

The Heathland

Highlights 2014-15



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GCSE Results: Best Ever...So Far!

The previous record for 5+ A*-C grades including English and Maths (75%) was surpassed by Miss Legg's Year 11 who achieved an excellent 79%. The most notable feature of the GCSE results was the number of pupils who improved from the start of Year 11. What a difference a year can make.

Pictured right, are some of the best from the record breakers, all achieving more than 10 A/A* grades

Back (L-R): Rubika Kathirakamu, Kamran Sharma, Prasanna Bhusal, Pardeep Bhandal, Priyaa Chauhan, Ahsan Ahmed, Zainab Riaz, Ahmed Ali, Kajal Ladva

Front (L-R): Nassra Adam, Preena Mistry, Akshatha Bhaskaran, Ruwini Pubudhika Munasinghe, Sadaf Waseeq, Isuri De Alwis, Akshara Mathi, Holly Creaser, Amar Pankhania



All A/A* grade students



Two more students achieved all A*/A grades after re-marking: Taabish Khan (left), who will read Mathematics at King's College and Ruhullah Nasiri, who is taking a gap year before applying for Medicine in 2016.

Oxbridge successes



We were also delighted by the success of our three Oxbridge hopefuls. They all secured their places. At Oxford, Viola Han-Smith will read Classics; at Cambridge, Chandan Dhiman will read Human, Social and Political Science and Esha Marwaha will read Geography.

Sixth Form Results

Sixth formers who finished their journey through the Heathland this year achieved more than 40 places at Russel Group universities and more than 170 are going to study for degrees.

Amongst the many smiling faces on A-Level results day were those who achieved A* and A grades in all subjects.



(L-R) Beena Mistry, Ifra Ajaib, Ashish Singh, Abdimalik Adam, Roshan Hansla, Esha Marwaha, Mukarram Chaudhry, Malali Toghey, Kabir Bhandal, Mohammed Ahad, Chandan Dhiman

Abdimalik Adam
Mechanical Engineering,
University College, London

Mohammed Ahad
Economics and Maths,
Surrey University

Ifra Ajaib
History, University College,
London

Kabir Bhandal
Mathematics and Physics,
University College, London

Mukarram Chaudhry
Airline Pilot Training
Chandan Dhiman
Human, Social and Political
Sciences
Cambridge University

Roshan Hansla
Mechanical Engineering,
Imperial College, London

Esha Marwaha
Geography, Cambridge
University

Beena Mistry
Biomedical Sciences,
University College, London

Ashish Singh
Theoretical Physics
University College, London

Malali Toghey
Mathematics, King's College,
London

Equally pleasing was the success of the students studying the vocational Applied Business course. Nearly all who completed the course are proceeding to university degrees.



Back (L-R): Paramjeet Vedi, Imad Obaid, Vuk Kosanovic, Saif Khan, Ravinder Ghere, Awis Parvaiz, Manal Hassan. Front (L-R): Jasleen Arora, Miriam Kassim-Mohamed, Jagmeet Kataria, Samir Abdul, Nejuma Hussein, Shadia Hassan, Shivani Rami, Nimisha Patel

Abdul Samir
BPP, Banking and Finance

Ahmed Ahmed
Roehampton,
Business Management

Ansari Rumana
Royal Holloway,
Business Management

Badhan Onkar
West London, Airline and
Airport Management

Dudhia Mohnish
Kingston, Business
Management

Hassan Shadia
Brunel, Business
Management (Marketing)

Ibrahimi Omar
De Montfort,
Business Management
Jama Issaq Roehampton,
Business Management

Khan Saif
Hertfordshire,
Commercial Law

Kosanovic Vuk
St. Mary's, Sport Science

Limbachia Hemani
Brunel, Business
Management (Marketing)

Masomi Hasina London
College of Fashion, Fashion

Mohamed Hadija
Westminster,
Biomedical Sciences

Patel Nimisha
Middlesex, Law

Rami Shivani
Coventry, Events
Management

Rasoli Omar
Royal Holloway,
Business Management

Saeed Hamza
West London, Airline and
Airport Management

Sidhu Arashdeep
Roehampton,
Business Management

Vedi Paramjeet
De Montfort
Business Management

Eastern Evening



As the sparkling conclusion to the Heathland cultural calendar, each Eastern Evening always has a strong tradition to live up to. This year's exceptional cast more than rose to the challenge, almost literally raising the roof the main hall with complex Bhangra routines, sensational African hip-hop performances, and an atmosphere unlike anything else.



Faizah Hussain (12Sh)

Sixth Form Prom



Aishwarya Girish, Riyan Cronin, Janaki Vaidya, Munzza Khan, Dhawa Gurung, Monika Patel, Rabail Hussain



Arneet Thakker, Arundeep Grewal, Sanjay Pahal, Amit Samuel

From the elegant gowns to the trim tuxedo suits, staff and students made quite a spectacle on the dance floor at this year's sixth form prom. Staff were delighted to remark that so many students attending the Twickenham Stadium event stayed right until the end of the last song. The staff said it was unlikely any students would be treading the boards on Strictly anytime soon however.

Head Girl Leads Addresses Thousands on Climate March



Esha Marwaha

Esha Marwaha's speech at the People's Climate March last September was a real highlight for the school this year. Sharing the stage with celebrities such as Emma Thompson and Dame Vivienne Westwood, Esha hailed a crowd of over 10,000 people in central London. The event followed her 31,000 signature petition and Guardian article as part of her successful campaign to keep climate change in the National Curriculum.

London Schools Gold Club Award



Presented by the Deputy Mayor of London, Ms Munira Mirza, The Heathland were granted membership to the prestigious London Schools Gold Club this year. The award recognises our exceptional achievements at GCSE and the school's work in sharing good practice with other schools.



Year 11 Record of Achievement



Daniel Rogerson (11Pa), Estina Laureta (11Pa), Guest of Honour Bonita Norris, Isuri De Alwis (11Je) and Jihun Dhillon (11Je)

In order to celebrate the journey as well as the destination, Year 11 students, their teachers and parents gathered before beginning study leave to celebrate students' achievements since joining the school in 2010. Students welcomed Bonita Norris, the youngest British female to climb Everest, as their guest of honour. She spoke knowledgeably and helpfully about motivating yourself in hours of need.

General Election Hustings at the Heathland



Caption: L-R: Daniel Goldsmith (Green Party), Mary Macleod (Conservative), Ruth Cadbury (Labour)

In April, Heathland sixth formers were delighted to welcome Brentford and Isleworth parliamentary candidates for a heated hustings. The prospective MPs presented their manifestos and took impressively well-informed questions from the floor. The resulting mock election ballot accurately mirrored the final result, granting a win for Labour candidate Ruth Cadbury.

Senior Prize Giving

Ms Cadbury then returned earlier this term to lead congratulations to A-Level and GCSE students. The packed main hall saw a host of individual prizes handed out. This included the inaugural Sandra Evans Award for Further Mathematics in honour of Mrs Evans who retired at the end of last year after 25 years of outstanding teaching



Ashish Singh, first recipient of the Sandra Evans Award.



Ms Khawaja interviewed after Strictly Come Bhangra by Talhah Nawaz Malik

Charity Week

No five days at The Heathland School are more exciting or more manic than Charity Week. Students went above and beyond this year to beat both last year's achievements and the ambitious target improvement to raise over £14,000 for charities Shooting Star Chase, Young Minds and Unicef. Events such as Strictly Come Bhangra were even more dazzling than usual. An excellent time to be showing the best of ourselves.

Oxford Brilliant Club



22 year 13 students graduated from the Brilliant Club Scholars' programme at Oxford this year. All students received highly positive feedback. To complete the course, students attended tutorials with PHD students, and produced an assignment of undergraduate standard.

Practice Oxbridge and Medicine Interviews



Ms Black and Dr. Mistry interview Safah Sarwar

Debating Success



Sunny and Aqib

Debating is a key element to Heathland extra curricular tradition, which bore impressive fruit this year after Senior Debaters Aqib Khan and Sunny Mehta advanced to the regional rounds of both the Cambridge Union and Mace Debating competitions. Our students' achievements came at the expense of a variety of independent and grammar schools.

The Heathland's strong tradition of sending pupils to Oxford and Cambridge universities, as well as courses in Dentistry and Medicine, continued this year. One

undeniably key factor of this consistent success is the mock interviews held by Heathland Alumni and staff in November.

Poet visit

25 A Level English students were lucky enough to be given a workshop by South London poet Bridget Minamore, whose poems include 'Breaking News' and 'London'. Minamore spoke in the staffroom afterwards about the ideas students came up with for poetry, after a fascinating discussion on the concept of 'home'.



CERN Trip



17 A-Level Physics students spent their October half terms in Geneva last year, visiting CERN headquarters. Students were given intensive early morning lectures, as well as cross-border tours to their colossal particle accelerator. Both staff and students were exceptionally grateful for the unique experience.

Science Fair



The Annual House Science Fair saw over 20 students entering either an experiment or research project. Mr Rose, Mr Carbro and Dr McCarthy-Ward judged the close competition. They awarded prizes to a range of imaginative investigations such as 'how music affects concentration' and 'how the perception of time changes with age'.

Final Results

Research

1st Place: Siddhi Barhanpurkar, Zoha Rahmoon, Sasha Bassi (All 8GR) – A fantastically inventive demonstration of photosynthesis

Investigation

1st Place (joint): Simrit Sekhon 9JE – A detailed and thorough investigation into the effects of different types of music on concentration

1st Place (joint): Sachi Sahi 8TU – A fantastically carried out and presented investigation into the effects on taste of smell

Most Imaginative Project

Rea Sachdeva (9HO) – An investigation into how perception of time changes with age.

Maths Challenge

This year saw Heathland students achieve success in the national Maths Challenge competition in all age groups. Almost a hundred students were awarded medal level certificates, some even achieving Gold Awards and a place in the advanced national stages.



Year 7



Year 11



Year 8



Year 12



Year 10



Year 13

STEM Week



Faisal Khan, Mustafa El Janoudi and Aman Bhalla

STEM Week was another all-round success this year. Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics were promoted to students through main hall and classroom events, new extra-curricular clubs and a welcome return from the Zoo Bus. Student feedback has been exceptionally warming, many noting that they are already looking forward to next year's events.

The Globe Theatre Trip



The English department took all pupils in Year 7 to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre last week. Students were bowled over when they entered the performance space and able to question some of the actors about its history. Afterwards they took part in a professional drama workshop using *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Look out for letters to see a play there next term.



Jessica Singh (7Ba)

Language Excursions



Languages have also been a busy department this year, organising French, German and Spanish days, as well as giving students opportunities to flex their linguistic abilities outside of school. In June, a group of A-Level students visited Orchard Primary School and taught foreign language skills to Year 5 students. In addition, some of our most able Year 8, 9 and 10 Latin students visited the British Museum to learn about Latin speaking civilisations.



Ilirjan Hyseni working with students

Oxford Scavenger Hunt



Where better to stage a treasure hunt for some of our most able Geographers than in one of the country's oldest and most prestigious cities. Students were given the opportunity to explore in independent groups and by all accounts did extremely well. "The clues given were challenging but interesting to solve," writes Simrit Sekhon (9Ke).

London Mayoral Music Scholarship

London Mayor Boris Johnson personally honoured Year 8 student Krum Didov last term as one of his Outstanding Music Scholars. Krum had previously been sponsored by the Mayor's Music Fund for his exceptional talents, and is one of only four awarded this year's honour.





Gala Concert

*Estina Laureta (11Pa),
Aaron O'Brien (11Ke),
Micha Vidot (11Ho)*

The Performing Arts department have a busy calendar each year, beginning with a showcase of students' musical talents at our annual Gala Evening. Outstanding overall quality and a strong variety of acts across the school years was greatly commended by public audience members.

Oliver!



Another dramatic success was the Drama department's reboot of Oliver! The whole cast, including Naveena Pranavarooban (10Di) in the title role did an excellent job throwing the Artful Dodger and friends into 21st Century West London.

Spelling Bee



Akshay Haria (7Gr), Shifa Patel (7Ba), Elsa Beeraje (7Di) and Nauman Nadeem (7Ad)

Dr Purchase would be first to tell you that the English Department has been a "hive" of extra curricular activity this year. Their crowning achievement of course was in the Borough Spelling Bee, beating eight other Hounslow schools to take home the trophy.

Award-winning Film Makers



Bushra Amjad (12Ad), Joanna Hodgkinson (12Je) and Simran Karwal (12Di)

Three Year 12 students won an outstanding accolade this year, being rewarded by the Young People's Trust for the Environment for their short film. As a result, they were given luxury Eurostar travel to Brussels and the unique opportunity to present their views to the European Parliament.

Photography Competition Winners

The Art department stirred our artistic flair during the Spring Term with their 'Amazing Journeys' Photography Competition. Battling for vital house points, the results of excellent participation levels can be seen on the second floor corridor.



KS4 Winner – Yasmin Rezail, Da Vinci



Teacher Winner: Ms West



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

A number of students in the upper years of school spent a few weekends this year trekking toward their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards. Breath-taking scenery, rewarding physical challenges and the odd toasted marshmallow have justly resulted in a real sense of personal achievement for everyone who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Sports Highlights



Dean Bakasa (13Je) (back row, left of cup) became a British Champion Weightlifter

In team sports, Heathland pupils are current Borough champions across a number of sports including Cross Country, Rounders, Netball, Football, Basketball and Rugby.



Akshithaa Sellvarajah (11Je)
Senior Netball



Paige Smart (7Gr) won a silver medal at this year's Gymnastics Welsh Championships, as well as two golds and a silver medal from the Heathrow International.



Y7 Rugby with Mr Dexter