and students queue for the Cookie Bus at breaktime

### HOLLYWOOD BECKONS FOR RAJVEER?



Rajveer (left) with Hollywood actor Sebastian Stan

BTEC Science student, Rajveer Kooner, has secured a place on the prestigious Sky Fast Forward program editing for Sky Cinema. Rajveer has turned his hobby into a career after editing for You Tubers such as Ricegum. By 2016 Rajveer had 11,000 subscribers and his most viewed video reached 8 million and counting.

Rajveer also secured a place at the prestigious Ghetto Film School in New York. There he met actors like Sebastian Stan (Captain America: The First Avenger) and director of American Hustle, David O. Russel. On top of all of this, Rajveer has also found time this summer to work on his own film in LA titled, 'Casting Chris.'



Umair puts up with wet sponges- all for a good cause





## WORLD BOOK DAY, MARCH 2018

March saw the annual recognition of World Book Day, a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) reading. There were some fantastic costumes to see with Teaching and Support Staff picking their favourite literary character.

## WORLD OF WORK DAY



*Katherine Ara speaks to students about her unusual job as a paintings restorer*

The annual Year 9 World of Work Day welcomed career professionals into the school to talk about their experiences.

Speakers included a former Heathlander, Jasveen Grewal, who is now a lawyer with Phillips and Head of British Airways Command and Control, Stephen Bond. Other careers represented included a painting restorer, journalist, fire fighter and architect among others. Ella Patel from 9BA stated, "I had so much fun! This has helped me decide what I want to pick for GCSE and impacted on my future career".

## FORMER PUPIL, VISHAAL LADVA, GUEST OF HONOUR AT YEAR 7 AND 8 PRIZE GIVING



*Vishaal Ladva congratulates Adam Yagoub (8SH)*

Guest of Honour at Year 7 and 8 prize giving was former pupil Vishaal Ladva. Vishaal left The Heathland School in 2013 to study Medicine at St Anne's College, Oxford. Prize giving recognised pupils for their hard work and commitment to all subjects in the curriculum. Prizes covered everything from MFL to Music, Special Progress to Science. The celebration featured a performance from the resident pupils' band, NHS, who opened the ceremony.

## YEAR 9 AND 10 PRIZE GIVING



*Kainaat Siddiqui (10GR) is congratulated by David O'Mahoney*

Guest of Honour at Year 9 and 10 prize giving was motivational speaker, David O'Mahoney. David was a serving member of the 'Blues and Royals' Army Regiment when he was involved in a terrible accident. He has shown remarkable courage and determination to recover from this set back. There are messages for all of us to learn from his remarkable story.





## ‘THE HEATHLAND IS AN AMAZING SCHOOL!’ CEO OF BRITISH AIRWAYS, ALEX CRUZ, IS GUEST OF HONOUR AT SENIOR PRIZE GIVING



*Alex Cruz presents Kaya Simon with her Duke of Edinburgh Silver award*

This year's guest of honour at Senior Prize Giving was Alex Cruz, CEO of British Airways. As well as congratulating students on their achievements he also delivered a touching speech, tracing his roots from the Basque region of Spain to the Head of 'the world's favourite airline.' He also had an empathetic word for the parents in the audience seeing their children take the next step in their education - his son John is also going to University this year.

Mr Cruz's talk moved on to the future of British Airways; his spending plan of £4.5 billion over the next 5 years which will see 72 new planes, the refurbishment of older stock and new destinations. As a consequence of this investment

he encouraged the students present to consider a future career with the airline. As his Grandfather always told him, 'some traditional careers will go but planes will be flying for many years to come.' Mr Cruz rounded off his speech touching upon the expansion of Heathrow, the exciting times ahead for the airline industry and crucially, job creation within the Hounslow area.

Mr Cruz complimented the Headmaster on the school stating, 'The Heathland is an amazing school!' He went on to mention how personally encouraging it was for him to speak to the students who had participated in the British Airways work experience program which has inspired them to become future airline pilots.

## WORLD CLASS SCHOOLS: HEATHLAND RE-AWARDED QUALITY MARK



The school has been awarded 're-accreditation' for the 'World Class Schools Quality Mark' (WCSQM).

The WCSQM is only open to non-selective state schools assessed as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Very few schools gain this accolade demonstrating that the school is continuing to develop the personal skills and competencies that students need to be World Class citizens in a dynamic, global economy.





# SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

September saw Mr Shore take a group of talented year 8 actors to Richmond theatre to take part in a workshop for the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The budding thespians performed a scene from *Midsummers Night Dream*. Pritika Sivagnanasundaram (8SH) was very enthusiastic about the experience, "We received amazing feedback from the actors there and learned a lot of warm ups and games to get used to the performing life. I really loved going there, it was a spectacular experience."



## 'WATSON, THE GAME IS AFOOT'



*The full cast before the show*

March saw the Performing Arts Department deliver a classic production of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *Sherlock Holmes*. The play told the gripping tale of Alice Faulkner and the troublesome

love letters. Mr Singh praised the production, 'it was entertaining and the cast performed very well.' Mr Shore added, 'I really enjoyed working with the cast; they made me laugh a lot!'



*Manveer and Sinthya take on Sam, will Sherlock make it out alive?!*

## GALA EVENING



*Arjun 9Pa and Shivam 11Gr perform Shivam's original composition!*

Gala Evening provides an opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents. There was an array of dancers, vocalists and musicians featuring music genres from Rock, Fusion and Pop not to mention the Rock Band, featuring Mr Benfield. Daisy

Shaw (9HO) stated it was, "The best one yet!" Audience member Ella Patel (9BA) said "It had to be the best Gala Event I've been to so far! All in all, the night was a phenomenal success and we can only hope that next year can top it!"



*Jerome, Rodneik, Benie, Alisha, Sean, Arjun, Frohar, all from 7 Hogarth and Lucy 11Ba, perform a dynamic body percussion performance!*





Students posing by a statue of Madrid's official symbol, El Oso y El Madrono (The Bear and the Strawberry Tree).

## WINTER SUN IN MADRID

In January Year 10 & 11 language pupils visited the Spanish Capital of Madrid. Rida Sheikh emphasised the importance of the excursion, "The trip was very rewarding. It allowed me to improve my Spanish by communicating with native speakers and learning new words. My favourite thing about Madrid was no doubt the food, especially the Churros (Spanish doughnuts)."

## MR SINGH SETS THE BAR VERY HIGH BY LEADING NEWTON HOUSE TO A SECOND CONSECUTIVE VICTORY



'I am extremely proud and pleased to have won the house cup for the second year in a row! It was my last year being head of Newton house so I want to use this time to thank EVERYONE who was involved. All the staff who gave up their time and the students who earned house points throughout the year get my full thanks and I wish Miss Wynn the best of luck to keep the run going for Newton House.'

## EASTERN EVENING



Jeevanti Thavaratnem (11BA) and Anindita Mohan Nair (11DI)

This year Eastern Evening was supported by the Year 12 BTEC Business students. They arranged a pre-event outside; a mixture of Asian music, hot samosas and delicious chai masala.

BTEC students Maryam Ahmed and Summer El Awdeh were thrilled with the response. "The main event was a great success with so many talented and varied performers displaying the wide range of talents and cultures at our school." All money raised from both activities were donated to the school's nominated charities.



BTEC Business student Simran Chawla serves evening guests



## SPORTS DAY

Sports day demonstrated this year what the Heathland School is all about: healthy competition, supporting each other and working collectively to achieve. As Loura Sivaratnam (8TU) and Sri Pokkuluri (8TU) reported, 'The competitors and the non-competitors all put in the same amount of effort, whether it is into banners or into the sports. The competitors all showed excellent sportsmanship and supported each other regardless of year group or house alliances.'



*Team Foster cheer on their team*



*Tyrese Clarke 9Gr, Adam Dougui 9Ho and Nayzar Jafri 9Ke in their 100m final.*

## GREAT NORTH RUN: AN AMAZING EFFORT BY MISS WARING



Special congratulations to our Welfare Officer, Miss Waring, who completed the Great North Run despite never running a half marathon before. Miss Waring donated her sponsorship to the charity 'Bloodwise' (a Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research charity) after being inspired by one of the Heathland school pupils. Well done Miss Waring!

## ON SHOW THIS YEAR AT THE KEY STAGE 3 ART EXHIBITION



*Usaid Dawood (7AD) and Rafay Arshad (7BA) admiring the monster masks*

This year's Art exhibition saw David Hackney inspired landscapes, works incorporating watercolours and oil pastels, monster masks, 'Day of the Dead' ceramic skulls and 'Art with a Message' pieces. These were just some of the exhibits and styles on show this year at the schools inspiring Art exhibition.

## TERM DATES

### AUTUMN TERM 2018

Half term week: 22nd – 26th October 2018

Wednesday 19th December: Last Day of Term

### SPRING TERM 2019

7th January – 5th April 2019

Half Term week: 18th – 22nd February

### SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April – 19th July

Half Term Week: 27th May – 31st May