The Heathlander
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The Brilliant Club Launch Trip



The Brilliant Club

The Scholar's Programme Launch Event took place at St Anne's College, Oxford in partnership with University of Oxford.

The Brilliant Club works alongside schools and universities across the United Kingdom mobilising the PhD community of researchers and education experts to support students attending public schools and who are less advantaged to gain a place at the most elite universities for higher education.

14 of The Heathland School's Year 9 students had been nominated by Miss Suleman and selected to participate in the tutoring programme (Y9 Subject: More than just fiction? Language and Identity in Fantasy Novels). The Launch Event was an introductory overview of the programme, what is to be expected and a general briefing of work and social life balance at university.

Following a welcome game of 'Guess the University', we had a short session on the Scholar's Programme and The Hub (an online platform allowing messages to be exchanged between students and their tutors and where assignments are to be submitted) whereby we were informed of our pupil journey.

The wide assortment of sandwiches and juice certainly did not go unnoticed, but we were excited for the afternoon's activities to come no doubt!

A Q&A talk with current Oxford students enabled us to ask any and every question and gave us an idea of their university life and how to make the most of your time at higher education facilities managing your workload.

At the end of the day, we were invited to a tour of the university led by two student ambassadors of St Anne's in their first and second years.

To wrap up, we met again with the organiser for a study skills session on critical thinking strategies and then it was back to The Heathland School.

As of this moment, we have our final assignment to look forwards to in completing in March. The Scholar's Programme will prove to be an insightful and pleasurable journey with hopefully astonishing and gratifying outcomes!

Anastasia Tymoftey, 9 Sheridan

Art On The Move!



Year 12 and Year 13 went to the British Museum and the National Gallery with Miss Sharpe and Miss Harris.

Firstly, we went to the National Gallery where we saw famous artwork such as 'Sunflowers' by Vincent Van Gogh and 'The Water-Lily Pond' by Claude Monet. It was incredible to view these well-known artists' creations up close and recognise the skill and creativity that went into all their artwork.

After that, we went to the British Museum. There we encountered a lot of international artists and diverse art from sculptures to paintings and even artefacts. The museum featured thousands of years of human history and culture from across the world, so there was a lot to discover. It allowed us to explore and find new things about different countries. We saw ancient Egypt artefacts including mummies, sculptures, and jewellery.

Mashaal Hussain, 13 Banks



Year 9 WOWed at World of Work Day

A number of ex-Heathland students returned to the school to share their career journeys with our Year 9 students. Among them was Aadil Khan, who left Year 13 in 2010 and went on to study at the University of Liverpool before qualifying as a solicitor. Mrs Vowles taught Aadil for four years during his time at The Heathland and Mrs Turner was his mentor in Year 11. They were extremely proud to hear how successful he's been since leaving The Heathland family!



Ex-Heathlander Aadil Khan

It was a pleasure to be invited back to my secondary school to take part in the World of Work Day. I wish students the best of luck in their studies and hope that some of them will be inspired to pursue a career in law!

Aadil Khan, ex-Heathlander and Head of Family Law at Barrett and Co Solicitors



I really enjoyed World of Work day because I got to understand how different careers were started. I especially liked the physiotherapists as I like PE. There was so much to talk about and how people got to where they are now. I think World of Work day was a perfect workshop. A lot of students got to think about what they want to achieve in the future or get some ideas of what they want to choose for their GCSEs. This workshop helped me and a lot of other pupils to want to thrive and succeed in their education.

Khalid Manafsi 9 Sheridan

As someone who would like to have a good career path, I thought the WoW day was really fun, interesting and helpful. Having people come in to tell us about their jobs was very informative for my career future as it opened up a variety of jobs and some were even explained in depth. It also made me think about the possibility of looking and exploring other careers that I hadn't even thought of before WoW day.

Bobbi Lineham, 9 Adam

It's no lie I can multiply!



In the Spring term, students across Key Stages 3 and 4 have enrolled in the UK Maths Challenges hosted by the UKMT.

Many students have participated achieving amazing results gaining Bronze, Silver, and Gold certificates. Special congratulations to Abdul Daim Janjua, Tanish Junghare, Parag Mittal, Kush Patel, Aleksander Mandradzjew, and Matthew Pariallo for gaining top scores and being invited to the Kangaroo follow-up rounds.

World Book Week at Heathland!

Staff enjoying World Book Week

This year, for the first time, The Heathland School expanded our celebration from World Book Day to World Book Week with several author visits and events culminating in our annual staff dress up day.



Manjeet Mann talk

To kick things off, we had a visit from author Manjeet Mann. Both of Manjeet's YA novels, Run, Rebel and The Crossing, were shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and The Crossing won the Costa Book Award 2022.

She spoke in the Main Hall to our Year 9 cohort about the inspiration behind her verse novels; this included a fascinating look into her experience with the migrant crisis on England's south coast and her experience of growing up in an extremely deprived area. Pupils asked insightful questions about her writing process, about what it means to be a working author and about how she sees the migrant crisis being resolved.

We then had two visits from Lou Abercrombie, author of Fig Swims the World and Coming Up for Air. On the Friday before World Book Week, Lou spoke to all of our Year 7s and 8s about her books before working with small groups of Year 7 pupils in a workshop. These pupils thoroughly enjoyed the chance to be creative as they made mind-maps outlining their own characters. On the following Wednesday, Lou came back again and the Year 12s enjoyed hearing about her interesting career path and her journey to becoming a published author. Lou then delivered more workshops in the library, this time for year 8, whose character mind-maps were fantastic!

Finally, to finish off a fantastic fortnight, we read our whole school short story and held our staff costume day on February 3rd. Staff costumes ranged from Orwell's Animal Farm to characters from well-known fairy tales.



Lou Abercrombie Workshop



Year 12 enjoying HE Day

▼ Speed Read Event for our Year 9s

Six Year 9 pupils embarked on a day out to Isleworth and Syon School, where they joined pupils from all over the Hounslow Borough in discussing their favourite books.

The pupils took full advantage and Rhys Fender (9 DI) even won a prize for most animated speaker. Rhys, Delia, Hema, Clarissa, Sanjana and Zoya represented the Heathland School to an extremely high standard and thoroughly enjoyed their day of book discussions.

Sanjana said: *"Through the multiple discussions I had encountered during this trip, my knowledge of books from various other genres greatly increased, allowing me to expand my experience reading other types of books. One of the things gained through this trip, was expressing my love towards reading books and sharing similar viewpoints along with my fellow peers from various other schools.*

Furthermore, this trip also stimulated my self-confidence and acknowledge why other books inspired and intrigued many others based on the themes it presented.

Books which I will certainly read based on the recommendation from today are: Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor, Ace of Spades and Sleepless.

Thank you Miss Moran for the experience which piqued my interest towards other genres."
Sanjana Balaji, 9 Banks

Higher Education Day

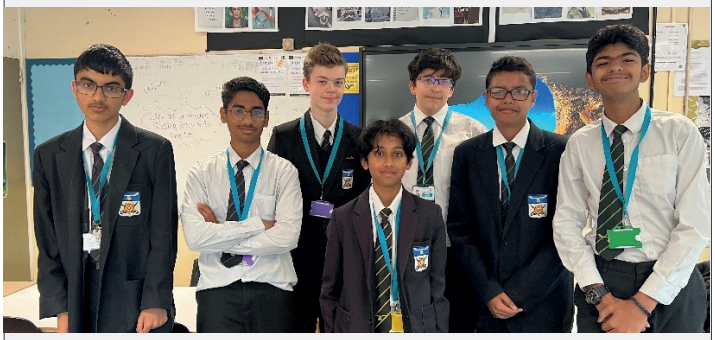
On 21st June, Year 12 students were given the exciting opportunity to learn more about higher education and the possibilities that will await them after leaving the Heathland School. A valuable day to help students better understand the variety of routes available to them as they continue their journey in education.





Higher Education Day was an amazing opportunity for me to widen my scopes not only about the universities out there but also the type of courses available, hearing about integrated masters and doing a year abroad or in industry. Also hearing first hand from students and employees and what path they took into their own careers so we can understand and make informed decisions about our future.
Makemeh Zuanah, 12 Turner

Year 9 MENSA Membership



Recently, some of us in Year 9 took the MENSA test – a test to check our IQ, basically how intelligent we are. 30 of us took the test, and most of us found the questions very interesting. I particularly enjoyed the cryptography question – you had to figure out what the 3 coded words were. Out of the 30 of us, 8 of us got accepted into MENSA – which is a massive achievement. To qualify, we had to score in the top 2%. I found it exciting as I have been able to join as a member which means I will get a magazine with loads of interesting facts and special interest groups to participate in and some fun events.
Rhys Fender, 9 Dickens

Post Mortem Live!



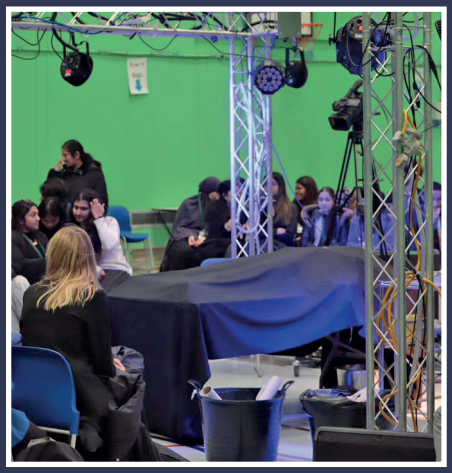


Experiencing the Post Mortem Live!

All the Sixth Form Biology and PE students were invited to a unique experience, a live dissection hosted at The Heathland School. It was an immersive experience that used special effects and stimulation in order to recreate a realistic post-mortem experience. We were able to deepen our understanding on the human anatomy, a live post-mortem was conducted by professionals on a convincing human model containing animal's organs.

We were then given the opportunity to carry out some hands on learning of our own by dissecting and focusing on essential organs like the lungs. We were further educated on the details of post mortem procedures including determining the cause of death.

Many topics we had learnt in class, such as transport in animals and blood circulation, were integrated in the live dissection. This provided us with visual representation of biological processes in our own bodies, which aided a deeper understanding of the structure of our organs and how they function. It was an eye opening experience!



UEFA Women's Champions League Quarter Final

Would you believe me if I said that I went to a Chelsea Women's European Football match? Well, on 30th March myself and some other pupils did just that. We went to Stamford Bridge to see Chelsea v Lyon play for a place in the Semi-finals for the UEFA Women's Champions League.

Chelsea-mad fan Miss Legg came on the trip along with Mr Sim and Mrs Tickner. On the way there we had a nice driver-Raj, who didn't disappoint us with his playlist.

It was about a 20 minute drive and once we were all settled and got our tickets ready, we accidently headed to the AWAY section; I am sure Miss Legg would have never forgiven by us.

We got sat down at the Home side- and we joyfully watched the game. We were sat right behind the goal so had to practise our own goal keeping skills as shots were swinging our way!

The game was an exciting action packed affair with the majority of the action down our end. After 90 minutes we had to contact our parents to say we would be late as the game went into extra time which ended in a draw at 2-2 (on agg) and then to penalties!



Chelsea Ladies player Lauren James with some of our students

With the penalties being taken right in front of us we felt part of the emotional turmoil the players were going through; it was exhilarating to watch with being so close! I am happy to report that Chelsea Women won 4-3. A great evening and score for Chelsea fans.

Eesha Sidher, 7 Hogarth

Hopeful Hands



Social Enterprise BTEC Business Students

Social Enterprise BTEC Business Students wanted to create a business that would support their local community. They started by visiting and helping out at the local foodbank. Here you see them receiving their award for Most Creative Pitch at the Hounslow Borough Dragons Den awards ceremony April 2023. They reached the regional finals with their idea to make and sell greeting cards. Their very original card designs coupled with food sales at local school events has raised more than £200 in profits which will be used to buy food to support Hope Charity food bank.

Heathland House News!



Heathland's students enjoying the Rounders!

House Rounders

House Rounders kicked off on Tuesday 13th June with Year 10s. Numbers were slightly lower than anticipated but engagement and willingness was at a fantastic level with staff and Sixth Form captains joining in to boost morale and competition.

Parks were able to pip the other houses to have a well-deserved win. Wednesday saw the Year 8s turn to see what House would come out Champions. There were some impressive performances on show, notably Nasurdeen who was excellent in informing his team what to do and clearly had listened well in his PE lessons.

Some fantastic attempt when batting, some coming off more than others but nonetheless, was amazing to see the effort pupils were putting in to win for their Houses. Friday saw the return of staff and Sixth Form. One of the best turnouts across the board for this event. Numerous staff gave up their Friday afternoon/evening to be part of a friendly competitive Rounder's tournament.

This got off to a great start, with Sixth Formers showing off and getting their own back on their teachers by getting them out or smashing the ball past them in the field but staff also getting very serious in their roles on 1st base, 2nd base and many other fielding roles.

Malala clinched the win overall from their points difference but this was a very close 1st, 2nd and 3rd result. Year 7 and 9 were last to go, and delivered excellent performances.

Again, this was a close result, with games going down to the last game to reveal a winner. Overall, attitude, spirit and togetherness was extremely high and symbolised the House system.

House Cricket

The fiercely competitive House Cricket tournament was eagerly anticipated.

The Year 7s were first to play and after plenty of runs and some great bowling from many students Nightingale came out victorious.

The intensity remained high for the Year 8 tournament. Malala came out on top this time, beating Shakespeare off the final ball in a thrilling game.

The Year 9s and 10s combined for their tournament which was played in a similar competitive spirit, with Parks taking top spot. The Sixth Form students played in the final tournament with the house competitive spirit coming through during the matches. There was a new winner of this competition with Newton taking first place!

The Heathland House Bake Off



Delicious cakes from our budding bakers!

The Heathland House Bake Off was a chance for staff and pupils to show off their baking and decorating skills. We had some fantastic bakes with a wide range of interpretations of this year's theme - The Seasons. Our Year 7 winner was Charleen with her beach themed cookies. The level of detail, down to her handmade umbrellas, made them a definite crowd favourite. Elias, Eshal and Aaliyah also showcased their decorating skills by incorporated all four seasons in their impressive cupcake entries while Wardah and Charlotte wowed with their delicious brownies.

The staff and student body enjoyed the efforts of the bakers during a bake sale in which we were able to raise money towards this year's three charities. Thank you to all the bakers and those that donated.



Year 7	Charleen Armenta 07SH (Shakespeare)
Year 8	Eshal Waqas 08SH (Shakespeare)
Year 10	Charlotte Harcourt 10DI (Shakespeare)
Year 12	Wardah Jameel 12HO (Parks)
Staff	Miss Pallister (Shakespeare)

Special Shout Out to Jordan Ting, 9 Kent

Jordan has been participating in the Basketball England National Basketball League Junior U14 boy's competition for the 2022/2023 season.

His team 'London Warriors' based in Hounslow which he has been attending since 7 years old had successfully finished at the top of the Premier South West Region. Whereas, last season 2021/2022 the U14 boys were at the bottom of the league tables.

This season his team eventually made it to the top 4 and Jordan along with his club had travelled to Manchester last weekend 29 and 30 April to play in the semi-finals which they won.



Jordan and his team made it into the NBL Jr U14 finals competing against Manchester Magic.

They ended up winning Silver with only 3 points away from Gold.

Although it wasn't the result Jordan and his team mates wanted, the overall experience in actually getting into the finals was an achievement for his team. The London Warriors Basketball Club have done extremely well competing against other well established basketball clubs that regularly win in the basketball community.

Year 11 Always Hoop for the Best!

The Year 11 Basketball team competed in the annual West Thames College Basketball Tournament. The tournament consisted of 4 teams who played each other once in a round robin style of matches. The boys started the tournament strongly, with a convincing 23-4 win against Cranford. Their next game was played against Lampton, who after a hard fought game unfortunately beat us 29-8. Our final match was against Reach Academy which turned out to be a very high scoring game, however, we narrowly lost that game 30-25. Well done to all the boys who represented the school and showed some great team spirit as well as excellent Basketball skills throughout. Congratulations to Ibrahim Hassan who was voted Heathland's player of the tournament by the organisers of the tournament.



Year 11 Basketball Team

Togetherness, passion and hard work ensures a bright future



Jermone Dharmaraj 12BA playing away against Isleworth & Syon

Throughout the season the boys have done themselves proud with some excellent performances in the Cup, League and friendlies. Compared to last year's team, they have excelled dramatically.

The football the boys play along with the togetherness they display on and off the pitch is something they should be proud of. A memorable performance was when they came from 4-1 down, to then bring it back to 4-4 with sublime team goals, but eventually fell to an unfortunate 6-5 defeat.

With the majority of the core of the team consisting of Year 12's, if the boys do work hard, stay committed and focused, then the future is most certainly bright, and for sure success will follow next year.

Let the Debate begin!

The debate competition took place in St Paul's Girls' School and was an intense competition between several schools. We were given a motion and had 15 minutes to prepare, before having to speak for 5 minutes, defending the position assigned to us using British Parliamentary style. This was a great opportunity to not only practice this style of debate, but to also engage with other schools and improve our debating skills. Although we did not go through to the next round, the competition was a very an entertaining experience that will almost certainly prove useful in the future!

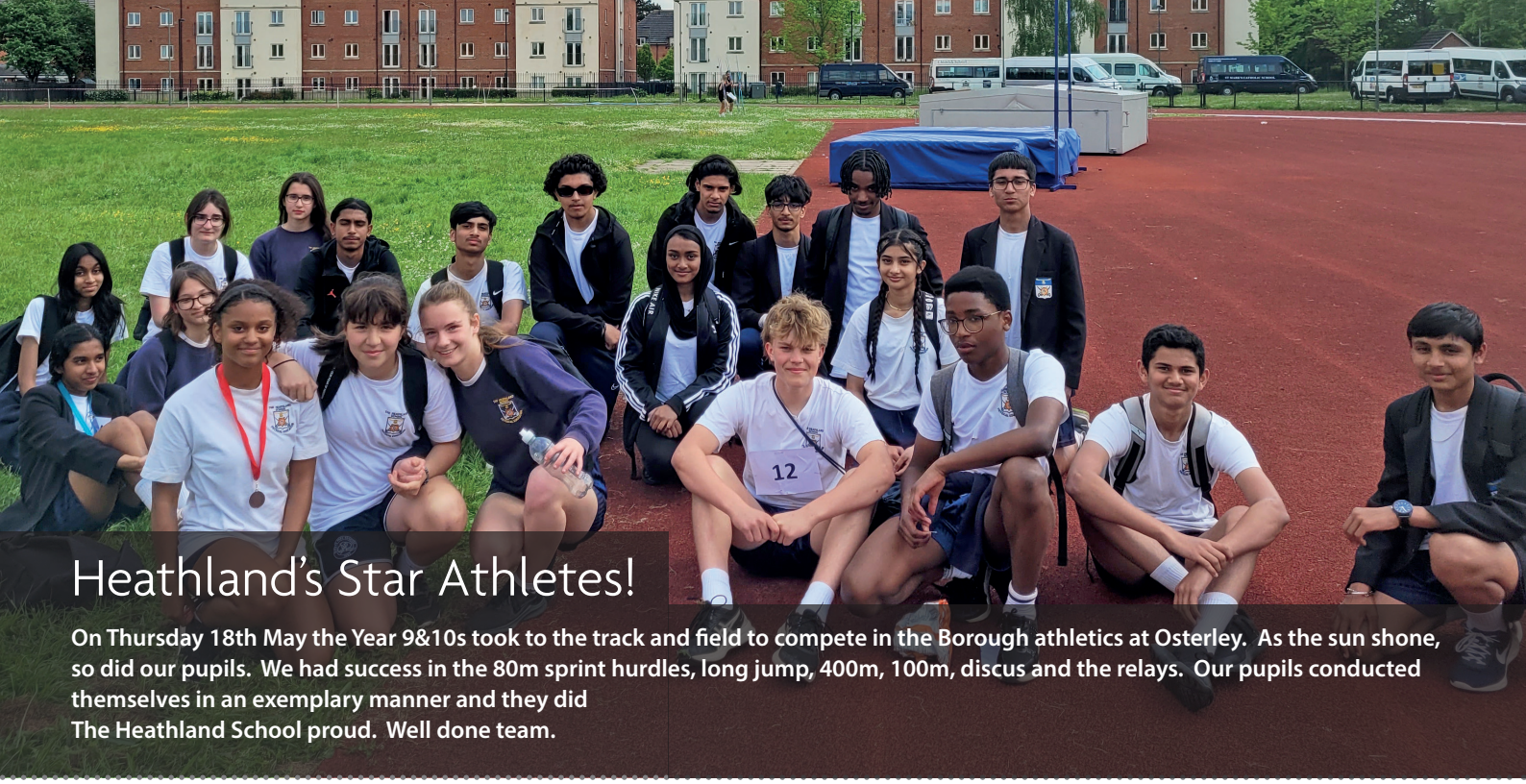
Ayaan Nadeem, 12 Adam

On 22nd of February I took part in an Oxford schools West London Debate Competition. I was very nervous as I had never debated in the British Parliamentary format. The first debate we had was about If social movements should be commercialized, such as BLM and Pride Month. The second debate was about If exams should be replaced with pupil's average attainment over the time of the course. Both these debates were so exciting, and I would like to extend a massive thank you to Miss Sherriff and Mr. Spragg for allowing us to be part of such an incredible opportunity.

Hannah Kissali, 12 Banks



Ayaan Nadeem and Hannah Kissali



Heathland's Star Athletes!

On Thursday 18th May the Year 9&10s took to the track and field to compete in the Borough athletics at Osterley. As the sun shone, so did our pupils. We had success in the 80m sprint hurdles, long jump, 400m, 100m, discus and the relays. Our pupils conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and they did The Heathland School proud. Well done team.

Year 8 Cricketers bat off rivals



The Year 8 Cricket team are having another successful season and are currently top of the Hounslow Borough league after winning their first 4 matches. There have been some strong individual performances with the bat and ball from Mourya, Adam and Dhruv along with some excellent fielding from Steve.

All players have shown great commitment to training and matches and it has been extremely rewarding to see the hard work paying off with some impressive individual and team performances. It has also been pleasing to see a few of the boys represent the Year 9 team as well as playing for club teams outside of school.

Term dates

SUMMER TERM 2023

Mon 17th April 2023 – Fri 21st July 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Wednesday 6 Sep to Thursday 21 Dec 2023

Half Term – Mon 23 Oct to Fri 27 October

SPRING TERM 2024

Mon 8 Jan to Thurs 28 Mar 2024

Half Term – Mon 12 Feb to Fri 16 Feb

Game, Set and Match for our top Tennis players



Heathland's Tennis stars of the future!



Another year, another tennis tournament. It was great to see so many Year 7, 8, and 9s attend - despite Cricket and Athletics being on at the same time - these pupils clearly have their priorities straight.

The girls began their tournament at the semi-final stage, with 4 of them flying the flag for the females. Last year's champion - Clarissa Faria - was narrowly beaten by Mannat Sekhon, who went on to conquer Aleyna Karyagdi in the final (who beat Renea James-Graham in her semi). Well done to all 4 girls for taking part and putting on a show. The boys, who had a bigger turnout, which meant more competition. Last year's finalists - Henry Tran and Graydon Fernandes looked confident going into the tournament, and this confidence shone through, setting up a repeat final from last year. However, Graydon was out for revenge, and with a newly developed topspin forehand, he was looking the favourite to win. Henry pulled it back to 2-2 in games, resulting in a tiebreak to 7 points. Despite Henry's efforts, Graydon prevailed 7-3, sending him alongside Mannat to the County tournament in June. Finally, a special mention to Cristiano Fernandes who was the only Year 7 to reach the semi-final, and Ty Phelan and Sarfraz Syed Khaja who umpired the final with fairness and consistency.