



Forms I—III Showcase, Saturday 11 June

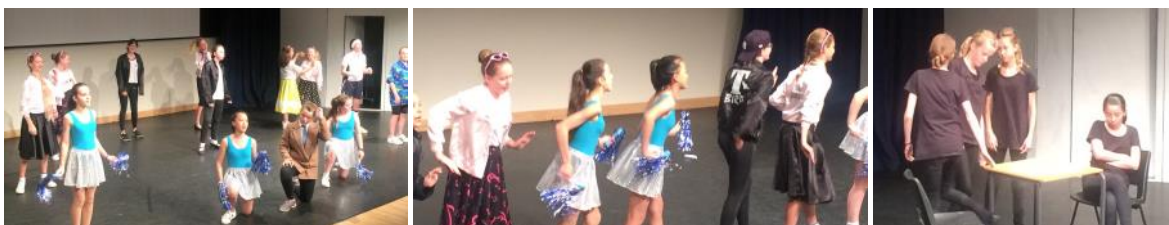
FORMS I-III delighted then moved a packed audience in the St Mary's Theatre on Saturday 11 June as they performed a Drama Showcase for parents and pupils.

Form III opened proceedings with a stunning and joyful dramatic medley from the musical *Grease* complete with Pink Ladies and T-Birds and musical accompaniment from Mrs Dance on the piano.

Form I and then Form III took us back to World War II as they acted out moving scenes of evacuees, both British children sent to the UK countryside and Jewish children sent on the Kindertransport to Britain as their desperate parents tried to get them to safety out of Europe. The stories were told mainly through emotional and bewildered letters to their parents.

Finally, with a backdrop of images from Auschwitz, we were taken to this grimmest corner of Poland at the height of the concentration camp's operation telling the story of two children from across the divide who meet and become friends: one the German son of the Camp Commandant, and one a Jewish intern. Both, through a twist of fate and an adventure that goes wrong, tragically end up in the gas chambers.

The parts of the children and parents throughout the showcase by Forms I and III were taken by a number of girls so that everyone could play a hand at telling the story. The cast received thunderous applause from the audience and thanks from Mrs Heywood at the end of the performance.



Parents' Tennis, Saturday 11 June

We just about got the Family Tennis Tournament played before the British summer took hold and the rain came down. 16 couples from Forms I – IV and their parents were 'fighting' to become the new holders of the coveted Plate – won for the previous three years by Emmy (Form IV).

Top contenders were Grace (Form IV), Immie (Form III), Florence and Sophie (Form II) all playing with their fathers. A special mention also to Olivia (Form II) and India (Form I) who won all of their group matches. Thank you to all the parents and especially to Sandy and her team for the wonderful BBQ!

Wendy Reynolds, Director of Sport



Key dates for your diary

- 14 - 18 June** - Royal Ascot
- 18 June** - Sports Day
- 29 June** - Lily Ball
- 2 July** - Parents' Day
- 2 July, 1pm** - END OF TERM
- 6 September** - Return of LVI & new Form III
- 7 September** - Return of current girls & new Form IV
- 8 September** - Start of new Forms I & II

Please see school calendar for details of other events

Private View, Tuesday 7 June

Heathfield girls impressed parents with their prowess in the Arts last week as they showcased their artworks at a well-attended Private View on a beautiful summer's evening on Tuesday 7 June.

Parents joined staff for drinks and nibbles as they toured the works of art and design created for this year's GCSE and A Level exams in Art and Photography and displayed in the Assembly Hall.

Parents and staff enjoyed meeting all the artists who were standing with their own displays of work and were able to explain the inspiration behind their works.

Expressive Arts Faculty



Business Visit to Heathfield, Thursday 12 May

The UVI and I were very pleased to welcome Mr Ian Marcousé to Heathfield School, on Thursday 12 May. He was invited to give extra guidance to our Business students for their forthcoming A2 examinations. Having extensive knowledge of the business world and having travelled to China, he was able to give the girls an insight into this rapidly developing country, which is a topic on the syllabus. The examination contains a pre-released case study about New Balance and Ian was able to help the girls with the analysis of this business.

Ian Marcousé spent 6 years in advertising before switching to teaching. For many years he ran parallel careers as a teacher and a marketing consultant. After writing a successful textbook Ian became involved with the Cambridge Exam Board, from which he became Chief Examiner for AEB (now AQA) Business Studies A Level. Since then he has written several educational textbooks, edits the Business Review magazine and is a consultant to QCA and the BBC Knowledge TV channel.

The expertise Ian has gained from being a Chief Examiner was of great value to the girls as he was able to pass on tips about how to best use their time in the examinations. They now feel more confident about the forthcoming Business examinations, which should help them in their bid for success this summer.

Gina Kendall, Teacher in Charge of Business Studies



Institute of Leadership and Management, Summer Term

Three LVI girls, Iona, Katy and Maya, have now been awarded their Institute of Leadership and Management Level 3 award after their successful completion of the course. Back in September they were introduced to the theory of leadership and management and have been putting it into practice in their prefect roles ever since.

They have completed a 3,000 word piece of writing reflecting on what they have learned and how they have applied their knowledge. Heathfield is the first all-girls school to offer the qualification and we look forward to extending this success next year.

Jeremy Hart, Director of Sixth Form



SieWomen, Thorpe Park, Thursday 23 June

To mark International Women's Day (IWD) 2016, Siemens is launching a new education project to challenge gender stereotypes. The SieWomen (Girls in STEM) project is designed to inspire and motivate young girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and maths. The project will be delivered in association with the Girls' Schools Association (GSA) and we are delighted that Heathfield is one of the very few schools invited to become involved because of our growing record in the sciences.

Siemens and BBC presenter and scientist Fran Scott have created an original live stage show to launch SieWomen. The show has been designed especially for young girls, to place the spotlight on modern STEM female role models in Siemens and beyond.

Rushi Millns, Subject Leader ICT



Highflyers, Summer Half Term

Many congratulations to Lily Jevons and Diana Chinalieva who both received Highflyer awards during Assembly at half term. Lily was awarded her Highflyers by the Languages and Society Faculty for French and Diana by the Expressive Arts Faculty for Music. Well done!

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 25 May

This term's Lunchtime Concert began with a very atmospheric piano solo played by Tina Chi, called *Night Music*. Mozart also composed a very famous serenade in 1787 called *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, or *A Little Night Music*, interesting because the title of our series of lunchtime concerts is *A Little Lunch Music*. Next came Tabby Cormack playing a Grade 1 trumpet solo called *Barley-Break*, a charming traditional folk tune.

When She Loved Me from *Toy Story 2* was then sung by Sophie Drysdale. It happens at a very telling moment in the film where, Jessie, Woody's wooden counterpart says: "You never forget kids like Emily or Andy, but they forget you." Lydia then played *Rio by Night*, a bossa nova, which is a Brazilian dance, where samba and jazz come together in a very lyrical style. This was followed by the very haunting song, *How Could I Ever Know?* sung by Harriett. It is a beautiful song from the musical *The Secret Garden* where Lily's ghost convinces her husband Archibald to return to the family home. Finally, and very appropriately, Forms I and II sang *How Can I Keep from Singing?* by the American Baptist minister Robert Wadsworth Lowry and arranged most delightfully by John Scott.



Julie Dance, Director of Music

International Dance Day

Form I entertained the whole school as they led an assembly on International Dance Day, celebrating different styles of dance globally with a series of performances in pairs and as a group.

International Dance Day was introduced in 1982 by the International Dance Council, a UNESCO partner, and is celebrated yearly on April 29.

The girls, who are learning Spanish, prepared an assembly in celebration of this special day. They learnt and performed a dance representing different continents from ceilidh dancing to Bollywood to line dancing.

They also learnt the lyrics and sang a song in Spanish.

Form I and Angela Pullen, Teacher of Spanish



Sport roundup

During the past two weeks, the Rounders teams have been in action against Holyport College, LVS and St. Mary's. The U15 and U14 teams have been particularly successful winning all of their games whilst the U13 and U12 teams have experienced both winning and losing.

Meanwhile all the girls are getting ready for Sports Day on Saturday 18 June.

With the exam season nearly over, preparations for the Lacrosse tour to Canada and the USA can begin in earnest and we are looking forward to what is going to be a wonderful opportunity.

Finally, congratulations and good luck to Florence, Sophie, Minty and Olivia who have reached the semi-finals of the tennis Aegon Cup and will play The Abbey at home on Monday 20 June.

Wendy Reynolds, Director of Sport



Equestrian, Wednesday 25 May

The Heathfield polo team of Angelina, Kitty, Grace and Victoria scored a fine victory against Stowe at Kirtlington Polo Club in their last match.

Even though Stowe had 8 players (who played alternate chukkas) against only 4 in our team, our girls played so well they were 4 – 3 up at half time and extended this lead to 7 – 3 by the end of the match.

Very well done girls!

Gill Glimmerveen, Equestrian Co-ordinator



Somerville Weekend 21 & 22 May

Many staff and students helped out at our termly Open Morning on Saturday, welcoming prospective families as they visited the school.

In the afternoon, Forms I and II enjoyed the acclaimed new film version of Kipling's 'The Jungle Book' at Bracknell Cinema while Form III attended a revival of the 1960s musical 'Sweet Charity' in Guildford. They particularly enjoyed the songs.

The catering department prepared a special supper on Saturday evening, good barbeque fare accompanied by a range of attractive and tasty mocktails.

The next day, Forms I and II enjoyed an early breakfast before heading off to an adventure centre in Swanage, Dorset, for the day. They took on a variety of obstacles in a day of challenges



which included climbing towers and then jumping off them, made safe by harnesses and ropes, and completing obstacle rope courses high off the ground. This weekend occurred in the middle of the public exams season so many of the older students were revising all weekend. Many students were camped in the library and in other quiet corners around the school, sometimes working individually and others in small groups. Teachers came in to school over the weekend to run workshops and tutorials in English, PE, History of Art, Mathematics, Music, Physics and

Modern Languages. A focus on revision was apparent in all forms from Form IV upwards. Father Tim celebrated Trinity Sunday mass in the Chapel. He preached on the mystery of the Trinity.

On Sunday, Form III were allowed to walk to Ascot for the first time. They returned feeling happy with their new freedom.

John Doyle, Head of House Somerville



Austen Weekend, 11 & 12 June

After a busy week of exams, the girls were able to relax and enjoy a busy Austen weekend. There was much sporting action with the under 12, 13, 14 and 15 Rounders teams competing away, whilst Heathfield welcomed parents to play tennis with their daughters in the annual tournament. Parents then stayed on to watch the Junior Showcase productions; the upbeat verve of Form II's *Grease* was followed by two moving performances with Form I telling a story of evacuees and Form III presenting *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* which even reduced the Headmistress to tears; in addition there was a wonderful solo from Tansy. Once the performing was over, the girls were able to relax



and have a sing-along to Disney's *Aladdin* in the Theatre. During the afternoon, there was also a Photoshop activity where the girls were able to experiment, create and manipulate their own images involving cities as backdrops.

On Sunday, after Chapel, Forms I-III were invited to take part in a photography competition to create some new pictures to display in the boarding area; the results will be voted on by the entire school and we look forward to seeing the winning entries up soon. In the afternoon, girls were able to sign up for a cookery session to make some

cookies. Forms I and II were later tasked with creating their own time-capsule with each girl contributing one object; offerings included a lacrosse ball, a school badge and numerous photos and a letter explaining how each item represented Heathfield in 2016 as well as posing a few questions to the potential pupils of 2041.

The whole school was treated to a giant water slide, standing an impressive 50ft high and over 100ft long, which was set up on the lacrosse pitch. For five whole hours, the queue did not diminish with girls having to be turned away when it was finally time to pack up and finish! A great weekend was had by all.

Andy Valner, Head of House Austen



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