

The Heathland

Sixth Form Highlights

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

Oxbridge Applicant Success



Viola, Esha and Chandan

We were delighted by the success of our three Oxbridge hopefuls who all secured their places. At Oxford, Viola Han-Smith will read Classics; at Cambridge, Chandan Dhiman are reading Human, Social and Political Science and Esha Marwaha will read Geography. The girls themselves gave a huge amount of credit to the support that they have received from teachers. Headmaster Mr Pattar said, "they fully deserve this opportunity for their exceptional all round commitment, both to study and to school life."



(L-R) Taabish Khan, Ruhullah Nasiri

A-Level Triumph

Sixth formers who finished their journey through the Heathland this year achieved many places at Russell Group universities with 170 in total progressing to university studies.

Amongst the many smiling faces on A-Level results day were the 13 students who achieved A* and A grades in all subjects. These students secured places on some of the most competitive degree courses in the country.

A Pathway to Further Education

Higher Education Day



Each school year gets off to a flying start for students in Year 12, who begin thinking about their future plans early at our annual Higher Education Day. The busy and informative schedule of events included presentations from different universities and employers, helping to narrow down the vast spectrum of courses on offer.

Practice Oxbridge Interviews



Rahma Hassan being interviewed by Miss Gimber and Dr Paresh Mistry

Potential applicants to Oxford and Cambridge universities and to Medicine and Dentistry degrees are put through their paces each November by a mock interview panel. Experienced teachers and consultant doctors, all Heathland alumni, prepare students to demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in the interviews themselves later in the year.

Alumni Talks

Our well-established alumni network continued to benefit students this year, with a number of previous students coming back to school to talk to students. Last term along saw talks from professionals and students from a wide range of industries. Each shared stories and expertise with students enabling Heathlanders to widen their aspirations.



Krishan Gola, Tourism Management student at University of West London



Satnam Rehal, Dentist & Senior Clinical fellow in Oral & Maxillofacial surgery. Class of 2007



Zafar Bashir, Professor of Cellular Neuroscience at Bristol University

Oxford Brilliant Club



Last year saw 22 highly-promising Year 13 students graduate from the Brilliant Club Scholars' programme at Pembroke College, part of Oxford University. To complete the course, students attended tutorials with PHD students, and produced an assignment of undergraduate standard. All students received highly positive feedback.

Guidance for Medicine Applications

Each year, there are a number of pupils who aspire to gain places at some of the country's most challenging courses. In order to facilitate this, the school is able to utilise a long-standing alumni network to provide vital guidance to sixth formers. On a number of occasions, previous Heathlanders such as Dr Arani Nitkunan (above), now a Consultant Neurologist at St George's Hospital in Croydon, have offered their time to speak to and advise students.



Mr Pattar with consultant Dr Arani Nitkunan

Whole School Highlights

World Class Status for Heathland

This year the Heathland joined an exclusive club of only 26 other UK schools to be granted World Class Status. Students who took part in the assessment demonstrated that Heathland students are beyond 'outstanding' and are exceptional, compared to international standards. Mr Pattar said that he was delighted to gain this further recognition from an external body confirming the quality of education at The Heathland.



(L-R) Cllr. Tom Bruce, Deputy Head Mr Gill, Liam Gourlay, Sana Ahmed, Taranvir Sekhon, Cllr. Nisar Malik (Hounslow Mayor), Headmaster Mr Pattar, Alexander Gough

General Election Hustings at the Heathland



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

Singled out as an important political battleground, Heathland School six formers also played host to one of the largest debates in the Brentford and Isleworth General Election campaign. The debate took place in April, only a fortnight before the big day. The Conservative Party, Labour Party and Green Party all sent their respective candidates to take students' questions and present their manifestos.



The resulting mock election ballot accurately mirrored the final result, granting a win for Labour candidate Ruth Cadbury.

Senior Prize Giving

Mrs Cadbury then returned later in the term to lead public congratulations to our outgoing A-Level and GCSE students. The packed main hall saw a host of individual subject and achievement prizes handed out.

Ashish Singh, now studying Theoretical Physics at UCL receiving the Sandra Evans Award for Further Mathematics from Ruth Cadbury



Politics Students Meet Lord Indarjit Singh

In mid-November the Heathland was honoured to welcome a visit from Lord Indarjit Singh, one of the most prominent figures in the Sikh Community. Lord Singh was the first ever Sikh to be inducted into the House of Lords. He spent an afternoon session with A-Level politics students discussing the extremely topical issue of House of Lords reform in addition to the syllabus subjects. Lord Singh said that he was exceptionally impressed with the level of questioning.

Noreen Shaukat, Zabreen Saleem, Ula El-Tayar, Anastasia Heidari, Lord Singh, Elizah Abbasi, Jimmy Purewal, Urvashi Boolaky, John Ahmad, Muskan Kapoor, Mariam Janjooa, Naima Ahmed.



School Life

School Council Update

Even in the first term of the year, the School Council have been making strides. The Year 10 School Council have completely rejuvenated the bully box, introducing the HelpMe account, which allows students to email serious concerns straight to Senior Leadership. We have also secured a place on the interview committee for new school cleaners allowing us to ensure that student toilet conditions are prioritised. The School Council are also in charge of Charity Week, and set ourselves the goal of beating last year's fundraising total of £14,000. Due to outstanding efforts all round we achieved and



**Akshitha Sellvarajah,
School Council Chair**

exceeded this target with a grand sum of £14,835, making this the most successful charity week ever.

Prom

This year's Sixth Form Prom was just as glamorous and just as lively an affair as always. From the elegant gowns to the trim tuxedo suits, staff and students made quite a spectacle on the dance floor. Held once again in a suite at Twickenham stadium, the evening made for an excellent opportunity for all to let their hair down properly, and celebrate all the hard work over the past two years.



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

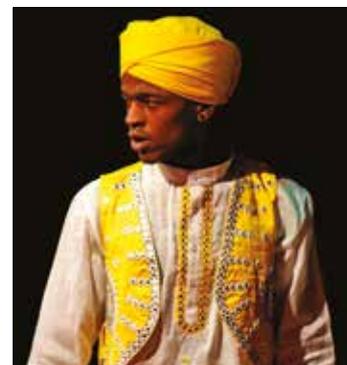


Arneet Thakker, Arundeep Grewal, Sanjay Pahal, Amit Samuel

Eastern Evening



One of our most sensational calendar highlights is Eastern Evening, celebrating performance culture from around the Globe. This year's event featured Bollywood and K-Pop acts, as well as a variety of mash-ups and surprises. But to finish, of course: a host of hugely-gifted bhangra dancers. For the foot-stamping and roaring atmosphere in the hall alone this is an event not to be missed.



Dean Bakasa (13Je)

Oliver! – School Production



Another cultural highlight of the year is the school production, in which sixth form leaders play a vital role, guiding and coaching younger students as well as taking some of our starring roles. This year's production of Oliver Twist saw Charles Dickens' Victorian tome set in 21st Century Hounslow. The tight-knit cast put on a stellar show enjoyed by packed-out audiences each night.

Photography Competition



KS5 Winner, Rabeeah Qureshi, Newton



Winner, Mrs West, Foster

2015 saw the Art Department's inaugural House Photography Competition take place. Entries were based around the theme of 'Amazing Journeys', and bore some dazzling results. All the entries and winners are now on display in the corridor between the second floor yellow and green lobbies.

Community

Women in Parliament Day



Delegates gathered in the Houses of Parliament

As part of International Women's Day, I was lucky enough to be invited to the Houses of Parliament and on a tour of 10 Downing Street. It was an awesome experience witnessing bills being passed from the gallery and, later in Westminster Hall, attending a debate on violence against women. We had the chance to listen to some inspiring speeches, for example from entrepreneur Julianne Ponan who gave us tips on how to prove yourself to others. It was a day that I am extremely grateful for, and one from which that I gained so much.

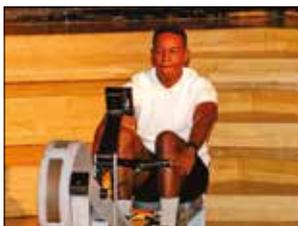
Sana Ahmed, 12Au



Sana in Downing Street

Charity Week

Each December sees the school completely transform to a ball of bleep-test-running, pizza-selling, bhangra-dancing energy. All week students compete in their tutor groups, their years and their houses to raise the most for worthy causes. It's an event that we're incredibly proud of as a community, giving us the power to make a real change both locally and around the world. This year, we surpassed our previous total to raise over £14,400 in just five days!



Bosnia



Seventeen Heathland sixth formers made their way to Mostar in Bosnia as part of our annual charity expedition. The students raised over £1,000 each, and worked tirelessly for 11 days helping to care for orphaned children, showing unwavering enthusiasm, empathy and energy. Those places are extremely competitive, students lucky enough to secure themselves on the trip are given a great opportunity to see some far-flung parts of the world, and truly make a difference first hand.

Heathland Head Girl Leads Climate March



Setting a model example at school wasn't enough for last year's Head Girl Esha Marwaha. After hearing that climate change was being removed from the national curriculum, she began her own campaign to have it reinstated. After publishing an article in the Guardian and organising a 31,000 signature petition, Esha was invited to be one of the main speakers at the People's Climate March last September. 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.

Award-winning Film Makers



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

Staff were delighted to see three of our most resourceful students given luxury Eurostar travel to the European Parliament in Brussels after the release of their award-winning short film. The featurette, which they edited, filmed and starred in, championed environmental issues and was duly recognised by the Young People's Trust for the Environment. As well as the opportunity to travel in style, Bushra, Joanna and Simran were asked to present their views during an audience with Members of the European Parliament.

Science

Innovations and Women in Science Trip



L-R: Aysha Amer, Sruthi Boppana, Miss N Head

The Science department's annual CERN trip has become a staple of the school's calendar each year. Each October, budding A2 physics students visit the European Organisation of Nuclear Research to gain a better understanding of subatomic particles.



L-R: Shayan Imani, Ismail Rashid, Mustafa Qurashi

This has included tours of the Large Hadron Collider, and interactive lectures on the discovery of the Higg's Boson Particle. It is also now traditional to top the trip off with a tour of the United Nations HQ, the city of Geneva and an unforgettable trip across Lake Genève.

Sociology



Each year A-Level Sociology students attend a Youth Conference on Crime and Punishment, which this year was hosted at Logan Hall, part of the University of London. The students got a fantastic opportunity to experience a range of respected speakers and reformed criminals on topical issues relevant for their Sociology exams. Students' experience was enriched by the opportunity to engage in a direct question and answer session with the speakers.

Old Operating Theatre Museum Trips



(L-R) Agassi Fernandes, Yash Shah, Micha Vidot, Angel Kate Tolentino

Dr McCarthy-Ward ran two separate trips to the oldest operating theatre in Europe last term, where students witnessed a virtual autopsy of King Richard III, and then learned about the great British

tradition of body snatching. "We got to hold the exact equipment used to do the incisions of the body during the post-mortem analysis," reported 13Ad student Enada Pupla excitedly.

Media



A-Level media students got a close-up look at their dream jobs last term on a trip to BBC Broadcasting House. They were given a tour of the news room, taken into the One Show studio, and even had a go at recording their own radio play.

English

Sixth Form Globe Trip



Accompanied by Ms Cotterill and Ms Randles, 20 AS and A2 students visited the Globe Theatre in Central London at the start of November to take part in a King Lear study day. The students were given a lecture by some of the Shakespearian experts there allowing them greater depth in their engagement with the text. In addition they were taken on a tour of the theatre itself and even given an opportunity to tread the famous boards.

Maths

Maths Challenge 2015

The annual Maths Challenge competition is a true institution at the Heathland School, with much historical success. This year was no different with 34 students gaining awards, including two Gold awards. A hearty congratulations must also go to Liam Gourlay whose score earned him a place in the Olympiad to follow.



Gold Award winners, Liam Gourlay and Aysha Aamer



Lower Sixth (L-R): Haazim Tunekar, Rabin Kandel, Prabjote Singh, Ismail Rahir, Ibrahim Mussa, Anjana Ratnayake, Ahmed Ali, Reem Salman, Aruran Vaseeharan, Amar Pankhania, Prasanna Bhusal, Akshatha Bhaskaran, Hamza Itani, Kajal Ladva, Ahsan Ahmed, Courtney Perkins



Upper Sixth (L-R): Alexander Gough, Avnish Sood, Kavan Matharoo, Ismail Rashid, Rohan Dhupar, Ali Malik, Lavannya Patil, Sruthi Boppana, Jayant Mahajan

Arts

Paris couldn't be more inspirational for budding photographers, and that's exactly where the Art department headed with a keen group of sixth formers last year. With so much iconic scenery, and world-leading galleries such as the Louvre and Pompidou on offer, the trip was "matchless" two of the students wrote afterwards.



Photo: Avneek Ryyat (12An)

Sixth Form Art and Photography Exam Practice Trip



Joined by A-Level Art students, the Photography department also looked a little closer to home for inspiration, to the national Portrait and Courtauld Galleries. In order to inspire and prepare them for their exam work, they took in the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize as well as work by Greyson Perry and the galleries' permanent collections.

Sport at The Heathland

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessment



Overnight trekking at Box Hill in Surrey

Course leader Mrs Benedict was delighted to tell staff at the end of last year that 27 Year 12 students had completed their assessed Silver expedition weekend in Swanage. Students had spent a number of weekends throughout the year becoming much better acquainted with the British countryside and all its hills. Despite the covering up to 35km per day, a continuous spirit of camaraderie and some spectacular scenery ensure that smiles were maintained all round.



Weightlifting National Medal



In individual sporting success, particular congratulations must go to Dean Bakasa (13Je) (back row, left of cup) who won a gold medal at the National Weightlifting competition, making him the current British Champion.

Team Success this year



Front: Nagaad Candani, Sashina Thappa, Akshitha Sellvarajah, Simranjeet Wadwa; Back: Mirabel Huang-Smith, Narinder Gill, Kulveer Pal

Sport is at the heart of the Heathland School ethos, and this is often bolstered by stories of trophy success throughout the year. Thanks to the commitments made by our students, the school are reigning Borough champions across a number of sports including Cross Country, Rounders, Football, Basketball, Rugby and our Senior Netball team:

