



## THE HEATHLAND SCHOOL COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE ONCE AGAIN!



*Excellent results from our Year 13 cohort*

A huge congratulations to our Year 13 and 11 students for making it through a very tough and challenging few years. We are delighted with their results in their examinations. After a return to normal examinations, under challenging circumstances, we have attained exceptional GCSE results, which have surpassed 2019.

We are immensely proud of all our Year 13 and 11 students who have worked extremely hard, showing real commitment, resilience and dedication, achieving exceptional results.

There are so many inspirational stories; where during tough times of uncertainty students have strived to learn, leading to their success. It is a real testament to their positive attitude, and they deserve all the success they have achieved.

The results for both GCSE and Post 16 are outstanding and we would like to extend our congratulations to all involved: students, their teachers and parents, for the relentless hard work, commitment and effort.



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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



We continue to be in awe of what our Sixth Form students achieve year on year. With the challenges of recent times and our students' own high aspirations, our Sixth Form has remained steadfast in its commitment to excellence.

As Headteacher, I have heard about all of the exciting and interesting journeys that our Years 12 and 13 have been on. They speak with warmth and confidence about the School.

In September 2022, an external consultant commented on how passionate our students are about the provision and support that they receive from the Sixth Form Team and the staff at the School.

News in this edition of The Sixth Form Highlights, showcases their experiences and achievements from 2022. I can only thank all of those who have made the Sixth Form experience such a memorable one.

Mrs. S. Huxley  
Headteacher



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## POST 16 RESULTS 2022

We are immensely proud of our students with over 200 gaining places at University.

Some key highlights include:

- Students achieving 80 A\* grades, 118 B grades and 168 B grades in their A Levels.
- 11 students achieved 3 A\* grades in 3 A Levels
- 15 students achieved A\*-A grades in 3 A Levels
- 6 students achieved A grades in 3 A Levels

## INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS STORIES 2022

We are proud of each and every student, some student highlights include:

Nimit Mistry A\*A\*A\*A\*  
Hamnah Riaz A\*A\*A\*A\*  
Sarvinthiran Ayangar A\*A\*AA  
Iqbal Uddin A\*AAA

### BTEC Applied Science

Alina Ahmed D\*D\*D\*  
Jashanpreet Singh D\*D\*D\*

### BTEC Business

Joshua Dharmaraj D\*D\*D\*  
Amin Mouisi D\*D\*D\*  
Kieran Rayat-Jones D\*D\*D\*

Students who studied BTEC Business and BTEC Applied Science achieved highly where many have gone on to study at top Universities: Nursing, Software engineering, Biomedical Science, Diagnostic Radiography, Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Law.

The following students gained places at Cambridge and Oxford University to study:

Zuha Murtaza, Oxford University  
Experimental Psychology A\*A A  
Mahi Patel - Oxford University  
Chemistry A\*A\*A\*  
Daisy Shaw - Cambridge University  
Education A\*A\*A\*  
Sivani Sivaanpu - Medicine A\*A\*A\*  
Maia Davies - Veterinary Medicine A\*AA  
Ameera Alkattab - Dentistry A\*AA



## FLYING HIGH: YEAR 12 STUDENTS GET AN INSIGHT INTO LIFE AS A PILOT



*Year 12 Students and Miss Sharma visit the flight simulator alongside former Heathland student Kush Gola*

The trip to the flight pad at the University of West London was a great insight into the aviation industry.

The day was divided into two sections: the workings of an airplane engine and flying in the flight pad.

The theory of the engines session was led by an ex-Heathland student, Kush Gola, who was near the end of his course to become a commercial pilot. We learnt about how the planes are wired and how the multiple engines and systems, including back-up systems in events of main engine failure, function together to ensure customers have a safe and happy flight. We learnt about what airlines are doing to become more environmentally friendly and how the industry is working to make travelling in planes more accessible to all. We also discussed the current issues regarding strikes seen at airports.

The second part of the day included getting hands-on experience in Flight Pad. Our instructor for the simulator was an experienced pilot who was initially an airline pilot for Ryanair and is now a pilot flying for a cargo airline called West Atlantic Airlines which fly Boeing 737 and 800s. He guided us through the flight procedures in the 737 - showing us all the procedures for take-off, navigation, and landing. The experience of flying the plane in the simulator was quite surreal. We all had a chance to fly from and to various airports around the world.

*Gurpinder Singh (12 Hogarth)*





## 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.

On 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 in particular, 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 Oxbridge and answering our questions. Pritika Sivagnanasundaram (12 TU) felt,

"It was extremely useful to receive guidance on writing our personal statement and 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 Naeem 12 Dickens*

## UNE VISITE AU CINÉMA À L'INSTITUT FRANÇAIS

Aw la fin de novembre, nous sommes allées au Ciné Lumière, un cinéma français pour regarder le film 'Rise (En Corps)'. C'est un film sincère, dans lequel une danseuse, qui s'appelle Elise, a souffert d'une blessure, et a construit une nouvelle vie dans le monde du hip-hop et la danse expressionniste. L'histoire est émouvante et belle, avec de l'amour, de la comédie et des chorégraphies incroyables.

En dépit des malheurs, le film a montré que si on essaye, on peut faire tout ce qu'on veut faire. C'était un voyage scolaire amusant et un film captivant, et nous espérons que tout le monde visitera Le Ciné Lumière!



## A VISIT TO THE CINEMA AT THE FRENCH INSTITUTE

At the end of November, we went to the 'Ciné Lumière, a French cinema, to watch the film 'Rise'. It is a sincere film in which a dancer, called Elise, suffered an injury and built a new life in the world of hip-hop and expressionist dance. The story is moving and beautiful, with love, comedy and incredible choreography.

Despite misfortunes, the film showed that if we try, we can do everything that we want to do. It was a fun school trip and a captivating film and we hope that everybody will visit the 'Ciné Lumière'.

*Aisha Remtulla (13TU)*



## SAILING THROUGH HISTORY



*Year 13 seeing the sights!*

The Year 13 History trip took us to Portsmouth Dockyard to witness the ships and equipment of the British Navy. The port was filled with various ships such as the HMS Victory and the HMS Warrior. The ships were intriguing in their layout and their history, how they came out victorious in battle yet having a shocking past full of gore. We also visited the museum which contained a number of ship figureheads, whilst ending the day off looking over at sea from the pier.

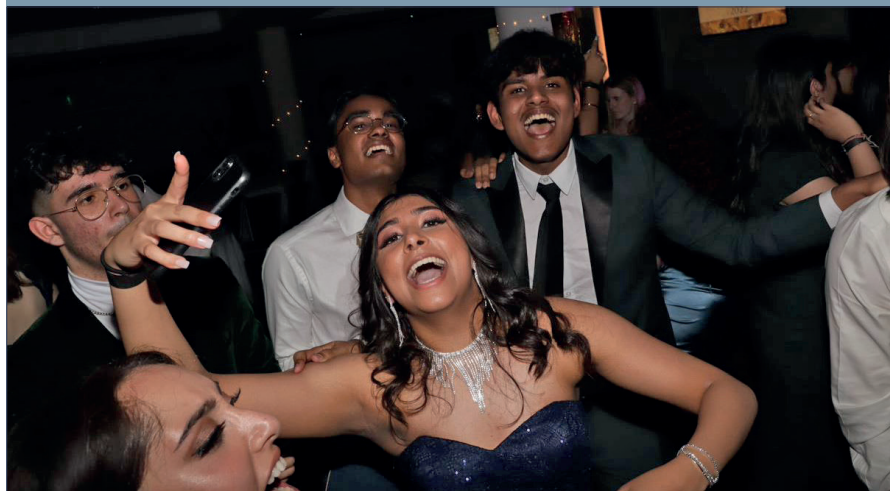
*Maheen Kashif (13 Turner)*

The trip allowed us to widen our knowledge of the British Navy topic, as well as an insight into British history. The actors who role-played on each ship let us see the reality of living for months at sea, as well as bringing fun to the gloomy events of our past. The HMS Victory, used in the Battle of Trafalgar, was a monumental artefact of naval history, under the leadership of Lord Nelson. By viewing the museums and ships, we were able to deepen our knowledge and could see history now as it was over 200 years ago.

*Aisha Remtulla (13 Turner)*



## GOING OUT IN STYLE: YEAR 13 LEAVER'S PROM



*The Class of 2022 enjoying themselves!*

The Heathland School Class of 2022 experienced an extraordinary end to their secondary education experience, so it was only fitting that their end-of-year celebration was too! Having endured months of uncertainty in the wake of the COVID pandemic, a cocktail of lockdowns, 'CAGs', and remote learning meant this cohort of students had a very different experience of key events and milestones in their educational journey than expected. As such, the Year 13 Team, led by Deputy Head of Year (Miss Paxton) and the Prom Committee, planned a spectacular celebration to give students an unforgettable evening and mark the end of what was, at times, a challenging educational experience.

Held at the Captain's Club in Twickenham Stadium, the theme of the evening was 'red carpet glamour'. True to the theme, proceedings got underway with a walk down a real red carpet and a drinks reception. In addition to a great turnout from the students, a number of staff attended the event, wishing them well as they entered into their next chapter of life. Students were certainly in the mood to celebrate following the end of exams and hastily made their way to the dance floor to party in style. With DJ Jake spinning classics old and new, the dancing continued on well into the night, and students even managed to persuade Mr Rose and Mr Spragg to throw some lively shapes.

The 2022 Leavers' Prom was a fitting end to their time at The Heathland School, and we wish the Class of 2022 every success as they embark on new adventures.







## HAVING A 'BRILLIANT' TIME

### ▼ YEAR 12 STUDENTS ENJOY A DAY OUT AT SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

Towards the end of January, a number of Year 12 students were selected to be part of the 'Brilliant Club' programme, where students were challenged with topics outside of our current specification under the supervision of PhD tutors.

The programme lasted for several weeks and consisted of group sessions with our designated tutors, where we would work through a field of study, learning new content and skills along the way. This led up to a final dissertation style essay that was to be assessed using the grading system used in universities.

It was a unique opportunity to learn about concepts and ideas that were beyond the scope of what we currently learn at school, especially for some of us who had no prior knowledge about the topics we were studying. However it was an enriching experience that developed our critical thinking, analysis of sources and our ability to form opinions and back those opinions up. Being able to complete this programme gave us a taste of what learning at university would be like, and certainly has prepared us for the future.

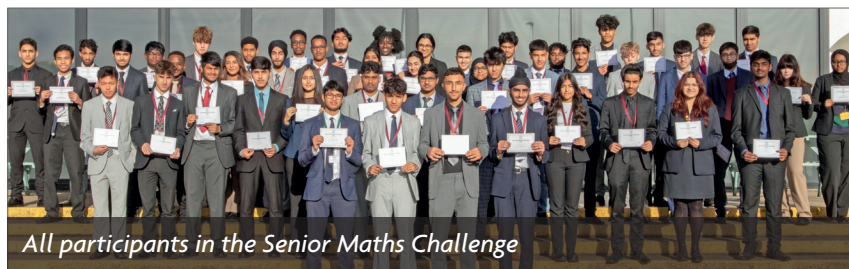
Our efforts were rewarded with a graduation ceremony held at the University of Southampton. Not only was it a great chance to celebrate all the hard work across the many, many weeks we had worked for but it was also an opportunity to be able to explore the university. We were amazed by many features and facilities at the university, and a Q&A session with current students of different backgrounds allowed us to gain a much broader perspective into life as a university student, as well as some tips on how to adjust to a new lifestyle.

A special thanks to the University of Southampton and their students for providing us with a comprehensive tour of the campus as well as providing tremendous insight into university life, and also to the Brilliant Club for organising the programme and the closing ceremony.

Most of all, thank you to Miss Sherriff for giving us the opportunity to take part in the Brilliant Club programme as well as the chance to visit Southampton. We certainly gained a lot throughout this experience.

*Aditya Bhaskaran (12Gresham)*

## RISE TO THE CHALLENGE!



*All participants in the Senior Maths Challenge*

Congratulations to our Sixth Form who took part in this year's Senior Maths Challenge. We had a record 98 participants completing the challenge online after school. Both Year 12 and 13 students who took part really did rise to the occasion, and as a School we achieved 33 Bronze, 11 Silver and 4 Gold certificates. Well done to everyone who took part!

**Gold certificate winners:** Allen Jolly Mathew, Anuj Patel, Deyaa Al Haj Ali (Best in school), Arshdeep Kalsi.

**Silver certificate winners:** Javid Ahmadi, Taufiq Ali, Aryan Basnet, Aditya Chandra Bose, Walden Correia, Tahazib Islam, Shreya Nautiyal, Yash Sawad, Ricardo Serrao, Manas Shah, Himanshi Singh, Iman Syed.

**Bronze certificate winners:** Mohamed Abdullahi, Faizaan Ahmed, Sara Ali, Adam Aljumaily, Omar Alkattab, Ajmal Amin, Amaran Bansal, Samuel Burke, Abdullah Chaudhary, Armaan Chhokar, Daniel Cristobal, Tamim Fawad, Saleha Ferdousi Uddin, Camron Ibrahim, Abdulshakur Khamis, Shakib Mbabaali, Mahnoor Mirza, Hasan Muhammad, Abulla Nowrose, Michal Opozda, Tazriranramim Rahman, Abdullahi Said, Paulina Saladaj, Daljodh Sandhu, Gurtej Sehra, Hamza Shahzad, Rayna Shaikh, Jake Sinclair, Arnav Sinha, Manleen Sodhi, Thurka Sribalan, Laiba Tazmeen, Siadat Yamin, Makemeh Zuanah

## EASY AS $\pi$

Due to their high scores, our 4 Gold certificate winners have now been invited to the next round of the challenge: The 'Senior Kangaro' round. This is a huge achievement and we wish them the best of luck.



*The 4 Gold certificate winners - Anuj Patel, Allen Jolly Mathew, Deyaa Al Haj Ali (Best in school), Arshdeep Kalsi.*



# THE HEATHLAND WELCOMES BACK SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

## RETURNING WITH A GREAT EVENING OF CELEBRATION!

The Heathland School recognised the hard work and many achievements of the Year 11 and Year 13 Class of 2022 in the Senior Prizegiving Evening. Having had to forego the event since 2019 due to the COVID pandemic, it was encouraging to once again have the space to give praise and recognition to students for their efforts.

Welcoming Mr Akhtar, Chairman of Governors, and Guest of Honour, Charlie Walker, the event celebrated the dedication so many of The Heathland School students have shown throughout their time in school and Sixth Form.

The evening began with a wonderful rendition of 'Just the two of us' (B. Withers) Thriller (M. Jackson) and Bossa Nova played by student instrumentalists Joel Martin 8HO, Paul Tudose 10JE and Viyath Yapa Abeywardena 10HO. Next, the prizegiving ceremony commenced, with prizes awarded to the following students:

**School Bells Trophy for Public Speaking:**  
*Michelle Goto*

**Sandra Evans Prize for Further Mathematics:** *Jaskaran Korana*

**The David Brockie Award for Duke of Edinburgh:** *Pritika Sivagnanasundaram*

**Rod McKinnon Shield for Endeavour:**  
*Ameera Alkattab*

**Bernice McCabe Cup for Excellent Leadership:** *Tahasin Hasan*

**Abrar Mir Prize for EPQ:** *Maia Davies*

**Brian Molloy Prize for Special Progress:**  
*Zarrar Khawaja*

**J.M. Pearson Prize for Outstanding Extra-curricular Achievement:** *Nihad Nadil Syam*

**Nigel Roper Prize for Diligence:**  
*Donald Mashanda*

**Geoffrey Samuel Prize for Academic Excellence:** *Nimit Mistry*

**Gerry Wadwa Prize for Services to the Community:** *Kainaat Siddiqi*

**Jack Watts Prize for Independent Learning:**  
*Zuha Murtaza*

**M. H. Williamson Prize for Performing Arts:**  
*Daisy Shaw*

**Art Prize:** *Suansh Ponna*

**Biology Prize:** *Sivani Sivaanpu*

**Business Studies (BTEC) Prize:** *Amin Mouici*

**Business Studies ('A' Level) Prize:**  
*Raihan Ahmed*

**Chemistry Prize:** *Hamza Al-Aedroos*

**Computing Prize:** *Steven Moussa*

**Drama Prize:** *Makemeh Zuanah*

**Economics Prize:** *Rayhan Islamzadeh*

**English Literature Prize:** *Simran Soor*

**Food Technology:** *Magiba Samuel Suvi*

**French Prize:** *Hana Abukar Abdulkadir*

**Geography Prize:** *Nadia Shah*

**Government and Politics Prize:** *Amia Tahir*

**History Prize:** *Sana Sardar*

**Mathematics Prize:** *Mahi Patel*

**Media Studies Prize:** *Dawid Krygier*

**Physical Education Prize:** *Mesk Kassim*

**Photography Prize:** *Jada Falconer*

**Physics Prize:** *Mohaned Abdulm Mahmood*

**Psychology Prize:** *Aashika Sood*

**Religious Studies Prize:** *Hamnah Riaz*

**Science (BTEC) Prize:** *Madina Anwari*

**Sociology Prize:** *Yves Ramos*

**Spanish:** *Mansi Shah*

**Special Progress Prize:** *Alina Ahmed*

**Technology Prize:** *Aditya Chandra Bose*

The evening's guest of honour, Charlie Walker, circled the globe in a four-year journey through Europe, Asia and Africa. He recounted many exciting (and sometimes terrifying) adventures he had encountered along the way. This involved a near-death experience in a blizzard and an unexpected equine mode-of-transport across rough terrain.

His speech highlighted the importance of passion, dedication to a goal, and perseverance through challenging times; traits which all of the prizewinners have shown through their academic studies and extra-curricular endeavours.

We congratulate all students who completed their GCSEs and were awarded prizes, and look forward to celebrating the achievements of future students in years to come.



*A selection of winners from the evening*