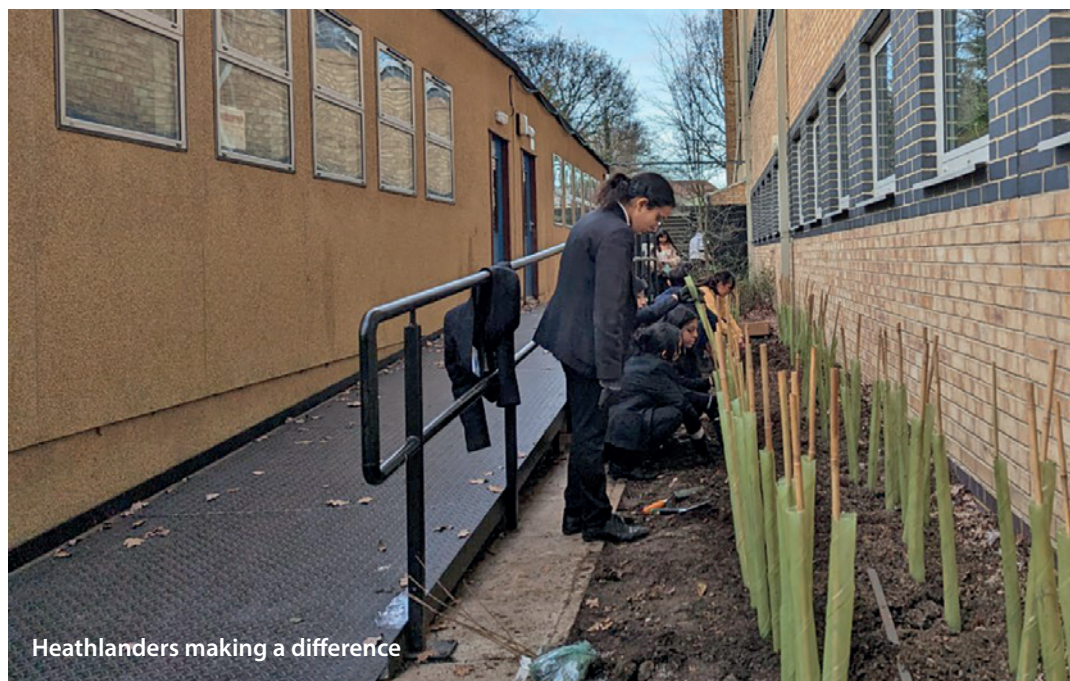




## Green Heathlanders fighting back against climate change



Heathlanders making a difference

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan said "Heat in cities has intensified by the 'Urban Heat Island' effect, a result of the sun's rays being absorbed by hard surfaces instead of trees, plants and grass. Increasing the number of trees in London will help tackle this, cooling the city, providing shade to Londoners as well as making London more resilient to flooding."

**The Green Heathlanders share the Mayor's vision and have been taking bold action to build a greener and more sustainable community.**

The outstanding Green Heathlanders have been busy this year making improvements to the local environment. Whilst some pupils have braved the weather to clean up the local river, others have been planting hundreds of spring bulbs and hedgerows at school.

Their efforts will improve biodiversity, beautify our local spaces and mitigate the effects of climate change. Look out for upcoming events and be part of the solution.



## Pole Position for the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team



Heathland's Go Kart Racers

Miss Gumbs organised a trip for the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team to go to Team Sport for Go Karting. It was a new experience for many of us, especially considering many were only learning how to drive. However, this didn't stop us from having fun. Before we started, we were given a debrief and were told to not break the rules (even though we broke most of them in the first 5 minutes). Most of us started out slow in the first round but improved by the second round.

Despite us not being on the leader board the teachers didn't let us down, with Mr Nwagbara coming out on top in the first round, and then Miss Gumbs smashing it in the second round. We are extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity.  
*Gopika Girishkumar,  
13 Sheridan and Pritika  
Sivagnanasundaram, 13 Turner*





## Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

**Back:** Gopika Girishkumar (13SH), Aditya Bhaskaran (13GR), Sashvata Suresh (13AD)

**Front:** Ravneet Kaur (13GR), Pritika Sivagnanasundaram (13TU) - Head Girl, Shray Yadav (13JE) - Head Boy.

After a rigorous selection process which included written applications and interviews with members of the Senior Leadership Team, we are proud to announce our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team.

### **Our Head Girl:**

Pritika Sivagnanasundaram

### **Head Boy:** Shray Yadav

### **Deputy Head Girls:**

Gopika Girishkumar & Ravneet Kaur

### **Deputy Head Boys:**

Aditya Bhaskaran & Sashvata Suresh

The students are responsible for student voice within the school and convene regularly to help further progress the students here at The Heathland. They work hard to represent their fellow students' views across the school.

As well as being responsible for running public student voice forums, evening whole school events, managing the Prefect teams, promoting trips

and visits, our leadership team meets with their Head of Year and with the Headteacher frequently, addressing issues that affect them and maintaining strong communication with staff. Not only have they started initiatives to build awareness of mental health, lead mentoring training sessions with lower school, they are currently in the midst of organising the whole school event 'One World'.

### **My name is Pritika, I am this year's Head Girl.**

My role consists of a wide range of different things. I work closely with the Year 12 and Year 13 prefects as well as our Student Leadership Team.

Our goal is to support the students and we have the ability to create impactful change.

We aim to speak closely with all years and try to address any issues that may be raised.

Being Head Girl comes with a great deal of responsibility but it is also very rewarding to see the positive change we create.

As Student Leadership Team we are currently working on running our 'One World' event. This is to showcase the diversity of our school and as students express our cultures and beliefs. As a team we think this is really important.



**Head Girl - Pritika Sivagnanasundaram**

### **My name is Shray Yadav, and I am the Head Boy at The Heathland School.**

Being Head Boy is a big responsibility in which you need to be focused and be able to work alongside others in The Student Leadership Team.

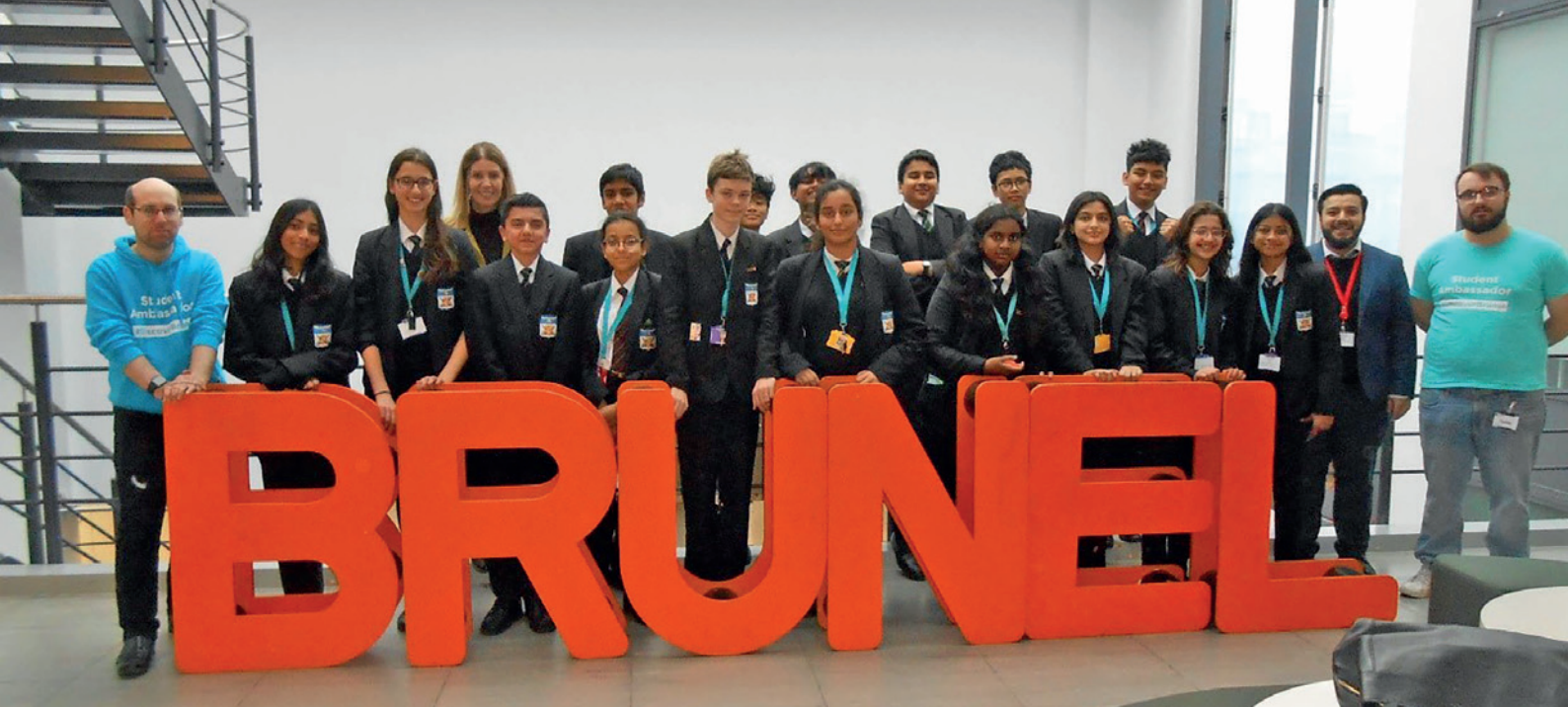
The Student Leadership Team and I have regular meetings with the Sixth Form year team and the Senior Leadership Team in order to try and make not just the Sixth Form experience better, but also the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 experience better.

We mainly work with Sixth Form, and we constantly look for suggestions and ideas of what we can do to engage more pupils and encourage participation. Our main aim is to try and make school a more enjoyable place and I hope we are able to make that difference.



**Head Boy - Shray Yadav**





## STEM Taster Day at Brunel University

Year 9 Pupils enjoying a fantastic day at Brunel University!

On Wednesday 14th December 2022, a group of Year 9 pupils had an exciting opportunity to attend a STEM taster day at Brunel University. The day was full of hands-on activities and informative seminars, designed to introduce the pupils to the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

One of the highlights of the day was the chocolate welding activity. Pupils were given the chance to learn about the process of welding while using melted chocolate to stick together different parts of a structure. Not only was it a fun and delicious way to learn, but it also gave the pupils a taste of what a career in engineering might be like.

Another engaging activity was the Sphero challenge, where pupils worked in teams to program Sphero robots to complete a series of challenges. The pupils were able to develop their problem-solving skills, while also gaining experience in coding and robotics. The space dome was also a hit with the pupils, as they were able to explore the wonders of our solar system in a fully immersive experience.

The interactive displays and educational content helped the pupils to develop their understanding of space science and astronomy.

Finally, the climate change seminar gave pupils the opportunity to learn about the importance of sustainability and the impact of climate change on our planet. The seminar was informative and thought-provoking, prompting pupils to consider their own actions and the role they can play in creating a more sustainable future.

Overall, the STEM taster day was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 9 pupils to engage with science and technology in a fun and engaging way. We are grateful to Brunel University for hosting this event and look forward to future opportunities for our pupils to develop their STEM skills.







## ▼ Year 7 go to the Pant-Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!

At the end of the Autumn term staff and students ventured into Richmond for the annual Pantomime trip. After spending a whole term exploring the characters and techniques of one of England's best loved traditions thirty Year 7 students were able to put their knowledge to the test during a production of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' With songs, dances and fabulous costumes it was truly a festive treat for all.

## Year 8 take on Shakespeare's Richard III



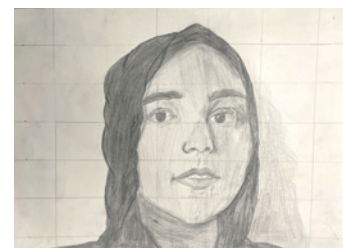
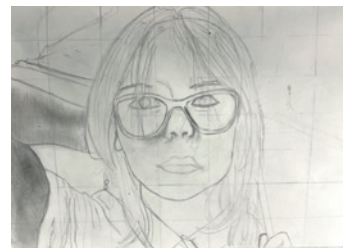
In December 2022, a group of Year 8 students performed an abridged version of William Shakespeare's Richard III, which they had been rehearsing for several months.

The story follows the titular character as he lies, manipulates and murders his way to the throne that was his to claim spiralling the country into war and rebellion. The students tackled the tricky Shakespearian language and huge characters with great energy and commitment.



## An Artist Is There Within You – Year 9's Vivid Self-Portrayals

Year 9 have been creating some amazing pencil portrait drawings of each other in Art. They took studio photographs inspired by Cecil Beaton and then used the grid method to create these drawings. Here is a selection of some of the excellent work!





## Year 8 Reward Trip to see 'Matilda'



### Year 8 at the cinema

On Tuesday 24th January Miss Bates, Miss Taylor and Mr Allen has the pleasure of taking 23 students to a viewing of Matilda. This was to reward them for their excellent ATL & HW graded in their latest PIP.

The students appreciated a private viewing of Matilda and enjoyed having a complete screen to themselves.

Much popcorn and maltesers were consumer and all the students left the cinema knowing how lucky they are that none of their teachers reflect the daily delights of 'Mrs Trunchbull's antics'.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all and we look forward to many more reward trips!

## Shere delight for Year 7 on their fieldwork trip



### 7y3 at the top of the hill having just completed a field sketch

The Geography department took all of Year 7 to Shere in the Surrey countryside to study rural environments and complete fieldwork.

Pupils had a fabulous time putting their geographical skills into practice and were amazed at how expensive the houses were!

## Philosophy Club visit Winchester Cathedral



### Philosophy Club taking in the sights!

On Monday 6th March Key Stage 3 Philosophy club were in awe. Everyone attending the club got a chance to view the captivating lights at Winchester Cathedral. At first, I thought it would be a lackluster experience, but I was wrong. It started off with the bus ride where the teachers were the entertainers, Mr Goodson asked everyone strenuous questions and Mr Hegarty and Miss Legg were not afraid to crank up the music! The atmosphere was amazing, the lights were sensational, and overall, I loved spending time with some of my closest friends. I think I'm speaking for everyone when I say this: we were having the time of our lives. Thank you to Mr Goodson, Mr Hegarty, and Miss Legg for giving us all an amazing experience!  
*Shrihari Ram, 7 Kent*



# Heathland House News!



Heathland House  
Dodgeball Tournament

## Heathland House Dodgeball Tournament

The first House competition of the year was the fiercely competitive House Dodgeball tournament.

The Year 7 & 8 House teams were the first round of matches to be played with many Year 7s making their first appearance for their Houses.

After many high intensity matches against each House, Nightingale came out victorious to claim first place. The Year 9 & 10 tournament was played in a similar competitive spirit, with Parks taking top spot. The Year 11, 12 & 13 students combined to participate in the final tournament which had the same excitement as the previous days, with the House competitive spirit coming through during the matches.

There was a new winner of this competition with Newton taking first place. The staff tournament was the final competition to be played.

It was fantastic to see so many members of staff join together to represent their Houses. Malala finished as winners!



## House Logo Competition:

After running the House Logo Competition here are the winning designs for each House.



**PARKS:**  
Frohar Khursand  
12 Turner



**NEWTON:**  
Aarushi Ayinampudi  
10 Palmer



**MALALA:**  
Darina Trujillo-  
Ravinger  
11 Adam



**NIGHTINGALE:**  
Nikolay Dimirlieva  
11 Banks



**SHAKESPEARE:**  
Elmedina Rekaj  
13 Sheridan



## House Christmas Decoration

At the end of term, students and staff showcased their creativity and imagination, designing some fantastic Christmas decorations for the last house event of 2022.

We had some wonderful entries across the board that brightened up the year bases in the lead-up to the Christmas break.

The competition within Year 7 was particularly close, with Thamizhini winning with an impressive construction of a model nativity scene.

Students from Years 8 to 10 presented some terrific illustrations of Christmas and wintery scenes and resulted in Idrees being awarded first place for his house bauble. We had a varying display of different tree decoration designs in the upper years, with Liora and Gopika having winning entries.



Above: Y7 winner, Thamizhini Prakash



Above, Y8 winner, Idrees Hussain

The staff also got inventive with Mr Newns receiving first place having produced a beautiful carving and Miss Sharpe honouring Malala's first Christmas with a stunning painting of their namesake Malala Yousafzai.



Above: Y11 winner, Liora Fernandes

Left: Y13 winner, Gopika Girishkumar



Above: staff winner, Mr Newns

And the full list of winners are...

Year 7	Winner	Thamizhini (Nightingale)	
	2nd Place	Reva (Shakespeare)	
	3rd Place	Mufiah (Nightingale) Nelinsa (Nightingale)	Reema (Newton)
Year 8-10	Winner	Idrees (Nightingale)	
	2nd Place	Ayesha (Shakespeare)	
	3rd Place	Nazia (Shakespeare)	
Year 11-12	Winner	Liora (Parks)	
	2nd Place	Amrita (Parks)	
Year 13	Winner	Gopika (Shakespeare)	
	2nd Place	Aemun (Malala)	
Staff	Winner	Nr Newns (Newton)	
	2nd Place	Miss Sharpe (Malala)	
	3rd Place	Miss Pallister (Shakespeare)	

## Winning the Year 7 House, Halloween carving competition



The winning pumpkin by Raees Khan

My name is Raees Khan, 7 Turner and I won the Halloween pumpkin carving competition.

The design of the pumpkin that I carved was fun; it was a large pumpkin devouring and eating up another miniature pumpkin.

I spent a total of 3 hours designing, marking out and then carving each of the two pumpkins. It took a lot of patience, but it was enjoyable at the same time. The design was cool and something different from the usual pumpkin designs.

This was one of my favourite art projects to date as it gave me room to be imaginative and creative.

I feel that the competition is a great opportunity to show off your artistic skills and imagination. It makes me feel like I was part of something fun and special and when I took it to school, I was proud that I took part in something different. It is also great to show your teachers the fun activities you can do at home independently.

*Raees Khan, 7 Turner (Parks)*



## The Year 8 Basketballers



## ▼ Year 8 Slam Dunk to an impressive record!

The Year 8 Basketball team have enjoyed a successful term competing in the Hounslow Borough League.

We started the season slowly, losing the first game 42-8 to St Marks. However, the team continued to commit and dedicate themselves to training both before and after school and did not let this result affect their confidence or team spirit. The hard work each week successfully paid off against Rivers Academy with a convincing 36-11 win and against Heston winning 31-9 which got the season back on track.

The boys carried on from where they left off in their final games of the season, beating Cranford 32-8 and Springwest 22-12 to finish the season with an impressive record of 4 wins and 1 defeat.

It has been especially pleasing to see what they have been working on in training being applied successfully into the matches.

A special mention must go to captain Suhaan who has shown great leadership skills throughout the season and Abdul for his fantastic shooting and lay-up ability.

## Term dates

### SUMMER TERM 2023

**Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023**

Inset Day- Mon 17th April 2023

May Day- Monday 1st May 2023

**Half Term - Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023**

Inset Day- Wednesday 5th July 2023



## Well done to our Year 7 Word Millionaires!

### Congratulations to The Heathland School's very first Word Millionaires!

The following pupils have read 1,000,000 words!

**Zhyaan Virani (7KE) with 1,015,884 words**

**Saad Junaid (7JE) with 1,017,493 words**

**Sumaiya Akbar (7HO) with 1,163,433 words**

Year 7 pupils have made a fantastic start with Accelerated Reader in the second half of the Autumn Term.

The year group has read a combined total of 21,573,777 words and taken 546 quizzes. Some favourite books include the Harry Potter series by JK Rowling, Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney and Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz.

A special mention must go to Sumaiya Akbar in 7 Hogarth, Saad Junaid in 7 Jenner and Zhyaan Virani in 7 Kent. These pupils have read over 1,000,000 words each and have become The Heathland School's very first Word Millionaires!

The pupils received a certificate and a prize in their end of term awards

assembly for their achievement. Well done!

Literacy and reading are key to strong outcomes, both academic and pastoral, and here at The Heathland School we are working hard to ensure that all our students have literacy skills that will support them reaching their potential.

Accelerated Reader is a programme, which helps pupils to choose the most appropriate books for them. It allows pupils to track their progress in reading, and allows their teachers to praise their reading efforts and to identify and support pupils who may need help.

We look forward to rewarding more pupils for their tremendous efforts in reading in the Spring Term!