



## A triumphant display at the Gala Concert 2022

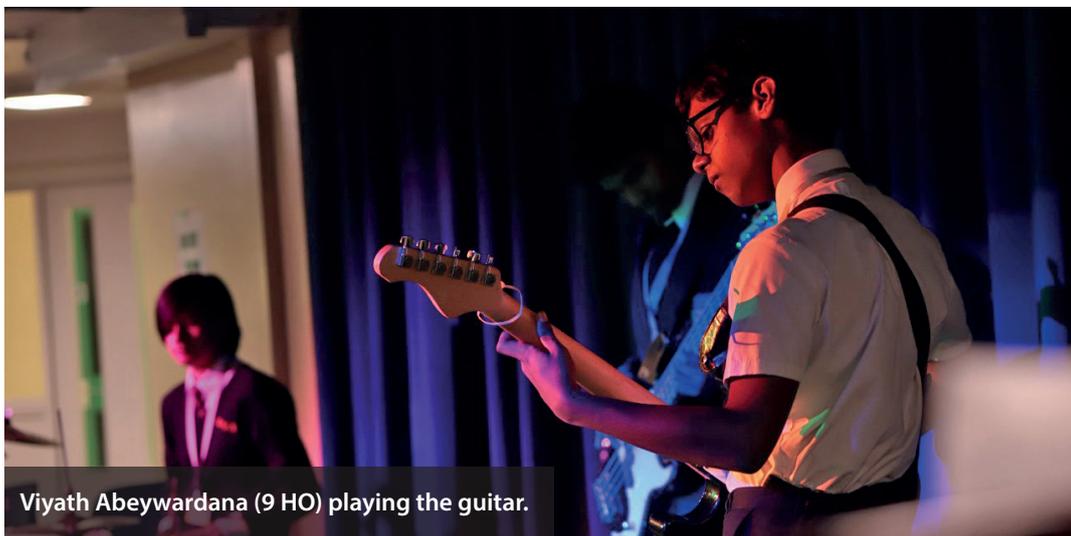


The Year 7 Choir in action.

The Heathland school had the honour of putting on its famous Gala concert to a live audience. From Year 7 to Year 13, the Gala encapsulates everything that is right about the Performing Arts. Passion, determination, and utter joy filled the main hall as the

students took to the stage to perform a multitude of songs. The students put on a fantastic show with a range of talent from the whole of year 7 to the year 9 rock band the talent was overflowing. The audience were astounded by the solo performers with many

teachers commenting that they saw a whole new side to their students. The success of the Gala reflects the commitment of the Performing Arts department and the passion their students have for Music. The overall night was a joy a privilege and an honour to be a part of.



Viyath Abeywardana (9 HO) playing the guitar.

## Oxbridge beckons in 2022

Three students in Year 13 met the exceptional challenge of Oxbridge interviews and received offers.



**Mahi Patel** from Somerville College, Oxford to study Chemistry



**Daisy Shaw** from St John's College, Cambridge to study Education



**Zuha Murtaza** from Magdalen College, Oxford to study Experimental Psychology

These are world renowned universities for which competition is incredibly fierce. Congratulations to all three students and we wish them success in the summer.

## A mind-full of goodness! Wellbeing week and club underway at The Heathland



Students creating plant pots for tree-planting as part of Wellbeing Club.

Children's Mental Health Week took place between 7-13th February 2022. The theme this year was growing together.

The Wellbeing Club put together a programme that they hoped would encourage other students to participate in activities that would help their mental health. Students made collages, watched a movie, completed wellbeing colouring, took part in meditation and planted some flowers for the Wellbeing garden.

It was great to see students involved in activities that promote their wellbeing! If you are interested, Wellbeing Club is every Friday at 3.20pm in 20R.

## It all adds up! Maths challenge success at The Heathland



Gold' Certificate of success for those who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge.

In February, 105 Year 10 and Year 11 students took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, hosted by the UK Mathematics Trust.

This prestigious challenge requires students to use logic and problem solving skills to answer difficult Mathematical questions. Due to the sheer complexity of the problems, a certificate from this challenge is highly regarded.

An astounding number of students from the Heathland School have proven their Mathematical prowess by obtaining a certificate. 40 received a Bronze, 18 received a Silver and a phenomenal 10 received a Gold certificate. It was particularly pleasing to have 3 of the Golds awarded to Year 10 students. The 10 Gold students have been invited to participate in a follow up challenge, attended by only the most elite Mathematicians.

Well done to the following students who achieved gold and have been invited for a follow up round:

Aliyha Ajmal (11 GR)	Saleha Ferdausi Uddin (11 TU)
Deyaa Al Haj Ali (11 DI)	Anuj Patel (11 BA)
Layla Al Asmar (11 GR)	Yash Sawad (11 TU)
Sahaba Ali (10 GR)	Darina Trujillo- Travinger (10 AD)
Samuel Burke (11 JE)	Inderveer Virk (10 JE)

## Recognising Female empowerment: International Women's Day celebrated through the curriculum

Uplifting, empowering and inspiring: Tuesday 8th March 2022 was the international day to celebrate women across the world.

International Women's Day was celebrated by the English Department through teachers delivering lessons to students about inspirational women. This encouraged students to have open discussions about what feminism means, what women have done and are currently doing to support the rights and equality of women as well thinking about women

who have made a significant contribution not only to our lives, but the lives of others around the globe.

In 10D1, we were given the task to write and perform a speech to our peers about who we thought the most inspirational woman of all time is. Some speeches were about Beyonce, Marie Curie, student's mothers and teachers. We embedded our own experiences, religions, and culture, taking pride and confidence in the women we chose. I was grateful for this experience because I learnt to be more aware and

appreciative of the advantages young women are given today.

International Women's Day is such a significant day in the year as we go back in time to explore multiple women who had an impact on everyone in society today, whether that be Margaret Thatcher or the woman or women who raised you personally. It gives us time to reflect on the women who we should show appreciation to, who we are empowered by and who we are inspired by.

*Sehrish Chaudhry 10TU*



Year 9 focused on a talk delivered by an Army representative

## Job done! Annual Careers fair resumes with Year 9 World of Work Day

World of Work Day- also known as ‘WOW Day’ or ‘Careers day’ is an event that takes place on the 23rd of February. Not only is it enjoyable, but it is also beneficial as it allows you to gain an insight on how to pursue the career you may want in the future.

For me, World of Work Day began with meeting a pilot in training, a dental nurse, a few people from an NHS Doctors practice, an individual from the army and a football analyst. They generously provided information about their career, such as their average starting salary, what qualifications they needed, and more on how they achieved their career paths. We then proceeded to the

sports hall after break, where stalls were set up for different careers and professions. There were a large variety of diverse jobs, and we could ask questions regarding the jobs to know more about them.

After that, we met an individual from KPMG who presented us with information based on their job and explained how important it is to have trust between you and your clients. This is to ensure

a good bond, and to make your clients want to collaborate with you. Lastly, we met another individual who gave us information regarding apprenticeships.

I enjoyed World of Work Day because it provided me an insight and a clearer understanding about the career I want to pursue, and it was a very enjoyable experience.

*Hawwa Salim 9KE*

## Rooting for success: STEM Week 2022 gets underway at The Heathland



A big thumbs up from students in STEM club!



Students get hands on with dissecting sheep eyeballs!



Year 7-9 students enjoy a session with the Zoolab co-ordinator

STEM week returned with a bang this year with the Zoolab and eye dissections and the STEM show for Year 8, giving students the chance to experience science in all its glory. From Rosie the tarantula to Turbo the snail, the students were enthralled by the animals brought in by the Zoolab! During lunch times, there was a buzz while dissecting sheep eyes and making rockets and lava lamps. *Akriti Rana – 12DI*



Year 12 Students enjoying their day in Oxford

## A taste of Undergraduate life

### Year 12 visit Somerville College at Oxford University

Historic, homely, and highly-renowned - Somerville College at the University of Oxford gave us an invaluable insight into the life of a student at one of the oldest universities in the world.

**O**n our trip, we toured the numerous buildings within the college, exploring its library, viewing the student accommodations, venturing around the French-style gardens and even eating lunch surrounded by beautiful paintings and fascinating architecture. Aisha Remtulla particularly found the university to be "A combination of old and new, creating a modern ambiance but still preserving the older culture and history." Personally, the library at Oxford was the most memorable - the old book collections gave a uniquely ancient feel..

Speaking for many on our trip, this was the first time we had visited a university and seen all it had to offer. We always think about whether or not we want to move away from home for university, but by visiting another city, it helped me actually put this into perspective; there is definitely more of an exciting and adventurous element to studying in a city you have yet to explore.

My favourite aspect of Somerville College was how hospitable the students and staff were. They were exceptionally welcoming, and very informative when explaining the process of applying to



Year 12 Students receiving a talk in Oxford

Oxbridge and answering our questions. Pritika Sivagnanasundaram (12 TU) felt "It was extremely useful to receive guidance on writing our personal statement but also experiencing the university's unique teaching style. Now that I know what universities look for in applicants, I am more confident I will be able to meet such criteria."

Overall, our trip was extremely informative and enjoyable, and I look forward to visiting more universities in the future.

*Mahnoor Naem 12DI*

### It's your move: House Chess 2022'

House Chess was a great opportunity to meet others with a passion for chess and win great prizes. Chess is a sport dating back to the medieval era, and it is great to see people still enjoy this prestigious sport. House Chess was a great opportunity to win prizes for your respective house and is a lively set of games. You can be a beginner or an experienced player to join, it does not matter. House Chess is a great event to take part in and for those looking to brush up on their skills, chess club is a great option!



Karivardan Gupta (7HO) and Dhairya Bhatt (9BA) in action at House Chess



## Check-mate! Chess club gets competitive

A full house! Students get in the zone whilst in Chess Club

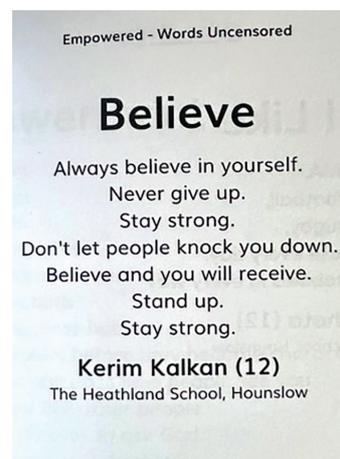
Chess club returned in 2022, it is a great way to meet like-minded people and make friendships that last beyond school. It is an inclusive environment which focuses on furthering your chess skills. Both masters and beginners are welcome and, if you haven't

played chess before, come here to learn! As competitions with neighbouring schools are coming up soon, it is a great idea to come here now to sharpen up your chess talents to have a better chance at getting a spot on the school team.

## Young Writers Empowerment Competition 2022

In our English lessons, we took part in the Young Writers competition called Empowerment. This competition required students to write a poem about a topic that either empowered us or how we could empower other students.

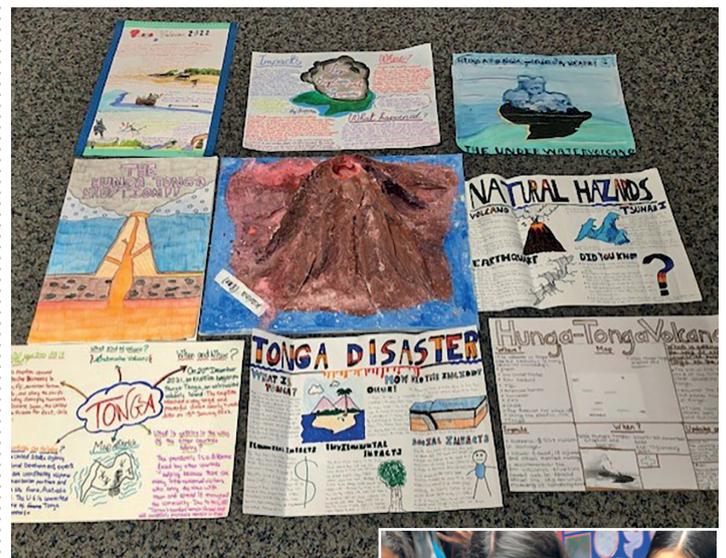
My poem was about belief and how you can do anything you want if you first believe in yourself. I was enthusiastic about entering this competition as I know self-confidence and belief is something we all struggle with at different points in our lives. When I found out my work was chosen to be published, I felt excited and proud because I knew that anyone would be



**Kerim Kalkan's (8 PA) 'Believe' poem.**

able to read it and it would be in the British National Library archives forever.  
*Kerim Kalkan - 8PA*

## Mind-blowing! 8X1 create Tonga Volcano projects



**Above: Tonga Volcano projects made by 8X1**

8x1 were given an extended project to complete about the Tonga volcano which erupted on the 15th of January 2022. Some of the amazing work is pictured. The students created some very informative work on the causes and impacts of this violent volcano. A special shout out to Karina Velyka Lala (08BA) for building an actual volcano and making it erupt in a geography lesson!



**Karina Velyka Lal getting her model volcano ready to erupt!**



## Branching out: Friendship Club gets underway

In Friendship Club we play games such as Snakes and Ladders, Ludo and Chess.

We play these games to involve other people and create a safe, friendly and playful environment for one another and make new friends.

In our conversations, we talk about our wellbeing and how our week has gone. Friendship Club allows us to meet new

people who have similar likes and dislikes to us whilst also listening to new ideas and sharing our own!

*Shannon Cardoso and Arthiga Raj (8 AD)*

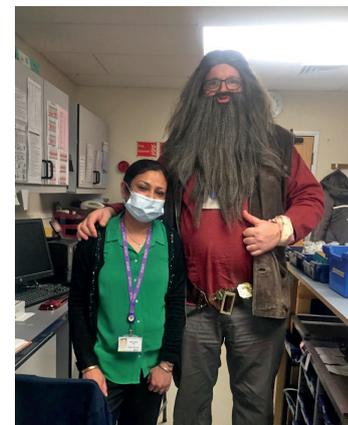
Students across different Year Groups enjoying the games and activities that Friendship Club has to offer



## Guess Who! THS Staff dress up for World Book Day 2022



Can you spot who's who? Heathland Staff showcase their World Book Day outfits.

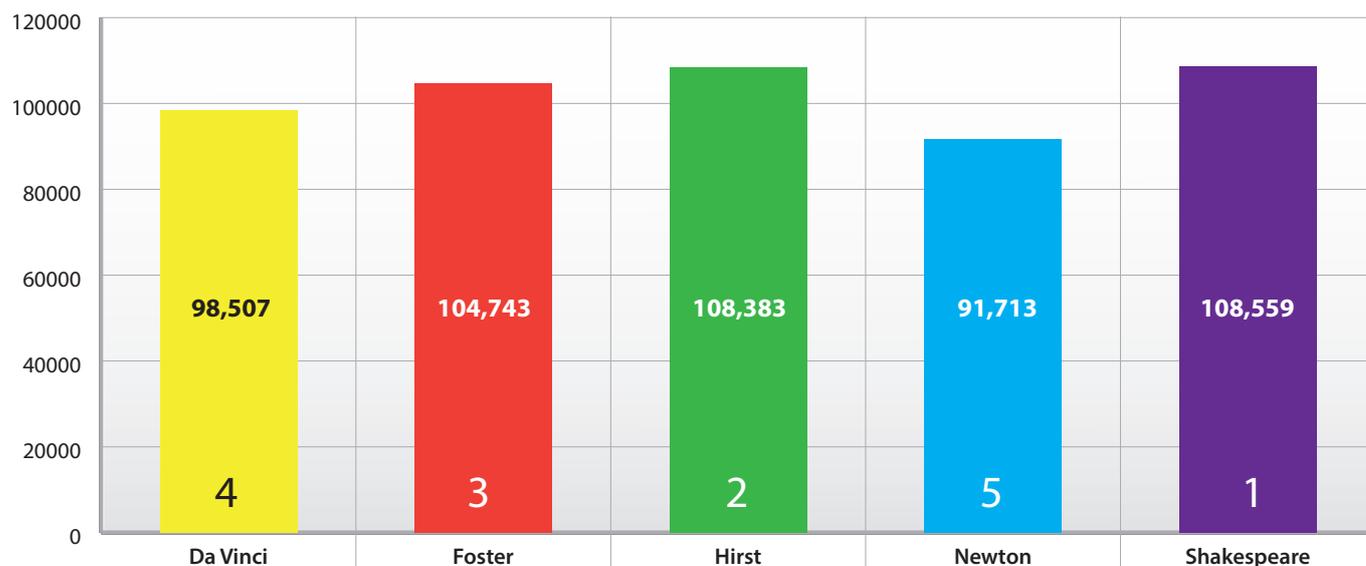


Our science technicians getting into the WBD spirit.

This year, World Book Day celebrations returned back to The Heathland after two year. It was another success for the school. Many staff members arrived resplendent in a colourful array of fancy dress costumes, from across the literary and cultural

spectrum (from Lady Macbeth to Frida Kahlo). Pupils enjoyed the whole school short story, 'The Trout', which was read in parts during each period, and the short-story competition was well received. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

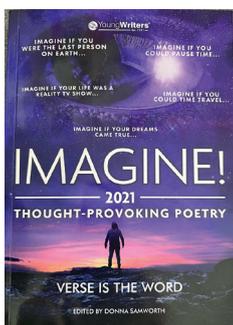
## House it going? House Standings Spring Term 2022



Current House Standings, what can you do to ensure your House reaches the top spot in Summer?

## Budding Young writers receive recognition through the Imagine! Competition

During our Reading and Literacy lessons in the summer term last year, students were given the opportunity to enter a Poetry competition called 'Imagine!'. Students had to create a poem - with the prompt 'Imagine!' - and had one lesson to plan their ideas and then a subsequent lesson write up their poems.

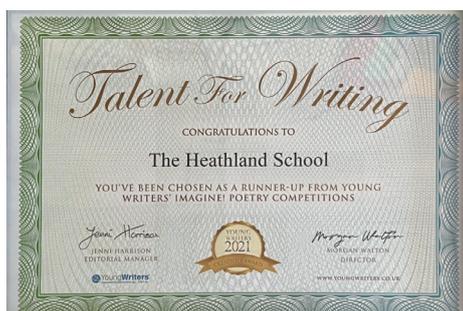


Entries from THS students in the Imagine! Young Writers competition

The students listed below, now in Year 8, had their work published in this book in November 2021 and are the reason we won 2nd place! This is an outstanding achievement and I thank all the students below for their hard work and dedication in English.

- Sanjana Balaji
- Karina Velyka Lal
- Rhys Fender
- Sarah Malik
- Thanyak Rangu
- Renuka Peshave
- Pragnan Sayyaparaju
- Ameya Toleti
- Zahra Ahmadi
- Abdulfattah Abdoulraouf
- Ariyan Ahmed
- Malak Benboudjema
- Amelia Chonk
- Ahmed Hassan
- Zoya Lodhi
- Annam Ahmed
- Bhumi Malla
- Jeyamonika Ponraj
- Amilah Rahman
- Arandeep Chana
- Divya Singh
- Apirami Sribilan
- Inayat Halani

On Tuesday 15th March, I received exciting news that our school had won 2nd place in the competition! A certificate of congratulations and a £100 book bundle was sent through the post the following day.



Miss Suleman – Teacher of English

## A blast from the past! Another alumni success story

Mr Pattar was delighted to welcome back Matthew Duffield who he taught 'A' Level Economics way back in 1990. After leaving Heathland, Matthew studied Economics at Durham University. Following a period in industry he took up teaching and is now Executive Principal of the Glyn School in Epsom. Matthew told students in Miss Kaur's class how he found teaching to be a very fulfilling career.



The Headmaster with Matthew Duffield.



Mr Rivers and Mr Allen coaching the Year 7 football team earlier this term.

## A host of sporting successes for THS!

The Year 7 Football team continued their fine form this term finishing the season as top of the league, having played 4 matches and winning all 4 matches.

Unfortunately, they fell at the Quarter final stage in the Middlesex cup losing 3-1 away at Vyners School. However, the boys should be very proud of their efforts getting to the last 8 teams in the county. The team finish the season with a very impressive record of having played 11 matches, winning 9 and losing 2. Well done to all the boys who have represented the school so well throughout the year.

With the Football season coming to an end, the Year 7 Basketball team played their first matches of the year. The first match was played against The Green School for Boys where we narrowly lost with a final score of 11-10. The team have been training hard and still have two matches to play this season.

## Wings of Hope Charity: THS students showcase their kind and charitable spirit

The green Heathlanders of Year 8 have been busy fundraising for Wings of Hope Charity- the charity aims to provide schooling for children in Malawi and India. They were joined by the Mayor of Hounslow as they carried out two litter picks of the Hounslow Heath Local Nature Reserve and retrieved a colossal 80 bags of cans, plastic bottles and other waste! The local community are thankful for their efforts



Hibba Tazmeen, Bhumi Malla and Karina Velyka Lal (8 BA) conduct their litter pick up in Hounslow Heath.

to combat pollution and improve local green spaces. Their fundraising continues into March with two

bake sales. Well done and thank you to everyone that took part and donated to the charity.

## Term dates



### Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20th April – Friday 22nd July

Wednesday 20th April – First Day of Term

Half term week: 30th May – 3rd June

22nd July: Last Day of Term



Year 8 students pose proudly with Mayor of Hounslow and Ms Khanzada outside Hounslow Heath.