

The Heathland School Sixth Form Spotlight



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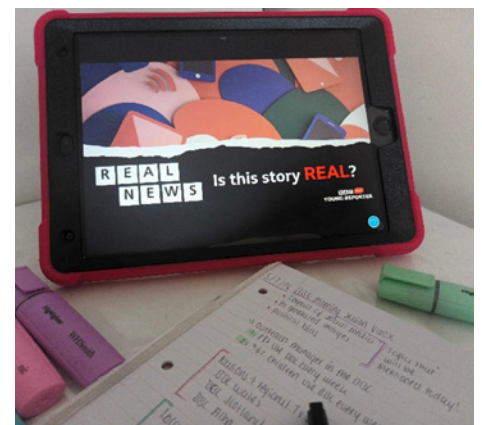
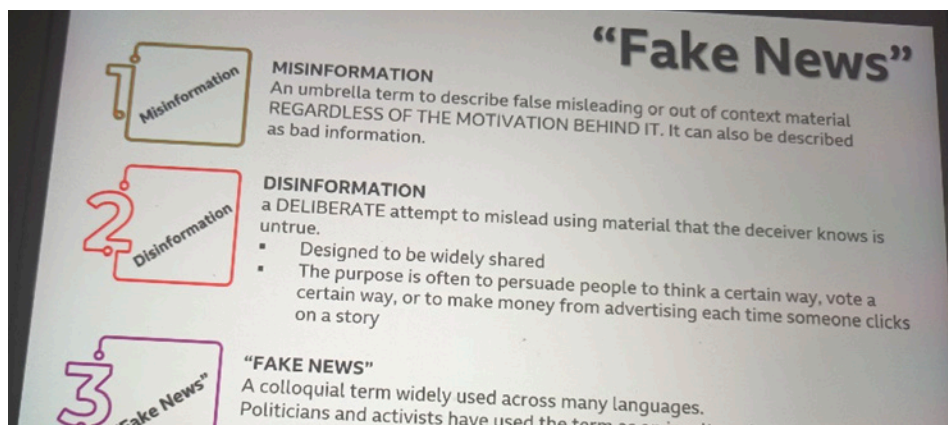


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Exploring the BBC:

A look at potential careers in the media and how the news is made



I recently gained an amazing webinar opportunity on Unifrog to spend the day learning about the BBC and the kind of things that they do day to day. This is really beneficial for anyone wanting to get involved within the BBC. What I really loved about it was that it was free and accessible so anyone can get involved.

I started my day by listening to an outreach manager who works at the BBC talk about different services that they use such as the radio, TV channels etc. I also got the chance to hear from a journalist who works at the BBC talking about types of "fake news" and AI and how to differentiate from what's true and based on facts in comparison to what's AI generated or deep faked. I then got given 3 tasks that

I had to complete: evaluating different sources of news, how AI alters what we see and believe, how data can tell a story and many more. What was really beneficial was that I was able to write my own news story and article which pushed me to the best of my ability as it was something I never done before. I then joined back for a debrief session where I gained insight into BBC apprenticeships.

Overall, it was such a fun experience where I gained a lot of beneficial information that I know will help me when making my choice as to what profession I want and it is definitely something to add to enhance my cv.

This experience isn't just for those that are interested in politics as some may think. It's for everyone!

Written by: Moontahar Rahman, 13 Dickens

Engineering work experience

I attended an Engineering and Construction work experience evening with Mott MacDonald!

As one of the largest employee-owned businesses in the world, it was especially exciting to hear about their operations internationally in sectors such as civil and mechanical engineering, as well as project management and sustainable development.

It was insightful to learn more about the benefits of taking apprenticeship routes into this field, and the opportunity to network with my peers helped me immensely to build connections with likeminded individuals and gain valuable perspectives.

Thank you Young Professionals for this incredible opportunity!

Written by: Dalyn Lobo, 13 Gresham



National Saturday Club Speaker



I was delighted to be invited as a guest speaker at a private viewing of the National Saturday Club organised at Somerset House.

It was a great opportunity to explain to the guests about the work the National Saturday Club has been doing for many years. They have helped many individuals make decisions towards pursuing their passionate pathways.

When I was a member of the club, I was new to London and didn't attend any extra-curricular activities. The National Saturday Club was a brilliant opportunity to take part. The subject I participated in was Science and Engineering.

The fellow club members were engaged and passionate about the project and activities and the tutors provided us with insight towards our project and how we can develop it. The coupling of tutor and club members is a very strong environment for creativity and innovation.

Thanks to Lucy Kennedy and Nigel Carrington, their commitment has truly been the key to the formation and growth of the club. Throughout the years, every meeting with them has been inspiring and encouraging.

I had a chance to present, with my National Saturday Club Youth Advisory Member Liam Thompson and two fantastic and down to earth alumni members Urvi Nandha and Shona Roberts. A big thank you to Nyasha Daley for all the hard work and contribution, with her professional excellence, all the speakers effectively and naturally were perceived by the beautiful audience.

A big thank you to the amazing people I have worked with past two years, Liz Cowley, Toria Brook-Hill, Kaya Brennan, and Liam Shea for the continuous support throughout my time being in the Youth Advisory Board. The work they put into this club is unbelievable and each one of them have been a pillar to the success for this club.

Hoping for many more years of success for the National Saturday Club Family!

Written by: Rishaan Shaik, 13 Hogarth

Eton Summer School



Recently, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the #EtonSummerSchool for Biology and Chemistry. This experience was truly amazing, allowing me to dive deeper into my A-level subjects and expand my knowledge and skills.

In Chemistry, I honed my analytical and practical techniques by engaging in reflux and distillation practicals, utilising an infrared spectrometer, and identifying transition metals. These hands-on experiments enhanced my understanding and passion for the subject.

In Biology, I explored gel electrophoresis, used microscopes to observe live and dead organisms (like water daphnia), and even performed a rat and frog dissection. My favourite activity was the dissections, as they aligned with my interest in anatomy and allowed me to improve my manual dexterity skills, which is crucial for a future career in dentistry. Additionally, I had lessons on epidemiology and the transmission of diseases such as malaria, deepening my understanding of public health issues.

The days were rounded off with insightful lectures and workshops focused on personal statements and university applications, providing invaluable guidance for my academic future.

I am deeply grateful for this experience and would like to thank everyone at Eton College who made it possible.

Written by: Divleen Khaneja, 13 Turner



Journalistic opportunity for Heathland student

I'd like to say a massive thank you to one of the Co-founders of Homo Economicus, Ritisha Baidyary for reaching out to me and giving me an amazing opportunity to write an article for Homo Economicus' page.

It was a pleasure writing an article about the connection between healthcare and economics and discussing factors such as:

- Health economics
- Economic behaviour of healthcare providers
- Healthcare workforce economics
- The economic impact of public health policies

Overall, it was an incredible experience writing and having my article published on the Homo Economicus' e-magazine!!

Find the article here: <https://www.hehomoeconomicus.com/post/economics-in-medicine-a-healthy-collaboration>

Written by: Nimra Malik, 13 Jenner



Economics in Medicine: A Healthy Collaboration

[hehomoeconomicus.com](https://www.hehomoeconomicus.com)

Global Humanitarianism Summer School residential



I recently completed my Global Humanitarianism Summer School residential at UCL.

I gained irreplaceable insight through experiencing lectures and the university social life. We had opportunities to experience a society taster session, a bowling event and an arcade trip which developed our understanding of social life in university and the options a London based university provides us.

I am grateful for our lecturer Lisa Danquah. We had a schedule of daily lectures which taught me about the effects of wars and how organizations and governments go about providing aid.

Thank to Genevieve Cheung, Lucia Qureshi, Kuljinder Johal and Lauren Gillett for arranging this excellent week.

I met some great people from across the country who I would not have had the chance to meet. The student leaders were very friendly, welcoming and helpful.

Ultimately, I was inspired to work hard in my next academic year to be able to reach a university of this prestigious status.

Written by: Yara Elqasabogli, 13 Hogarth

Visit to St Marys University



St Marys University is a campus in the grounds of the historic Strawberry Hill House. The campus also boasts modern facilities, including a new library, TV production suite, and extensive sports facilities.

On campus, we found a vibrant student community with over 90 nationalities represented. The university prides itself on providing a welcoming environment with strong support services to help students feel at home quickly. St Mary's is renowned for its sports facilities, which are equipped to world-class standards.

You might see students participating in various sports clubs or using the state-of-the-art equipment on campus.

It helped students on the trip to develop an enhanced understanding of the course variations and future job roles that the courses can lead to, including sports coaching and teaching physical education. The trip to St Mary's University gave a taste of London university life in a unique setting that combines historical charm with modern amenities and a strong sense of community.

Written by: Manjot Singh Bagga, 13 Jenner

Open Day for Heathland students at leading Law firm



I visited A&O Shearman's law event provided by UpTree. The day began with an introduction from the firm's early careers department by Tommy. After our long journey's we were treated to a complimentary breakfast.

Following that we participated in an icebreaker to get to know the fellow pupils interested in law.

We then were introduced to James Partridge who was actually one of the leading heads in introducing the degree apprenticeship scheme at A&O. He shared his knowledge of the important things we should be implementing into our schedules to ensure success. James Partridge came from a very ordinary background and his story made my dream career feel achievable. He then followed on with a brief Q&A that was extremely informative.

Next we learnt about the different departments in the firm including:

corporate law, finance, disputes and PENRI (projects, energy, natural resources and infrastructure). James then introduced us to Max Taylor, a degree apprentice in his 2nd year. He informed us that solicitors must perform some amount of pro-bono work. This essentially means free legal advice. Many lawyers choose to assist immigrants and refugees trying to gain citizenship in the UK. This makes them more empathetic and understanding; 2 things a solicitor needs to be successful.

We then met 2 other aspiring solicitors who work at A&O. We were set with a task to create the perfect restaurant. We had to take into account different legal and commercial factors that could affect the restaurant such as: copyright, patents, insurance etc. We then had lunch sat on the terrace with an amazing view of London.

Finally we had a Q&A with the 4 degree apprentices and a trainee solicitor. They gave us interesting insights on how they got their places at A&O which were both inspirational and fascinating.

At the end of the day we had a closing talk from Tommy providing us with the important do's and don'ts of applications. He informed us that AI is a very powerful tool that is used in the company to help with continuous improvements. But we should be careful of using it in personal statements when applying as it doesn't show the authentic you. It is better to use your own words as they are far more respectable than AI.

Overall, the day was amazing. It really has helped me to understand what path I'll be taking into Law. Everyone at the event was extremely welcoming and the guest speakers provided a great environment to network comfortably

Written by: Mawada Farah, 13 Banks

Visit to Anros Consultancy



I am privileged to have finished my 3 days of shadowing the CEO, Ekaterina Petrova Averiro, of a private accounting firm 'ANROS consultancy'.

Here I was able to gain work experience of what it's like being an accountant, as well as being introduced, how to work with clients and the guidelines of consultancy.

At the beginning of the session, I was exposed to a real life scenario of sorting out client's bank statements. This allowed me to enhance my technical problem-solving skills, analytic reasoning as well as getting more familiar with excel. Which I understand is important in the field of accounting. I was then taught how to efficiently handle official client's intel while keeping confidentiality in my mind. Having worked with Ekaterina, I developed better communication skills as well as teamwork and leadership skills as I was made to make decisions.

Overall, I really enjoyed this and I managed to gain great insight into the career of an accountant.

Written: Sana Naqshbandi, 13 Gresham

Race for Life Run 2024

I was privileged to volunteer as a Marshall for the Race for Life Run 2024 at Regent's Park. We were cheering the runners on and motivating them to carry on.

We also played music for them to enjoy as they ran past and one of the other Marshals told the event host that we were amazing for the whole 3 hours and he's never seen anything like it. So as a reward we got a participation medal that the runners would've received.

We raised a staggering £223,883 for Cancer Research UK.

Written by: Banee Khurana, 13 Banks



Work experience with HSBC

I recently had the opportunity to take part in a hybrid, 3 day virtual and 2 day in-person work experience with HSBC. Led by Joanne Reynolds, whom made this possible, and my two placement managers, Sasha Denby and Hollie Whyman.

The sessions involved developing our own growth mindset, to learning about the different aspects of HSBC and provided essential information about interview and CV tips.

For the in-person placement, I was stationed in Victoria Street in London. It provided an invaluable insight into leveraged finance and a multitude of other aspects of banking. We received talks from several graduates and degree apprentices, which highlighted how diverse backgrounds can be when coming into working within finance, specifically how your education can differ greatly from what your career may end up as.

Thank you again to the managers who provided me with the help and insight given into this, and the various people within my group making this an extremely enjoyable experience.

*Written by: Arnav Mehta,
13 Turner*



Virtual Work Experience in Investment Banking



Through the Pathway CTM Virtual Work Experience in Investment Banking, I gained a range of valuable skills that will undoubtedly benefit my future endeavours in the financial sector.

Engaging with professionals from Deutsche Bank, HSBC and Pathway CTM allowed me to enhance my communication skills through meaningful interactions. Moreover, I developed a keen eye for detail and analytical thinking by delving into real-world financial scenarios and learning to navigate complex data. Overall, this opportunity not only deepened my understanding of the industry but also equipped me with practical skills crucial for success in the field.

Written by: Sana Naqshband, 13 Gresham

Term dates 2024/25

Autumn term dates 2024

INSET day 23rd October

Half Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

INSET Days Friday 22nd and Monday 25th November

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January 2025

Spring term dates 2025

Monday 6 January - Friday 4 April 2025

Monday 6th January INSET Day

Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2025



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