

HSP/RMT: Headmaster's letter
27th September 2017

HEADMASTER'S LETTER TO
PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) No.2

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

The school's results this summer were excellent again. At 'A' Level 52% of all grades achieved were A*/B. Students who completed Applied Business and BTEC Science courses were equally successful in gaining high grades. From our Sixth Form more than 200 students went onto university degree courses – the highest number in Hounslow. As you will see in 'Heathland Highlights' many of these students gained places at Russell Group universities.

At GCSE our results were exceptional particularly as a new grading system had been introduced in English and Mathematics. From Year 11 81% of pupils achieved 5+ A*-C including grade 4+ in English and Mathematics. Using the DfE's 'Progress 8' measure which compares the performance of all secondary schools including selective grammar schools, our score last year put The Heathland in the top 5% of all schools. Our 'Progress 8' score in 2017 has risen to +0.94 which will probably mean The Heathland is in the top 1% of all secondary schools.

This score effectively means that pupils achieved a full GCSE grade better in all their GCSE subjects than would be expected from their Key Stage 2 results.

I quote from a letter from Councillor Tom Bruce, Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services: "Please convey my congratulations to Governors, Staff and Students on another very impressive set of outcomes".

Thirteen pupils achieved all A*/A or 7+ (English and Maths) grades at GCSE this summer. They are all studying in our Sixth Form.

May I now refer to some other matters.

1. PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

The term of office of 5 Parent Governors expires in November 2017. We invite parents who are interested in standing for election to the school's Governing Body to send in a nomination. The appropriate forms are attached.

2. ADMISSION TO YEAR 7 FOR 2018

If parents or relations and friends wish to visit the school on one of our 'Open Evenings' the dates/times are:

**THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER AND WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER
6.30PM – 8.00PM**

On both evenings the last tour of the school will set off at 7.30pm.

Application for admission to the school is through Hounslow Council with forms completed online by the end of October. If you already have a child in the school you still need to complete an application.

3. STAFF INSET DAY: THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2017

The school will be closed to all pupils for a staff training day. However a number of Year 11 pupils studying GCSE Geography will be on a field trip to Stratford on that day.

4. TERM DATES 2017/18

A reminder to all parents to book holidays out of term time.

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Half-term week: 23rd – 27th October
Last Day of Term: Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2018

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March
Half-term week: 12th – 16th February

SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July
Half-term week: 28th May – 1st June

Yours faithfully,

HEADMASTER