

# The Heathland

## Highlights 2019-20



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## 2020: OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN A CHALLENGING YEAR

This summer will be remembered as exceptionally unusual. Although public exams were cancelled nationally, results for Year 13 and Year 11 were based on teacher assessments. The staff at Heathland worked resolutely to produce results that were accurate and fair. The school's 'A' Level and GCSE results were, once again, better than national and Hounslow school standards.



*Aspiring Medics Hana Ahmed and Sachi Sahi jump for joy on results day*

The highlights from the results were:

- At 'A' Level 35% of all grades were A\* and A
- 33 students achieved A\*/A in all their subjects
- 8 students – equal to our best ever – gained places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Another 3 students will be studying Medicine
- At GCSE 30% of all grades were at 7 or better
- 30 pupils achieved 9 grades at 7+ in their GCSE's
- The progress 8 score of 1 at GCSE means that on average Year 11 pupils achieved a grade higher than their target in almost every subject

*Mr. H.S.Pattar, Headmaster*

## DREAMY SPIRES – OXBRIDGE SUCCESSES AT THE HEATHLAND

Oxbridge awaits! The following Year 13 students secured their offers to study at Oxford and Cambridge.

A huge well done and congratulations to them all.

### ARTSMARK ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE HEATHLAND

At the Heathland we have always maintained a broad curriculum for all pupils. The recent award of the 'Artsmark' is a recognition of our strength and quality in the Arts, Music, Drama and Humanities. Miss V.M. Parker (Head of Art) deserves credit for co-ordinating the 'Artsmark' application for the school.



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



*Pictured L-R:*

**Aleena Ali**

*Medicine - Queen Mary's  
University*

**Riya Sachdeva**

*Geography - Christ Church College,  
Oxford*

**Jigyasa Anand**

*Biology - Worcester College,  
Oxford*

**Mohit Chander**

*Natural Sciences - Girton College,  
Cambridge*

**Maryam Khan**

*Human, Social, and Political Sciences - St  
John's College, Cambridge*

**Hana Ahmed**

*Medicine - St Peters College, Oxford*

**Mahira Muhsanat**

*Mechanical Engineering - St John's  
College, Oxford*

**Siddhi Barhanpurkar**

*Natural Sciences - Fitzwilliam College,  
Cambridge*

**Muntasir Uddin**

*Natural Sciences - Trinity College,  
Cambridge*





*The Year 7 choir in full force for their rendition of 'The Champion'*

## GALA-LA-LA-LA: GALA CONCERT 2019

The Gala Concert 2019 was full of fantastic performances. I was able to take part in this production and it was an amazing experience! Not only did I take part in the Year 7 song 'The Champion' but I also did a group dance with some friends in Year 7. At first, it was very nerve-racking, as it was my first production at The Heathland School! Everyone that took part in the show did a fantastic job. I would also like to thank the people who made this whole concert possible- Mr Holman and Ms Wynn who helped organise the show and never gave up on us.

*Iris Valegic, 7BA*



*The School band get ready to showcase their talent in the Gala Concert 2019*

## ROYAL MARSDEN'S LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO THE HEATHLAND

The Royal Marsden Cancer Treatment Hospital sent a letter of gratitude to Mr Pattar earlier on in the year. During our annual Charity Week in 2019, the Heathland was able to raise funds which helped support those living with cancer.

*Dear Mr Pattar,*

*We hope you and everyone at The Heathland are staying safe and well. We wanted to take the time during the current climate, when it's more important than ever to stay connected, to send you all a heartfelt thank you for support last year.*

*It was an honour to come to the school and meet many of your pupils and staff. The funds you raised from your Charity Week have helped the Royal Marsden to do even more to improve the lives of people affected by cancer.*

*On behalf of our staff and patients, thank you!*

*Bea Kerslake, Royal Marsden Hospital*

## FULLY COVERED! THE HEATHLAND'S PPE DONATION GAINS THANKS

During the Coronavirus pandemic, The Heathland was able to create and provide PPE for the local hospital as well as Optalis - a social care support charity. Their CEO sent a letter of gratitude below.

*'Dear Mr Pattar,*

*I would like to thank you and your school for your generous donation of PPE for our social care workforce. It is heartening to see the community spirit shown in the face of this pandemic and we have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by local groups, businesses and individuals. Your donation has been vital in helping ensure our teams are appropriately equipped, so that they can continue to protect and serve some of the most vulnerable people in society.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*David Birch, Chief Executive Officer,  
Optalis*





Can you guess who your teachers are dressed as?  
Characters from famous novels are replicated by Heathland staff

## WORLD BOOK DAY GETS HEATHLAND STAFF INTO CHARACTER

Annual 'World Book Day' celebrations began at The Heathland in March 2020. In honour of the event, Heathland staff went above and beyond to dress up as characters from famous novels! Throughout the day, extracts from 'The Monkey's Paw' were read out to keep students gripped and some extravagant costumes were worn in order to stay true to character!

*Pictured right:  
The English Department replicating a famous novel...  
Book Day 2020*



## A TASTE OF THE TATE FOR THE HEATHLAND

Rivers of the World is an international art and education project delivered in partnership with the British Council that connects pupils around the globe to their local river through environmental, economic and cultural learning and themes.

Over lockdown 23 art students at The Heathland School took part in this international art project. They explored the history of the River Thames and created a piece of artwork in response to the river. The student's based their work on The Tower of London and created intricate skulls of the prisoners who were executed there. The Heathland School is proud to see that the student's work is currently being exhibited at The TATE Modern until the 30th of September. A massive congratulations to all involved.

*Miss R.McDermott, Deputy Head of Art*

*Right: A collective effort on display at The TATE Modern Gallery, of all 23 Heathland students who took part*



## HOUSE DODGEBALL IS A SHOOTING SUCCESS!



*Aryan Biral 8AD celebrates for Foster House*

Our first House dodgeball event was something we were looking forward to as soon as we found out the date and time the event. Although the results show Da Vinci as the 'winners'... Foster House was the clear winner in our eyes! We thoroughly enjoyed playing alongside the Year 8s and 9s and it was nice to have some friendly competition amongst all Year Groups and Houses. We can't wait for the next House competition so we can have another opportunity to win.

Thank you to all the staff who helped organise the event, we are already looking forward to representing Foster House at the next opportunity.

*Enes Kalkan and Meekal Ahmed 7AD*



*Edward Dumitrescu representing Newton House, prepares his next move*

## YES TO CHESS! HOUSE CHESS

On the 28th of November, House Chess took place in the main hall and was a great success! Many students across all Year Groups took part as well as those who came to spectate and lend support. One representative from each house across Years 7-13 were nominated to take part and compete with each other.

Going against their fellow peers didn't deter them from playing skilfully, yet fairly as they played one game after another.

The competition provided a lively, fun atmosphere, with members of each year group cheering on their friends who were playing; even the House Captains took part in playing

against each other on tables that were free! Shakespeare unanimously triumphed, with it being the winning house in years 9, 10, 11 and 13, followed by Newton gaining wins in years 7 and 8 and Hirst claiming victory in year 12; making Shakespeare the overall winner of House Chess.

A special thanks to Fatima Hussain (12JE) for recording the scores of each game and to Mr Rana for organising the event. Win or no win: it was a delightful event that included all years and we hope that it continues on to become a yearly House tradition.

*Mehreen Raja 12JE*

## HAPPY HOLLOW-EEN PUMPKIN GETS COMPETITIVE



*Gabrielle Joy Sanchez (7SH) carved pumpkin design and (bottom) staff pumpkins created by Miss Sharpe, Mrs Cutts and Miss Busek*

The House pumpkin carving competition took place just before Halloween. Taking part was a great experience, because I got to carve my own pumpkin design and bring it to school. I came third in the contest but the best part was looking at the other contestants' pumpkins and comparing whose was the scariest! Some designs were very imaginative and you could see the effort that everyone put in. The event also allowed Year 7s to get involved and earn House points although I didn't enjoy carrying two big pumpkins home! I already have designs in mind for next year...

*Alex Goldring 7PA*



## HEATHLAND CLUB HELPS GENERATE CHARITABLE DONATIONS



*Year 7 and 8 students participate in The Heathland Club*

Thursday the 12th of March was the re-opening of the Heathland Club.

Pupils from Year 7 and 8 enjoyed playing a football tournament and donated money to charity! All proceeds will go to the Queen Elizabeth Foundation for Disabled

people with the pupils raising £70. Unfortunately, due to Covid19 outbreak, future sessions have been postponed but we look forward to reconvening when given the go-ahead!





*Abdul Rehman Mohammed 9HO talks with a British Airways representative*

## JOB DONE! 'WORLD OF WORK DAY' SHOWCASES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO YEAR 9

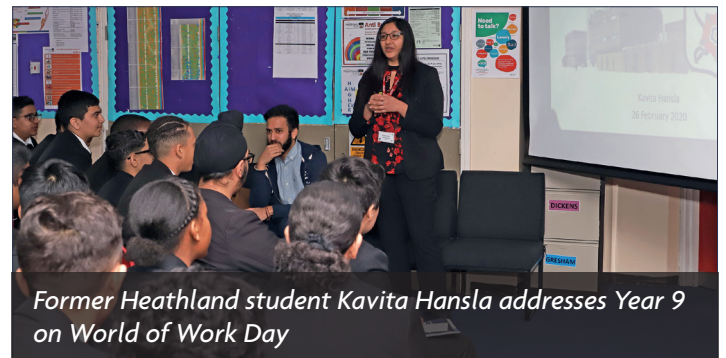
On Wednesday 26th February, Year 9 had the pleasure of experiencing The Heathland School's World of Work Day.

We were introduced to a variety of career fields, one for everyone's interests. Throughout the day, we received motivational talks from hardworking people including a Doctor, Physiotherapist, Civil service fast streamer, a Data analytics specialist from Google and many more.

They spoke to us about their journey at school and the steps they took to be

successful in their careers now, as well as giving us advice on what we can do if we want to go into that field. They also spoke about perseverance, motivation and their achievements, which we all found really inspiring. The main take away message was that with hard work, discipline and determination we can achieve whatever we set our minds to.

We also had the amazing opportunity to attend the careers fair which was packed with over 65 employers, as well as ex-students who had gone on to do amazing things. It was insightful to



*Former Heathland student Kavita Hansla addresses Year 9 on World of Work Day*

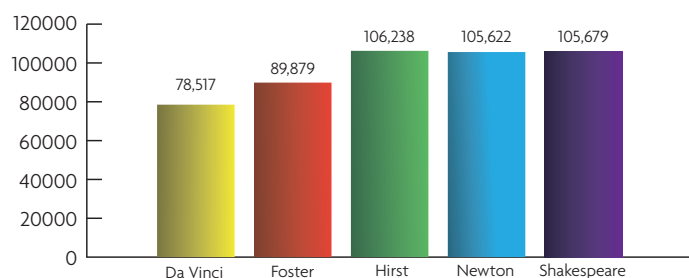
circulate around to each stall and interact with people representing all different occupations.

My personal favourite employers included British Airways, UCL Student Medics and the Metropolitan Police. World of Work Day was a

motivating and enlightening experience that Year 9 thoroughly enjoyed. Learning about the world of work and specific industries has helped us to start thinking about our future career paths and next steps.

*Rayna Shaikh 9SH*

## FIRST FOR HIRST!



After a challenging year where many of our annual House events were unable to go ahead, an overall points score was accumulated for 2019-20! Congratulations Hirst House on coming first and a big well done to Miss Busek - the Hirst House Leader and all those who were a part of making Hirst so successful! The battle recommences in September, to see which House will come out on top!



*Total excitement to watch the England Women's football team play Germany in Wembley. Great memories were built for us all to cherish for many years ahead.*

*Zainab Bux 10AD*





*Rabia Raja helping students from Beavers Primary during Art Week*

## ▼ ART WEEK PROVES TO BE PICTURE PERFECT!

The Art Department went above and beyond during Art Week this year where all students were involved including A level, GCSE and key stage 3.

We even ran a workshop at Beavers Community Primary School as well as inviting them over to view the exhibition and do lots of art activities. Throughout the week students, they took part in self-portraits and treasure hunts. Kwame Agyepong, a former student at this school who now studies Art at Bournemouth University and commissions portraits to famous musicians, joined us by giving a speech to the GCSE Art and Photography students. There were workshops for the Year 11 students to encourage and inspire

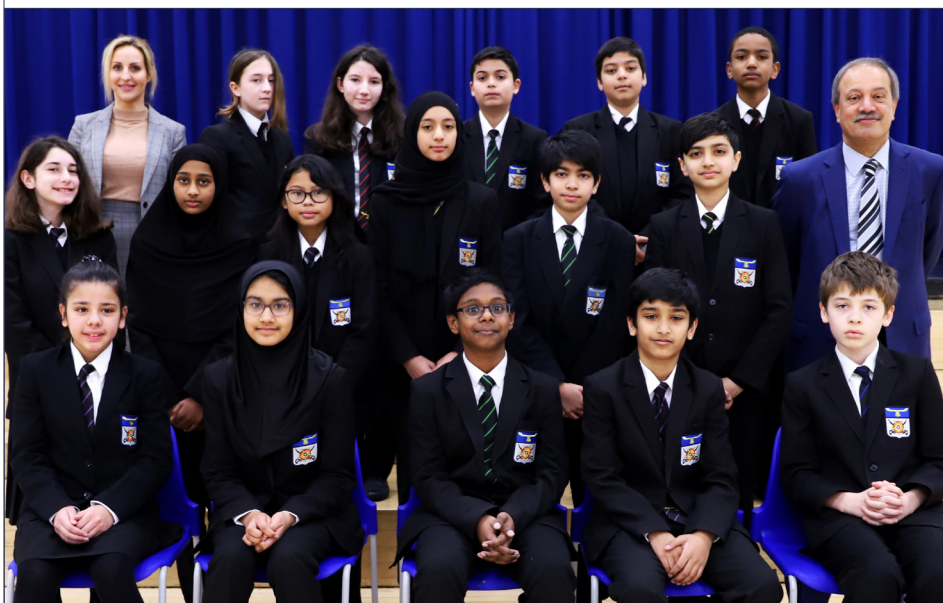
them to work harder and work outside their comfort zone.

Finally, A Level students were lucky enough to go to the Royal Academy's Access Art 25, visiting the Anthony

Gormley exhibition which showcased his work as well as including meeting young artists, music, food and activities throughout the night.

*Rim Alkait, Art Captain*

## MORE MENSA SUCCESS AT THE HEATHLAND



*Headmaster Mr Pattar and Mensa organiser Mrs Redman pictured with students who were successful in their Mensa journey.*

Following the huge success of the Mensa testing, this year's cohort were notified of their results on the 3rd March and a total of 20 pupils passed the challenging IQ test.

The pupils will now join the society for the world's smartest people. What almost all Mensans have in common

is the desire to make contact with other lively minds- in person, in print or online – and enjoy being both entertained and informed.

Congratulations to all the Mensa cohort! This is an outstanding achievement!

## TERM DATES

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

Half term: 26th – 30th October 2019

Friday 18th December: Last day of term

### SPRING TERM 2021

4th January – 1st April 2020

Half term: 15th – 19th February

### SUMMER TERM 2021

19th April – 23rd July

Half term: 31st May – 4th June