



Royal Holloway University Visit

Royal Holloway, University of London welcomed Hounslow's top linguists to its campus on Thursday 15th January to showcase how studying Languages at A-level and beyond can support future studies, careers, and personal development.

Staff at RHUL were truly impressed by our young linguists' language abilities, proactivity, and enthusiasm.

The students heard from Professor Emma Mayhew, Pro-Vice-Chancellor at RHUL, who shared that she looked forward to welcoming them back in 2029 as undergraduates.

When we arrived, along with students from 10 other schools, we sat in a grand lecture hall where we listened to presentations about Languages in careers and the journey of someone who has used Languages in their career for over 40 years. We also were shown by the careers department at RHUL what types of pathways Languages can lead to.

Afterwards, Heathland students got to sit in a taster session of a language we have not studied, Italian. We were shown how to introduce ourselves, we did listening exercises, a funny role play session and to finish off we tried to sing famous Italian



song, Volare! Although we weren't amazing, it still was a great experience, so Grazie for that RHUL.

We then proceeded to the Art Hall. Here we got to talk to professionals from a range of industries such as teaching and management in a career networking session where we learnt their journey and received advice - a very fulfilling session! After lunch, student ambassadors gave us an informative guided tour of the campus and what it

was like to study there. Despite the damp weather, it was very insightful to see the campus up close. To end the day, we got to sit in groups as some students filled out a treasure hunt, a nice end to an interesting, great day.

Alex Speck Grillo (11JE)

Ruqayyah Mohammed (11JE)

Community Arts

Every year, our Year 12 Art students plan and teach an annual arts week

This year, the chosen theme was Outer Space and our Year 12s showed year 3-6 pupils how to turn themselves into Aliens and portrait paint. The beauty of aliens is, each one is unique and there are no rules about how they should look, and the primary school students did an excellent job – great teaching, Year 12!

One of our Year 12 Art pupils is a Beavers' Community alumni, so it was a really great experience being able to deliver the workshop back to pupils who had perhaps participated themselves 6 years ago! Thank you for hosting us, Beavers' Community!

Miss J Sharpe





What a night! What an atmosphere! What a result!

We had the opportunity to travel to Wembley Stadium to watch England Women, the Lionesses and European Champions, play football against China Women, the Asian Champions.

We arrived at a sold-out stadium that was buzzing with electric energy.

This certainly helped the Lionesses as they scored 3 goals in 16 minutes! It didn't stop there; England hit 5 goals in the first 45 minutes. We couldn't contain our excitement. We loved the chanting, drumming and paper aeroplane competition.

The second half was a slower paced approach but still full of excitement. China stepped up their performance and created some shooting opportunities, but England held firm.

What a fantastic way to spend a Saturday evening. Thank you to the teachers who organised this amazing experience.

Don't miss the action next time. The next trip opportunity is Chelsea Women V Arsenal Women in January at Stamford Bridge and England Women V Spain, the World Champions in April at Wembley stadium.

Senior Mathematical Challenge

A huge congratulations to Aleksander Mandradzjew for an outstanding performance in the UKMT British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1.

Having placed in the top tier of the Senior Mathematical Challenge, Aleksander was invited to compete against the top 1,000 young mathematicians in the country.

In a gruelling 3.5-hour exam, they demonstrated exceptional mathematical intuition and rigorous proof-writing skills, earning a medal and qualifying for the British Mathematical Olympiad round 2.

This achievement places them among the elite student mathematicians in the UK and highlights their dedication to tackling problems far beyond the standard A-level curriculum.

Mrs R Bansal



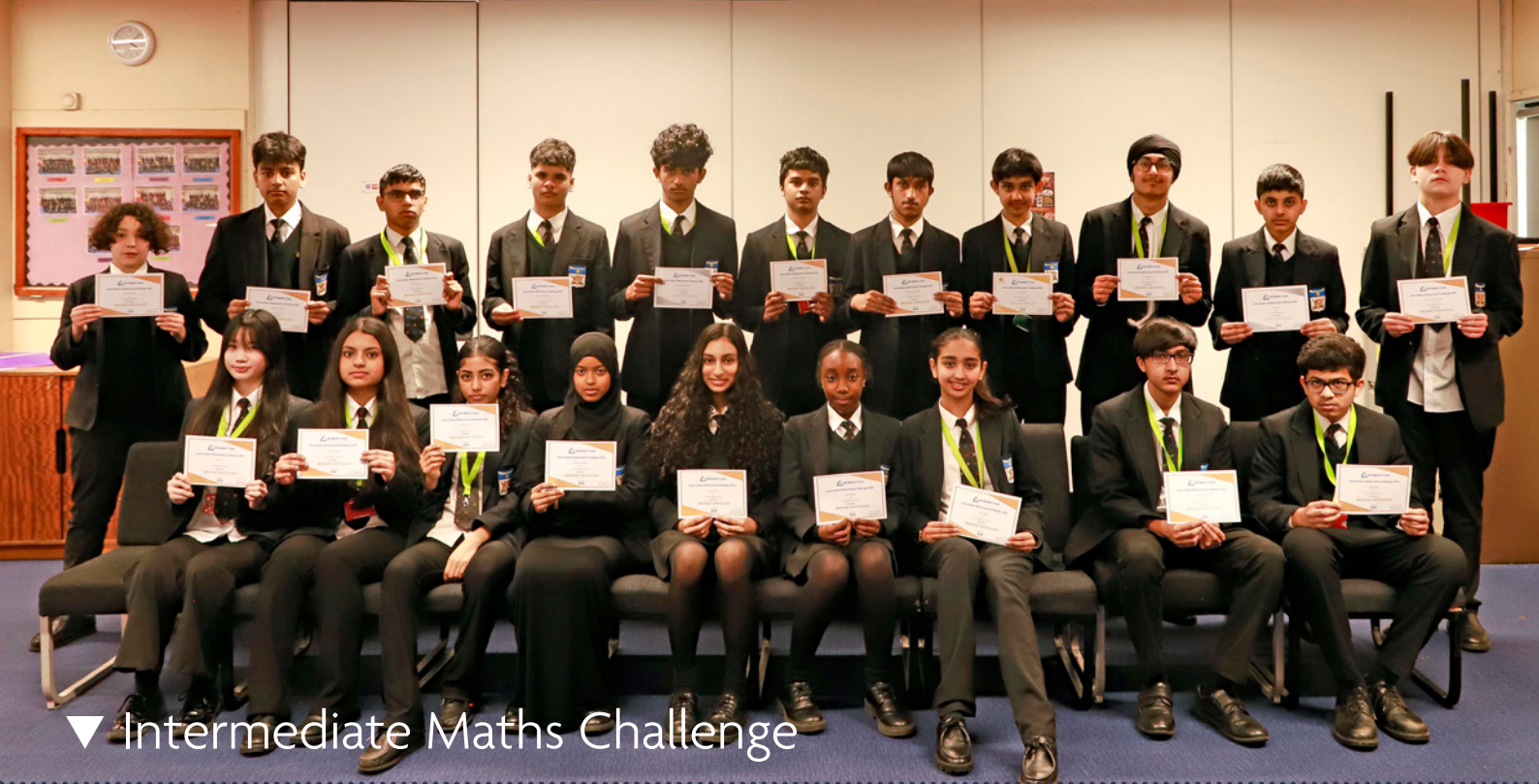
Jack Petchey speak out challenge

Jack Petchey was an amazing experience. It started in October in a Year 10 workshop, and I won overall in my tutor group. Then I presented my speech to the year 9s in the assembly final and then won again.

I went to the regional final at Bedford school for girls and unfortunately, I did not win but I got the chance to present my speech, speak out and practice how to talk out loud in a social environment!

These skills will make a massive impact in my future as I've now overcome many new fears and have been willing to try new things.

Adrika Bimali 10SH



▼ Intermediate Maths Challenge

After school on Wednesday 28th January, our year 10 set 1 students took part in UKMT's Intermediate Maths Challenge, which is a 60-minute, 25-question multiple-choice challenge designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency.

The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge provide challenges for more able students and promote careful thinking and problem-solving. Not all secondary schools enter students for the challenge, but the award is widely recognised and respected by colleges, universities, and employers. Students who do particularly well may receive a bronze, silver, or gold award. I would like to say a huge well done to everyone who participated and congratulations to the following students who scored highly enough to achieve an award

Bronze award:

Suwayda Abdulle, Ayman Ait Ibba, Leah Badoe, Benedict Faria, Aerin Ho, Daim Janjua, Prateet Kapoor, Saad Khan, Zahra Lodhi, Amaan Mohideen, Mohit Patil, Reema Paul, Luca Pirvuta, Aqib Saif, Shreaya Sanjay, Jaskaranpreet Singh, Reva Taank, Dilan Tharmabalan, Sangeth Vijaykumar and Olivier Win Lemmers

Silver award:

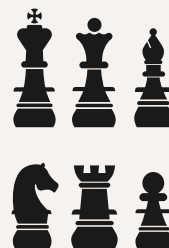
Kiruthigan Balarooban, Ayaan Mir

Gold award:

Kush Patel

Heathland Retained Borough Chess Crown in 2025

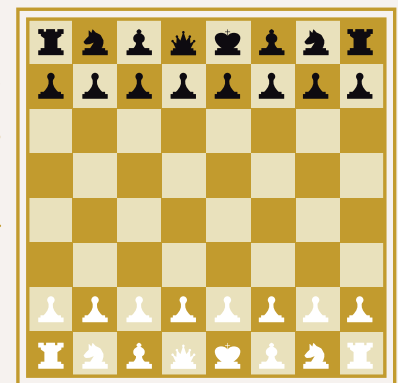
Following our dominant victory in 2024, the Heathland School Chess Club returned to Spring west Academy for the Hounslow Borough Chess Tournament 2025. This year's competition was even tougher, with more schools joining and the margin of victory razor thin.



Heathland held their nerve, securing the championship by just one point. The team's resilience and determination ensured we remained on top, proudly defending our title as Borough Champions 2025.

A highlight of the tournament was Prabhkaran Sangha's outstanding performance. He came within a single point of claiming the individual title of Borough Chessmaster, showing remarkable skill and composure throughout the rounds.

Despite fierce competition, Heathland once again proved its strength, thanks to the dedication of the Chess Club, the guidance of Mr Rose and Mrs Rajput, and the teamwork fostered by advanced players coaching beginners.



Team Roster

- **Players:** Rhys Fender, Arman Jadoon, Gajendra Kulkarni, Zalaan Khan, Prabhkaran Sangha, Prateet Kapoor, Deven Mistry, Oscar Boardman
- **Substitutes:** Ishamel, Harov
- **Staff Support:** Miss Chalal-Ferguson, Dr Peters (chaperones)

Special thanks to Springwest Academy for hosting the borough tournament and providing a welcoming environment for all competitors.

With back to back victories in 2024 and 2025, Heathland now sets its sights on achieving a historic third win in a row at the next championship.

By all team members of the Heathland School.

Prateet Kapoor (10JE) Oscar Boardman (11AD)



Welcome to SKILLSFEST

Today we're opening the doors to our workplace and inviting you to explore what modern careers in banking *really* look like through talks or slides, but by trying things for yourself.

You'll meet real people, have a go at real challenges, and learn Skillsbuilder skills like creativity, problem-solving and communication that matter just as much as grades.

A day of learning, insight, and innovation — starting with AI

Lloyds Banking Group HQ, London

The day kicked off with an AI activity where we used technology to generate drawings of ourselves — a creative and engaging way to introduce how AI is being used in modern workplaces.

We then explored marketing strategies, breaking down tactics such as anchoring, hidden costs,

and FOMO, and looking at how these techniques influence consumer behaviour. It was interesting to see how easily decisions can be shaped by marketing.

Next, we heard from degree apprentices, including Fawaz Shahul Hameed, who shared valuable advice about the application process and their experiences. A key takeaway

was the importance of staying authentic, doing thorough research, and showing genuine enthusiasm.

We finished the day with a deep dive into financial crime, focusing on fraud and money mule activity. Working through a realistic case as a team highlighted just how complex financial crime can be and how important analytical thinking and

collaboration are in preventing it.

It was also great to meet so many new people throughout the day — a fantastic opportunity to network and learn from others.

A big thank you to Dan M. Young Professionals, and everyone at Lloyds Banking Group for such an insightful and engaging experience!

Harpreet Kaur (12DI)

SOAS University of London

Today I had my Scholars Programme graduation ceremony at SOAS University of London with The Brilliant Club, and I'm genuinely so proud of this experience.

Over the past 7 weeks, I explored menstruation and menstrual health in depth — not just biologically, but through social, cultural, and economic perspectives. With the support of my PhD tutor, Abigail Lennox, I gained real insight into how factors like income, stigma and access to healthcare shape menstrual experiences across different societies. It completely broadened my understanding of public health and inequality.

Bringing everything together into a 2,500-word university-

style essay really pushed me academically. I strengthened my analytical writing, critical thinking, research and referencing skills — and I was proud to achieve a First-Class grade at the end.

We also had a university tour, which was such a great experience. Walking around campus and celebrating alongside Hibba Tazmeen, Divya Singh, Suulila Sakhi, Zoya Tahir and the other students who completed the programme made the day even more special.

Overall, this journey boosted my confidence, developed my communication and teamwork skills, and gave me a real taste of university-level learning.

Harpreet Kaur (12DI)





Gala Extravaganza

Our annual Gala extravaganza took place on the 18th of December 2025, it was a musical event showcasing the talents of our students.

The evening started with the whole of year 7 singing 'It's A Hard Knock' from the musical Annie. We were then treated to a selection of musical items including soloists and duets belting out pop tunes, the samba band beating out roaring rhythms and Trumpet Group performed an excellent version of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. We can't forget to mention year 13 band who brought the rock element to the evening. The variety of musical acts kept the audience engaged and added a layer of magic to the evening. A great night of music, the perfect way to usher in the festive season.

Mr S Clarke



ULaw Business School Work Experience

I'm pleased to share that I've successfully completed the ULaw Business School Work Experience Evening Certificate, delivered by Young Professionals in collaboration with University of Law.

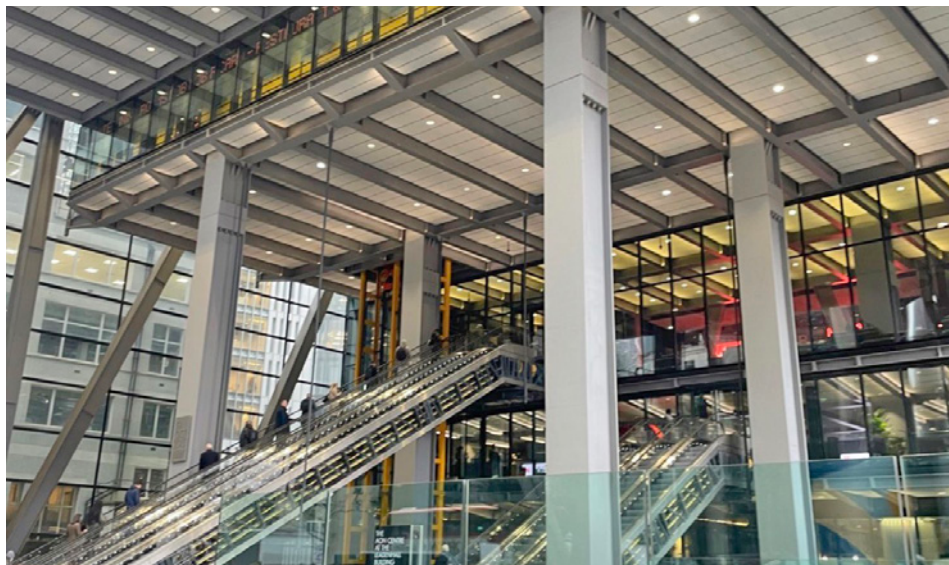
This experience gave me valuable insight into the realities of the business and professional world, particularly within higher education and career pathways linked to law, finance, and management. Throughout the session, I was able to develop a stronger understanding of professional expectations, employability skills, and the importance of communication, teamwork, and commercial awareness in today's competitive environment.

The programme reinforced the importance of early exposure to professional settings and helped me reflect on my own aspirations and long-term goals. It was especially useful in highlighting how academic learning connects to real-world applications, decision-making, and problem-solving within business contexts.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to take part in this experience and would like to thank the organisers for delivering an engaging and informative session. I look forward to building on the skills and knowledge gained as I continue developing both academically and professionally.

Ghazan Jadoon (12GR)

AON Work Insights programme



Today marked the third and final day of the AON Work Insights Programme in which I was exposed to an interesting, professional and dynamic environment over the course of the three days, helping me gain communicative and teamwork skills.

Day 1: Started with an ice breaker and a brief introduction to Aon. We had great speakers who communicated the importance of commercial risk, broking, and reinsurance, emphasising how this is vital within any business. We gained an understanding of pensions and investment consulting as well as being able to take part in group tasks with mentors.

Day 2: We did speed networking allowing us to meet everybody who we hadn't yet spoken to, followed by an insightful talk on assessment centre prep and CV skills. We were exposed to the significance of personal branding as well as what life is like working at Aon. We further developed our presentations based on the Halo smart

city which is content heavy on responsible investment: the strategy to incorporate environmental, social and governance factors that contribute to investment decisions and active ownership.

Day 3: We started with a session on apprenticeships at Aon and a graduate/apprentice panel in which many unique personal experiences were shared. We took part in a quiz and were able to present as well.

A big thank you to Aon for putting together this programme and enlightening us with this experience, working with my group for the last three days has been enjoyable!

Yasmin Chakor (12AD)

The House Cup

The House Cup is a way for students and staff to participate in a variety of events, earn house points and most importantly have fun.



There are many events for students and staff to take part in such as Dodgeball, Decorating, Table Tennis, Chess, Badminton, Photography, Bhangra dancing and many more.

Once all the events had finished and all the points had been counted, the 2024-25 House cup was awarded to Newton House, taking the title off Malala.

We have some new house competitions launched for this year. The Antarctica flag design competition allowed students a chance to design a flag for the continent.

There will also be a House Volleyball competition due to the increasing popularity and demand for the sport amongst the students this year. The usual competitive competitions such as Rounders, Sports Day and Staff Bhangra will also provide an opportunity to gain vital house points.

The most important part of the House Cup is respect and unity. Coming together as a house and taking part in competitions as creates community and a chance for friendships to be made and developed. Therefore, the House Cup is vital for The Heathland's community, and I wish the best of luck to each house this year.

Mr T Rivers

The Sutton Trust US Programme

I am quite pleased to share that I have been accepted into The Sutton Trust US Programme!

The programme was rather competitive (~8% acceptance rate), and I am incredibly grateful to be one of the 150 students to be accepted.

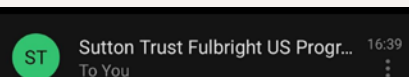
The programme consists of three residencies, with the third one being a fully funded trip to the United States for a week, getting the exciting chance to explore different US colleges including

MIT, Harvard, Yale, etc and attending a university fair. It will help with college applications, ACT/SAT prep and exploring US culture!

I am looking forward to gaining deeper insight into studying engineering in the United States and connecting with ambitious peers.

A big thank you to the Sutton Trust and the US-UK Fulbright Commission for providing me with this great opportunity!

Preyansh Thaker (12KE)



Dear Preyansh Thaker,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you have been selected as one of the 150 students to take part in the Sutton Trust Fulbright US Programme 2026. This year, our programme was heavily oversubscribed! We were overwhelmed by the number and quality of applicants and were thoroughly impressed with your application.



Fantastic League Campaign for Year 9 Football Team

The Year 9's have won 4 in a row in the league to put them top of the A league in the borough.

The boys have really started to gel as team where they are scoring goals for fun as well as hardly ever conceding a chance in games.

The team, led by the every reliant captain Taha El-Massry, have produced some superb recent wins against St Marks and Gunnersbury. Both of which really have cemented the team as one of the best in borough.

Stand out performers this season include Taha, Sekou, Talha, Zak, Kieron and Korede all of which have hardly ever put a foot wrong in their games.

Hopefully next year the boys will also go further in both cups, they just need to continue to put in that hard work together as a team!

Mr H Porter

Term dates 2025-26



Spring term dates 2026

Easter holiday: Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026

Spring term dates 2026

Monday 13 April - Wednesday 22 July 2026

May Day Holiday: Monday 4 May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday: 25 May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026

INSET Day - Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Year 11 Football Team



The Year 11 Footballers are having an excellent season so far. The boys carried on where they left off in Year 10 with a impressive performance in the 1st round of the Middlesex cup beating Cardinal Vaughan 3-1.

This was followed by two convincing wins against Kingsley Academy in the first league game of the season and Vyners in the Last 16 of the Middlesex Cup.

The team then drew 3-3 with Chiswick in the ¼ final of the Middlesex Cup, going through after an excellent penalty shootout win, scoring all 5 penalties.

The team will now play Highgate School in the semi-final hoping to make some Heathland history.

Well done to all the boys for an excellent season so far, with a special mention to Adam S, Adam T, Steve, Nash, Lem and Malakai for their player of the match performances during the season so far.

Mr T Rivers