

The Heathland Highlights 2018-19



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ANOTHER YEAR FOR EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS



'A' Level students in Year 13 maintained the school's record for strong results: 81% of all grades were A*-C and 21 students achieved an amazing A* and A grades in all their subjects. Six students gained places to study Medicine and another two for Dentistry.

Bushra Ahmed will study *Biochemistry at UCL*
Aaisha Ali starts an *Accounting Apprenticeship*
Khadija Aziz will study *English at King's College*
Cameron Creaser will study *Physics at Warwick*
Yasmin Dawoodjee will study *Chemistry at King's College*
Boris Didov will study *Engineering at Durham*
Rohan Mangat will study *Aerospace Engineering at Bath*

Seher Mirza will study *Medicine at St. George's*
Sanya Puri will study *Medicine at St. George's*
Hannah Raja will study *Chemistry at Balliol College, Oxford*
Talha Raza will study *Medicine at UCL*
Simrit Sekhon will study *Engineering at Imperial College, London*
Ishan Sharma will study *Maths and Economics at LSE*

NOT IN THE PICTURE:

Hyatt Aljumaily will study *Biomedicine at King's College*
Jigyasa Anand taking a gap year
Sukhmani Bhasin will study *Maths and Statistics at LSE*
Sachin Doolub will study *Dentistry at Cardiff*
Julian Firth will study *International Relations at King's College*
Sumeet Grewal will study *Aerospace Engineering at Bristol*
Ludmila Joaquim Branda will study *Medicine at King's College*

BTEC L3 PROVES TO BE A GREAT PLATFORM FOR FUTURE BUSINESS MANAGERS!

Wamda Abdulrazig will study for a *degree in Radiography at City University*
Arvinda Lalli will study *Business Management at Queen Mary University*
Elsaed Pecaj will study *Business Management at Roehampton University*
Zainab Rasul will study *Childcare at Kingston University*

Usman Saeed will study *Quantity Surveying at Kingston University*
Sameer Verma will study *Business Management at Royal Holloway*
Maryam Ahmed, Summer El-Awdeh, Tanvir Miah, Arian Nabiesade and Fahad Yousuf will form a Heathland group at *Surrey University – all studying for a degree in Business Management.*





▼ OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT GCSE

We are aware GCSE exams are now more challenging. All the more reason to congratulate 21 students who achieved 8 or more grades 7, 8 or 9 this year (equivalent to A and A* in previous grading). All are now studying 'A' Levels in the Heathland Sixth Form.

Afan Ali, Mohsin Ali, Javeria Aslam, Aman Bhalla, Kshama Bhatt, Andrei Bogescu, Mohammed Uwais Bora, Laiba Chaudhry, Yousef Giarushi, Kavneet Gill, Akshay Haria, Gurleen Kaur, Muskaan Khurana, Karolina Kwiaton, Anindita Mohan Nair, Nauman Nadeem, Nijum Nahar, Shifa Patel, Sultana Shah Jalal, Saria Simit, Maanav Vaidya, Eve Wilton and Urwa Zaib.

CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS



(L-R) Talha Raza (13AD) Sanya Puri (13PA), Farheen Asad (13JE), Hyatt Aljumaily (13BA), Sachin Doolub (13SH), Sandeepa Tuladhar (13HO), Boris Didov (13KE), Sarastina Oliveira Sivaratnam (13AD)

In January, sixteen YR 13 students took part in the chemistry Olympiad, an exam put together by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and designed to be a difficult challenge for gifted students of Chemistry.

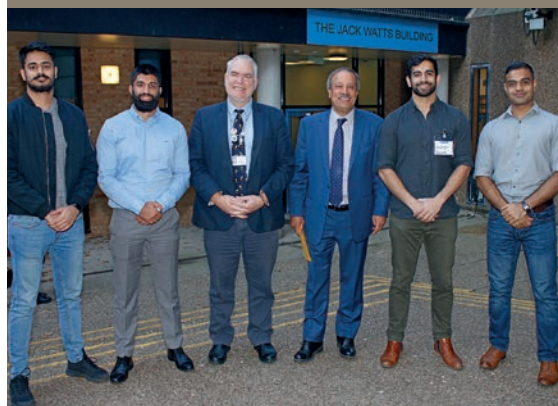
In total, five students (Talha Raza, Sandeepa Tuladhar, Boris Didov, Bushra

Ahmed, and Arantsha Colaco) gained Silver awards, while 6 more (Farheen Asad, Hyatt Aljumaily, Sanya Puri, Sarastina Oliveira Sivaratnam, Julia Ruminska, and Sachin Doolub) gained Bronze awards. This was a fantastic result. Congratulations to all students who participated.

HEATHLAND ALUMNI LIGHT UP YEAR 9 'WORLD OF WORK' DAY

February ushered in the annual Year 9 World of Work day. The Headmaster was delighted to welcome back so many former pupils who had gone onto diverse and interesting careers. In conversations with them, it was clear the school had enabled them to develop the personal skills required to forge successful careers.

Their ambition and determination was apparent. It was also pleasing and touching that they wanted to see their former teachers to thank them.



(L-R) Krunal Patel, Business Analyst, Perform Media. Babar Raja, Senior Product Manager, Santander UK, Sociology Teacher Mr Swift, Headmaster, Avayaya Kolhatkar, Spacecraft and Systems Engineer, Ministry of Defence and Chirnjeev Nagi, Research Engineer, QinetiQ.

(L-R) Representatives from Aid for Chad, Maryam Khan (12JE), Riya Sachdeva (12HO) and Aliya Butt (12HO)



PUPILS EFFORTS DURING CHARITY WEEK RAISED £14,000 FOR WORTHY CAUSES

This February brought our ever popular Charity Week. We had lots of fun around the school all week, with the ever popular House Bhangra, sporting competitions and lots of delicious food.

The three charities supported this year were The Sun and Stars Appeal towards the improvement of the children's ward at West Middlesex hospital, a cause that touched a number of our students. This year very sadly, we lost someone very special to our community to Cancer so we wanted to raise money to help support the Royal Marsden Charity in their research.

Lastly, we have supported a small charity based in Chad in the building of a much needed new school. The Heathland Students and Staff very generously raised over £14,000 towards all these charities.

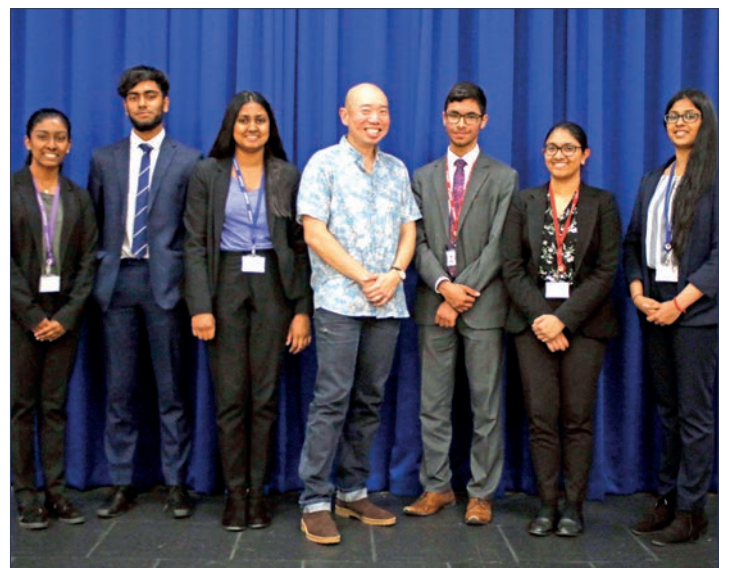
The school received a letter from the charity Aid for Chad in appreciation and gratitude for the efforts of the Heathland pupils in raising £4000 for the impoverished country.

CAMBRIDGE SCIENTIST AND LEADING INTERNATIONAL EXPERT ON GENETICS, DR GILES YEO, DELIVERS A TALK TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

Dr Giles Yeo, Principal Research Associate in Neuroscience at Cambridge University, gave an illuminating lecture to Year 12 Science students and staff in July.



Niya Gaihre is tempted by the charity cake sale in the Year 8 base.



Dr Yeo is an internationally renowned expert on the influence of genes in our feeding behaviour. As well as being a graduate tutor and researcher at Wolfson College, he is also a presenter on the BBC Horizon program and has also presented documentaries for Channel 4.

One of the dazzling dance numbers featuring Archita Neerukonda, Sonia Sachdev, Devika Payal and Alisha Azeem

ONE WORLD EASTERN EVENING 2019

The annual Eastern Evening was reinvented as 'One World' Evening to reflect the wider school community. It was another wonderful event - the culmination of hard work from students and staff - producing an unforgettable night for family members in the audience and for all the participants.



ANOTHER DAZZLING GALA PERFORMANCE

The Performing Arts department dazzled us with another spectacular Gala Concert. The theme of this year's performance was musical and film songs. It was full of amazing musical songs from not only students of the school, but some Year Sixes from Orchard School who sang, 'Consider Yourself' from the musical 'Oliver'.



Sean O'Brien

HIRST REIGN SUPREME IN THE HOUSE COMPETITION

"After an absence of several years, green is finally the colour of the House Cup once again! It's truly been an all-round performance from all of you in Hirst, with your excellent PIPs and huge numbers of good comments a major contributing factor to our success this year. Special thanks must go to Riya, Janika and Aleena, my outstanding House Captains, for all their help and support. Mr Sadler holds the trophy I look forward to seeing which Year 12s put their own names forward for those positions this year; they've definitely got big shoes to fill! I'm also really excited to have Miss Busek as our Head of House for this year - there's no one more capable of helping us defend our crown!"



BEAMING IN THE SUN: ANOTHER MENSA SUCCESS



L-R Rear: Timeea Petrescu (7TU), Sahaba Ali (7BA), Lola Fennelly-Alonso (7HO), Alveena Chaudry (7HO), Harveer Nijar (7PA)
L-R Front: Dalyn Lobo (7BA), Ian Czerniec (7DI), Shlok Khatri (7DI), Raya Haque (7TU), Swarangi Niak (7KE), Shiwangi Bhusa (7SH), Ali Zaidi (7DI)

The Heathland School has produced another outstanding achievement. Fourteen pupils from Year 7 and one from Year 12 have recently become MENSA members after passing the rigorous test successfully.

They were beaming in the sun when they got their acceptance letters in March.

These pupils will join the top 2% of the population with a high IQ.

Special mention must go to Mrs Farooq for her time and commitment in overseeing the process.

SHAUN'S MODEL OF THE SCHOOL IS THE WINNING ENTRY

At the end of March we gave pupils at The Heathland the opportunity to create a diorama (miniature to scale model) of the school. The response was incredible, with whole tutor groups and individuals throwing themselves into the project with gusto! The winning entry was Shaun Silva (8HO). His diorama of the school (right) demonstrated painstaking attention to detail and hard work.





STUDENTS ENJOY STEM WEEK ACTIVITIES

Pictured above: (L-R) Umer Malik 9Ba, Asad Malik 9Ad, Rafay Arshad 9Ba and Jagrag Gill 9Ba enjoy a chance to try dissections.

Pictured right: Darina Trujillo-Ravinger and Urszula Jakobiec nervously get a chance to handle some of the reptiles brought in as part of STEM activities.



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY: STUDENTS DELIVER A GOLDEN TICKET PERFORMANCE

The Spring Term saw one of the most colourful and eccentric productions in recent years: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Not only was the set constructed by some hardworking Year 8 pupils, Miss Achayra's year group dominated the cast as well! The first night saw Harry Ainsworth (now 10Di) blow the audience away as Willy Wonka with Owen Carter (now 10Je) as Charlie while on the second night, Rayyan Jama (now 9Ba) shone as Charlie and Sansar Chand (now 9Sh) stole the show as Mr Willy Wonka. All pupils in both casts

worked exceptionally hard and the proof really was in the pudding!



Pictured left: Sansar Chand 9Sh as Willy Wonka

Pictured right: Harry Ainsworth 10Di and his Oompaloompas: Zaynab Farooque 10Je, Maheen Kashif 10Tu, Sahaba Ali 8Ba, Riti Seshadri 9Sh and Niya Gaire 9Ad





Caption

AGAINST THE ODDS: HEATHLAND NETBALL TEAM'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN SHROPSHIRE

The Heathland School was the only state school to participate in the National Netball competition held at Conover Hall, Shropshire where they competed against some outstanding private schools.

The girls defied the odds and were phenomenal. Their drive, commitment and level of play left a couple teachers in tears from the immense pride we felt.

They came 3rd overall which is an amazing achievement. Furthermore, having an England Netball player spot and comment about one of the girls reflects the standard and quality of netball played.

Our girls were an absolute credit to the school and themselves and we have no doubt that when we return next year we will have even more success. Special thanks to Miss Dollani, Miss Fleetwood, Miss Busek and Mrs Dark organising and attending the event with the girls.

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Half term week: 21st – 25th October 2019

Thursday 19th December: Last Day of Term

SPRING TERM 2020

6th January – 3rd April 2020

Half Term week: 17th – 21st February

SUMMER TERM 2020

20th April – 21st July

Half Term Week: 25th May – 29th May

LEADING GLOBAL INVESTMENT BANK, GOLDMAN SACHS, DELIVER AN EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 12



The last week of the summer term is Year 12 Opportunities Week, a week set aside for students to pursue work experience and academic interests in preparation for their university or apprenticeship applications. To kick the week off, the global American investment bank, Goldman Sachs, delivered an employability and life skills event for 120, Year 12 students.

The event was organised by the Careers

advisor Mr Couch and Executive Director at Goldman Sachs, Sachin Mohindra. Sachin is a former pupil of the school and was keen to support our current Year 12's. He attended with volunteers from the company, all keen to share their expertise.

It was a great day and the knowledge, experience and advice shared will prepare students well for university and the world of work.

ROTARY CHALLENGE SPEAK OUT: A WINNING TEAM

In November Ella, Daisy and Dilara won the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition. The team's speeches were very interesting and enlightening. Subjects included 'education vs. imagination' and 'knife crime within the local and national community'. The winning teams speeches were well researched and delivered with authority and confidence.

Ella Patel was ecstatic at winning, "I was so happy we won. It was a really exciting experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We can't wait for next year to do it all again!"



Ella Patel (10BA), Daisy Shaw (10HO) and Dilara Ercan-Razvi (10HO)