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Lent

High- lights



A message from Mrs Gardiner Legge

This has been a busy yet truly remarkable term. It would seem whatever obstacle; be that the freak weather, the sudden arrival of the inspectors in February or various illnesses that engulfed the school, the girls' determination to 'soldier on' was inspiring.

I am absolutely thrilled that Heathfield was awarded 'Excellent' in all categories by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, a true reflection of all the hard work and commitment by staff and pupils.

We celebrated all that Heathfield is with our Founder's Day with a guest speaker and a fantastic concert by Jack and Joel, contestants from The X Factor. We have in fact, had a number of motivating speaker guests throughout this term; from astronaut, Dr Suzanne Imber to adventurer, Sarah Outen MBE, to Nicole Crowther, who joined us for our wellbeing week.

Our production of Oliver! was a cracking success. Parents and families, prospective parents, governors and staff sat in awe as they witnessed an array of talent from all those in the production. Heathfield encourages competition and our girls entered a host of events where they were pushed to do their very best; from ARTiculation to Rotary Young Musician of the Year to the Land Rover 4x4 Challenge.

Despite the weather which meant that some sporting fixtures and trips were cancelled, Heathfield still managed to continue with swimming galas, lacrosse tournaments and galloping to victory on the Polo field against Harrow. A few of our girls swapped our snowy climate for more snow, to attend the annual British Schoolgirl Ski Racing in Flaine. The girls also travelled to London, Barcelona, Cordoba and more. I hope you enjoy reading about their achievements and adventures in this edition of Highlights.

All the best,

Mrs Gardiner Legge
Headmistress

A message from the Head Girl

The Lent term has yet again been an inspirational example of the Heathfield experience.

Our annual Founder's Day took place on the 2 February, which reminded us girls how lucky we are to be at Heathfield, while paying respect to Eleanor Beatrice Wyatt, our founder and Heathfield's first Headmistress. The day was jam-packed with excitement, beginning with the courageous and motivational adventurer Sarah Outen, who emphasised the importance of determination and perseverance with her topical talk Taking on the Planet by Bike and Boat. Thanks to the Careers and Outreach department, these talks have been a regular occurrence, including the amazing Nicole Crowther who articulated to us her own tumultuous experience with the dangers of social media. Later on, we were entertained with a fantastic performance by 'Jack and Joel' where we all came together in true Heathfield style.

This term, the Heathfield girls and staff have been beaming with pride at the incredible performance of Oliver! The huge amounts of effort put into this performance were explicit throughout the show, with the Heathfield flair and talent being showcased across three remarkable evenings.

Inter-house lacrosse and netball have offered further chances for the girls to explore their talents in a healthy, competitive style; in conjunction with the open morning that allowed us to portray Heathfield in its candid simplicity: honest, happy and sparkling.

Finally, I would like to thank my deputies, Jasmine and Ellie, for being admirable figures within the school. They have supported me in fulfilling my duties and act as two figures that I can always rely on. We are thoroughly looking forward to taking on the Summer term, and I would also like to say massive congratulations to the new Scholars in Form V.

Best Wishes,

Daisy
Head Girl

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End of Term Awards

All pupil achievements were celebrated as usual in our final Assembly at the end of term. In all, an incredible 32 progress prizes were awarded to pupils who have made a conspicuous effort to increase their attainment and who have therefore made exceptional progress in their assessments across all four faculties. A particular mention must go to Georgina in Form V who achieved awards in three different subjects.

High flyer awards for outstanding pieces of work were given to Maya, Shefali and Teresa in the Languages and Society Faculty, Millie and Doddie in the Humanities Faculty and Scarlett and Auriel both achieved awards in the Expressive Arts Faculty for Lacrosse. Tansy received a High flyer award in Music in recognition of her success in the RIBI competition earlier this year. Well done to you all.

Ella and Lucy (Form II) were given a Diamond Merit Award for achieving over 40 merits this term, keep up the good work!

Our Mary Grant Cup is awarded to a girl in any year who has displayed the qualities of: making the most of her talents and displaying determination, resilience and compassion. We are delighted that this term, the cup was awarded to Livvy (Form V).

The final announcement was the House Shield and this term De Valois have proved victorious.

Congratulations to all.



UKMT Challenge

In February, Maths students volunteered to enter the UKMT Intermediate Competition which is aimed at students in Form IV and V. Ten of our daring Form III's also chose to enter with amazing results. This is a national competition aimed at the best Mathematics students in the country. We achieved three silver awards (Maya, Shi Yu, and Theresa) and two bronze awards (Sophia and Sophie).

In addition, on 13 March, four of our talented mathematicians traveled to Oxford University to take part in the UKMT Team Challenge. Lucy and Romy (Form II), Maya and Shi Yu (Form III) achieved Heathfield's highest result ever at the Andrew Wiles Institute of Mathematics. Unfortunately, we missed out on progressing to the next round.

Special thanks must go to our Maths Prefect Torry (LVI) who organised a Maths club at school to specifically prepare the girls for the tough UKMT competition. Amazing teamwork and well done everyone for your hard work.

Land Rover 4X4 in Schools Technology Challenge

On 27 February, the A Level Physicists attended the Land Rover 4x4 Challenge London and South East Regional Finals in Portsmouth. Marina, Phoebe, Torry, and Victoria were given the challenge to modify a remote control car by designing a new shell, automatic headlights, tilt sensors and adding a tow bar. The project ran over several months and provided the girls with the opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills, teamwork, Physics knowledge, and most importantly to understand the importance of Engineering.

At the event, the girls had to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they had gained via a verbal presentation, a pit display, and an engineering discussion. As part of the final, they each had to drive their newly modified car around an obstacle course and tow a trailer. In true Heathfield style, the girls gave it their all. The judges were extremely impressed with their creativity and problem-solving skills as other schools had a Design and Technology department to support the development of the shell. The driving aspect was an area for development for them yet despite these issues, the girls presented their portfolio fantastically and we came fourth in the region, a great result.





Biology Olympiad

Charlotte, Darcey, Ella, Emma, Esme, Eva, Frederikke, Jasmine, Na'ima, and Paige (UVI) competed in The British Biology Olympiad. The BBO seeks to challenge, by both theory and practical tests, some of the top pre-university Biology students in Britain. The competition consisted of two, 45-minute multiple choice papers that were taken online under staff supervised exam conditions.

Eva gained Highly Commended with Charlotte and Paige receiving Commended.

Maya (Form III) came an impressive 2nd in the Microbiology in Schools poster competition run by MiSAC in which over 400 students entered nationally.



Maths Success

Maya (Form III) entered a prestigious German Maths Competition along with 3100 other competitors.

For the first round, Maya did a two-hour test at school. She sailed through to the second round which comprised of a six-week project at home. Again she succeeded to the next round, a tough interview with two University Maths professors. We are very proud to announce that Maya is one of the 8 winners and as a result of her win, she will be spending four days at the University of Mainz in Germany in April.

Poetry Declamation

On 19 February, students from Forms I to III took part in the annual Poetry Declamation competition. It was clear that the girls had put in a fantastic extra effort rehearsing over half-term and this effort was reflected in their inspiring performances. Both Forms I and III performed group declamations with Form III including the hilarious *Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face* by Jack Prelutsky.

After much deliberation the winners were: Isabella (Form I), Elicia (Form II) and Zahra (Form III). Many congratulations to the overall winner, Tilda (Form III).



History of Art Conference

Heathfield encouraged the study of History of Art, by hosting a History of Art conference on Saturday 3 February, keeping alive and nurturing interest in this subject. Sixth form students and teachers from Bradfield College, The King's School Canterbury and Wellington College joined Heathfield students to hear talks from eminent professors and teachers, including Professor Joanna Crawford and Dr Ben Burbridge, to support pupils with the new History of Art A Level course specification.

Heathfield continues to support a wide variety of arts-based courses, including History of Art and Art and Design, as it recognises the importance of maintaining a strong art department to allow girls to excel in whatever sphere they choose whether that be academic, dramatic or sport.



ARTiculation Competition

Esme (LVI) gave an excellent talk at the ARTiculation 2018 Regional Heat held at St Swithun's School on January 10. Esme's chosen subject was John William Waterhouse's 'The Lady of Shallot' 1888.

The adjudicator was Maggie Guillebaud, Chaplain of Church House, Salisbury who commented that Esme was a very accomplished and confident speaker. She praised Esme's excellent research and very much liked Esme's approach to The Lady of Shallot and her description of her glorious hair. Esme also gave a lovely focus on, and description of, the details within the work pointing out and interpreting the symbolism very well. Well done Esme!



LVI Psychology Trip

On 21 March the LVI Psychology students attended a conference in London. They listened to well-known Psychologists discussing the myths of neuropsychology, the nature-nurture debate, and how Psychology can help us to answer the question, 'Who am I?'

The highlight of the day was having the rare opportunity to hear the famous Dr Philip Zimbardo discuss his journey from creating evil to inspiring heroism. The girls also enjoyed meeting his wife, Professor Christina Maslach who was responsible for putting an end to Dr Zimbardo's infamous Stanford Prison Experiment. They were delighted to see a school photo featuring Dr Zimbardo and Dr Stanley Milgram; it is incredible that two of the world's most famous Social Psychologists attended High School together.

The girls had a wonderful day and have continued to discuss the ideas raised in the conference back at school.



A Level Biology Field Trip to Exmoor

On 16 March, the LVI Biology students travelled to Nettlecome in Somerset for their field trip to study Ecology. Having arrived and claimed their bunks, they were immediately put to work. During the trip, their time was spent sampling snow filled rivers, a freezing moorland in the Quantocks, hilly grassland and a wind swept snowy rocky shore overlooking the Bristol Channel in order to study the biodiversity of the area.

Girls sampled a variety of living organisms ranging from moss and heather to fresh water shrimp and common top shells. Whilst they expected they would be spending the majority of the weekend in the cold, they didn't know that it would be snowing! This made some of their investigations much more difficult especially the ones spent kick sampling in a river! Respite from the weather found them back in the classroom analysing data with statistical tests or doing life drawings of fresh water invertebrates. Despite the harsh weather, they all found the trip both educational and enjoyable, leaving Somerset with many memories of falling into rivers, rock pools and of course a lot of snow. A blizzard and the freezing cold cannot stop the work of a keen biologist!



Theatre Trips

During Lent term, the girls went on a number of trips to the Theatre. On 18 January the top 12 and A Level music students travelled to London to watch a breath-taking performance of Tosca at the Royal opera house.

Form III went to see a production of Romeo and Juliet South Hill Park in Bracknell and the Lower Sixth English Literature students travelled to the Oxford Playhouse to see Khaled Hossein's The Kite Runner on stage.

Form V GCSE Drama students hit London's West End to see Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party which they all really enjoyed.

Pupils found all the productions exciting, enjoyable and educational.



Classics Trip to Barcelona

The Form III girls left behind the English snowfall for the warmer weather of Barcelona. First on the itinerary was a visit to the Torres winery where the girls learned about viticulture including the processes of maceration and fermentation; they also were able to try some fresh grape-juice which was very much enjoyed by all. In the afternoon, we travelled to the centre of Barcelona where we visited Casa Mila, our first experience of Gaudi's architecture. The girls appreciated the views from the top of the famous apartment building and going through the museum and furnished rooms with their early 20th century décor.

On the second day, arguably the most famous landmark of the city, Sagrada Familia, showcased more of Gaudi's style as they were able to see his incredible architecture including the older, spectacular Nativity façade and the newer, starker Passion façade. In the afternoon, Heathfield went back in time to Augustan era Barcino where we saw evidence of public laundries and wineries in the City of Barcelona museum. In the evening, the girls relaxed in Lloret de Mar, taking part in a friendly but competitive game of bowling. Well done to Isabella, Louise, and Sophie for coming out as the individual winners.

On our last day, the girls travelled to the Gothic Cathedral of St Eulalia where they were able to compare the older style and feel to the more recent work of Gaudi viewed the day before. The girls were tasked with filling in Geography tourist surveys with each pupil collecting individual data which will be used in their following lessons. Tourists ranged from Dutch to Chinese having travelled to Barcelona in a number of ways and for a number of different reasons. Finally, the girls were treated to the afternoon at Tibi Dabo, the funfair on the top of the mountain, where some of them braved the rollercoasters and a haunted house. The girls and staff returned back to England having worked hard and with fond memories of a busy few days in Spain.





Form I Trip to Rushall Organic Farm

Form I enjoyed a day of combined Geography and Science when they visited Rushall Organic Farm in the beautiful Pang Valley in Berkshire. We all learned a great deal about farming and took part in tasks such as soil testing, land use identification and lamb cuddling.

There were opportunities for independent learning and the girls had to collect evidence to show what benefits there are to the land being managed in a particular, non-conventional farming way. We discussed how the environment is changing under human management. The girls befriended the pigs and the chickens, observed the bulls, and cuddled lots of lambs before we returned to school.



Oliver!

This year, Heathfield's production of the musical *Oliver!* ran for three nights from 15 to 17 March in the beautiful St Mary's Theatre. With its many song and dance numbers, together with a highly emotional narrative, the piece provided a huge challenge for the cast.

Since the auditions back in September, the cast has worked ceaselessly in singing, acting and choreographic rehearsals. There were lines to be learned, steps to be danced and notes to be memorised, and somehow these things happened whilst our girls were also juggling their academic studies, sports fixtures and all kinds of other extracurricular activities.

As production week approached our incredible set arrived, giving a fresh burst of energy and excitement to our hard-working performers. With its balcony, staircases and large performance space, the design added so much atmosphere and provided the perfect backdrop for our action to take place.

Meanwhile, the girls worked tirelessly to create a vibrant and exciting performance. Backstage our hair and make-up teams gave life to so many characters from our workhouse boys to the beautiful showgirls. The magnificent stage crew got to grips with the challenges of stage managing a professional set and the effort that went into creating Dickens's world was evident before the curtain went up.

With a cast including girls from Form I all the way up to the Upper Sixth, a magnificent staff and student band led by Mrs Dance, a staff and student technical team and a crew of Fifth and Sixth Formers, not to mention the staff volunteers for the heavier pieces; *Oliver!* was a perfect example of what can be achieved through true teamwork. Every single person who worked on the show had an important job to do!

With standout performances from all of the cast, the Music and Drama Department could not be more proud and promise we'll "Be Back Soon".





Punch- drunk Theatre

In January, the A Level Drama groups and scholars attended a full day's immersive theatre workshop at Punchdrunk's educational 'village' Fallow Cross. Punchdrunk are the pioneers of immersive theatre, and due to the very mysterious nature of their approach, we were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to explore the mysteries of Fallow Cross and all its secrets.

The girls spent the day discovering what it is to convey emotion and narrative without the rigid structure of language, whilst creating characters and stories through movement and relationships with space.

As they became residents of the village, their characters developed and relationships unfolded, and it was fascinating and exciting to see the extent to which their confidence developed as the day progressed.

Our A Level performances are in development and will be influenced by Punchdrunk's immersive, site-specific work so we can expect the unexpected come to their final examination.

The Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Young Musician Award 2017/2018

Heathfield was proud to host this year's regional heat of the RIBI Young Musician of the Year Competition. Talented vocalists Tansy and Sophia (Form V) represented Heathfield in St Mary's Theatre.

Tansy, who will be taking her Grade 8 this year and is also a talented Flautist, sang Habanera from Bizet's Carmen, Ill Wind by Flanders and Swann and also By Strauss by Gershwin. Sophia, who only started singing lessons last September and will be taking her Grade 7 this term, sang Laudate Dominum by Mozart, Le Violette by Scarlatti and Popular by Stephen Schwartz. Sophia is also a talented Violinist.

Congratulations to both Tansy and Sophia. Tansy was the winning Vocalist and will progress to the next round next term.





Musical Talent

Asuka (UVI) is an extremely talented musician playing both Cello and Piano.

Every week Asuka travels from Heathfield to rehearse with the Ealing Youth Orchestra. Ealing Youth Orchestra is an independent youth orchestra which was founded in 1959. The orchestra has 90 members aged 13-19 who attend over 30 different local schools around West London. Asuka recently played in the orchestra at the Ealing Music and Film Festival. We are very proud of her hard work and dedication.

Exceptional LAMDA Results



Congratulations to our LAMDA girls who attained 100% Merit or Distinction. Thirty-three girls took their exams from Grade 1 to Grade 8 with a total of 22 Distinctions.

Particularly outstanding achievements were from Harriet (LVI) and Matilda (Form III) who both achieved Distinctions with marks of over 91% for Musical Theatre Grade 4 and Verse & Prose Grade 6 Bronze Medal. Elicia and Ella (Form II) also achieved Distinctions for Acting Grade 3 with incredible marks of 90%.

Fashion, Journalism, Marketing & PR Talk

It was a pleasure to welcome Heathfield Alumnae Sophie Faber née Hedley in January. Sophie is currently Communications and PR Director for Bicester Village. She spoke to a packed audience from Forms II to UVI who were keen to learn more about fashion, journalism, marketing, and Public Relations. We also hosted guests from Luckley House School.

Sophie spoke of her fond memories of Heathfield and explained to the girls how her career in the fashion world started out in a very junior administrative role at Condé Nast, and then continued working for a fashion designer. Sophie then moved back into the world of glossy magazines at Tatler and then onto Vogue for ten years. Eventually becoming Communications Director at Armani and Head of PR at Selfridges.

She gave a strong message on what she had to do to get ahead in a competitive industry by working harder than anyone else, being the first to arrive and the last to leave. Sophie stressed to the girls the importance of making yourself really useful and working hard. In the beginning, if that includes making tea and coffee, so be it!

The girls valued her advice that Fashion is a huge area of business and they should decide on what area they want to get into and then go for it.



Physics Careers Talk

On 28 February, Dr Suzanne Imber braved the freezing weather and snow to travel down from Northern England to visit Heathfield School as a focus on Physics careers. Dr Imber is Associate Professor of Planetary Science at the University of Leicester, a future astronaut on the European Space Program and winner of BBC the show, Astronauts: Do you have what it takes?

Dr Imber spent the day with A Level Physics, Form II and Form IV students, with a special collaborative workshop which saw girls in Form IV teamed with students from Garth Hill College, a comprehensive co-educational school in Bracknell. All the workshops undertook challenges that were similar to those Dr Imber faced during astronaut selection. The challenges were designed to explore different skills from teamwork, adaptability and dealing with failure and involved trying to hover a drone, building towers and completing tasks whilst wearing inversion goggles, which made everything look upside down. It was a pleasure to host Garth Hill College and to see students from both schools working so well together.

After school, Dr Imber enjoyed afternoon tea with the Science department before the Speaker Supper and talk in St Mary's Theatre. Dr Imber spoke about her work as a Space Scientist and the drive to constantly move forward and learn new things. She told the girls she was in the middle set for Science, at school, but went on to study Physics at A Level – a great message that hard work and application plays a huge role in our progress and success.



Chapel Confirmation



On Sunday 4 February, two students, Amelia and Kiki (Form IV) were Confirmed in the Chapel by the Rt. Revd Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham and Heathfield Governor.

The girls looked wonderful in their white gowns and it was a truly lovely day for all the girls, families and friends.

Well-Being Week

The New Year started with Well-Being Week and a packed agenda of ways to improve Mental & Physical Health. On the Monday, our first guest, Nicole Crowther, whose life was irrevocably altered because of a tweet, flew over from America to speak at Heathfield about the pitfalls of Social Media. Nicole's talk stressed the importance of thinking carefully about what we post online. Nicole's visit generated local and national media interest including The Sunday Times and The Daily Telegraph.

Tuesday focused on Emotional Literacy, Self-Care and Positive Steps with our speaker, the inspirational Lady Jane Nathan, a clinical medical research scientist. Drawing on real-life cases, she spoke about the impact social media has on a young person's mental health.

A number of workshops were offered to girls and staff, giving everyone the opportunity to try out different practical methods to help maintain positive mental health. Professional instructors offered a range of activities from Self Defence to meditation, laughter therapy, yoga and reflection in the Chapel. This allowed girls to identify what they found most conducive to their personal well-being.



Founder's Day

Every year at Heathfield we celebrate Founder's Day and Eleanor Beatrice Wyatt, who opened the school in 1899. Mrs Gardiner Legge hosted a special assembly reminding the girls about the history of the school.

Sarah Outen MBE

As part of our Founder's Day celebrations, we invited inspirational speaker Sarah Outen MBE. Sarah is a world-record breaking adventurer and published author who shared tales and lessons learned, from grueling expeditions with the girls. Sarah spoke about how she has made her dreams a reality, in spite of setbacks, recessions, failures, illness, and fears. Be it battling storms inside her head or out on the ocean, she explained how she has built and managed teams from a tent or had the courage to forge her own path.

Sarah rowed into the Guinness Book of Records aged 24 with her world-first 124-day solo row across the Indian Ocean, an achievement which earned her an MBE. Her expedition 'London2London: Via the World' was a five-year bid to loop the planet using a rowing boat, a bike, and a kayak. The never-before-attempted route involved rowing the two toughest ocean routes in the world, cycling across mountains in winter and deserts in summer, as well as thousands of miles of remote kayaking. Sarah attracted a global following during this expedition and has raised tens of thousands for charity. In 2016, Sarah was awarded the title of British Adventurer of the Year and an ESPN Newton Award.

The girls all had lots of questions including "how did you go to the toilet?" and "if you did it all again, would you do anything differently?" Sarah was very touched after the event at how many girls had approached her individually to share how her talk had inspired them.

Jack and Joel

As a Founder's Day surprise, the duo Jack and Joel who wowed on The X Factor 2017 performed to the whole school in St Mary's Theatre in the evening. Jack Remington and Joel Fishel, both 22, are graduates of Oxford University where Jack studied Geography while coding and web development wiz, Joel, read Mathematics.

During their time at Oxford University, they starred as part of the celebrated all-male a cappella group Out of the Blue. The duo has achieved recognition across the world with Edinburgh Fringe appearances, world tours, and viral videos.

The girls sang along and danced away as Jack and Joel performed acoustic pop, beatboxing and harmonising their way through reworked hits. The group also debuted some original material which the girls loved. Jack and Joel reported that they had never encountered such an enthusiastic audience and are keen to revisit Heathfield to run song writing and a capella workshops





British Schoolgirls' Ski Races

On January 26 the Heathfield Ski team departed for Flaine to compete in the annual Schoolgirls' Alpine Ski Racing competition. The team consisted of Alex and Lucia (LVI), Carolina, Kiki and Olivia (Form IV) and Caoimhe, Cesca and Lexi (Form III).

For the majority of the girls, this was their first experience of ski racing. After two days of training, the girls were ready for the two days of competition. Day one dawned bright and sunny for the Giant Slalom. All of the girls managed clean runs and were pleased with their performances. Day two was Slalom and again, clean runs were achieved by all. The closing event was an exciting Parallel Slalom, where unfortunately we were knocked out by the local opposition!

Lacrosse

Unfortunately, the weather has played havoc with our sporting fixtures this term. At the South West U15 Lacrosse Tournament in January the U12 team drew 2-2 and the Senior team won 9-1.

Mid-week matches against St Bart's School in February saw the U12 draw 2-2 and the U15 team winning 7-4. The U12 played well again at The Royal School in Haslemere with victories of 9-1 and the 1st team, 10-2.

National Schools' Lacrosse was hit by the snow so over an exeat weekend the 1st travelled to Wycombe Abbey. They drew with Sherbourne 2-2 and Uppingham 1-1 and beat rivals St George's 4-1. Day 2 of the competition was cancelled due to the bad weather.

Despite some fun and games in the snow, the U12 Lacrosse Team managed to play their final match against Hall Grove which they won 5-1. Well done to everyone who has competed this term.

We are delighted that Aisha (Form V) was selected to represent the U17 South East London North Lacrosse Team in the Regional Academy Tournament. The tournament was hosted at Nottingham Trent University on 15 April. This was a great opportunity for Aisha to compete against other Regional Academy teams made up of the best players from across the country and for her to demonstrate her abilities and potential to our National Academy coaches who were present on the day, looking out for talented players they believe are ready for the next stage of the Talent Pathway.

In addition, Auriel, Roxanne, and Scarlett (Form III) were selected to attend the National Regional Lacrosse Academy trials during the Easter holidays. We look forward to hearing how they all got on.

On the last day of Lent term, we held our Inter-House Lacrosse tournament. It was a closely fought competition but the overall winner was Seacole.



Swimming

The Heathfield Swim Team competed in the Ascot Schools' Gala which saw close swimmers in action from Charters, Ranelagh, St George's and The Marist.

A number of girls gained personal best times and special mention must go to Oriana for winning the U12 Front Crawl and Tamara for winning the U14 Breaststroke.

The Senior Swim team consisting of Aisha, Emma, Floria and Hum gave outstanding performances. Not only did they win the Senior age group, new school records were set over 50 metres by Aisha in Backstroke, Hum in Breaststroke and Floria in both the Front Crawl and Butterfly. As a team, they won both the Free and Medley relays and set another school record in the Senior Medley Relay.

The U13 and U12 swimming teams competed against Papplewick this term. With the U12 Team narrowly losing 30 points to 34 with Alexia, Anya, Clemmie, Hanna, Lily, Martina, and Tessa all achieving personal best times. The U13 Team also produced personal bests, Elicia, Georgia, Juana, Katrina, Lucy, Rocio, and Thea.





At the Ascot Schools' Netball Tournament the U14 team competed against: The Marist; St. Mary's School, Ascot; St George's School; Gordons and Charters. They lost to The Marist, St. Mary's School, Ascot and Gordons, who were the eventual winners; but drew with Charters 2 – 2 and beat St. George's 5 – 2. Well done to Auriel and Lexi who were given Players of the Tournament.

The U18, U15A and U15B netball teams were also in action against St. Mary's School, Ascot. The U18 team narrowly lost 6 – 8 in an extremely competitively fought match; whilst the U15A team beat their U15B team 20 – 4, overturning the result from last term where they were heavily beaten. The U15B team was victorious against St. George's U15C team 9 – 8. Congratulations to Auriel, Calia, Carolina, Clemmie, Floria and Immie who were all named as Players of the Match.



Our two Polo Teams played extremely well on March 8 against Harrow, resulting in resounding wins for Heathfield.

Heathfield Diamonds - won 9-3
Angelina, Kitty (UVI) and Victoria (LVI)

Heathfield Rubies - won 16-7
Elicia (Form II), Georgia, Kiki and Minty (Form IV)

An outstanding performance, well done!

At our end of term assembly, Elicia (Form II), Georgia, Kiki, Minty (Form IV), Victoria (LVI) and Angelina and Kitty (UVI) were all awarded Equestrian badges for commitment to the sport. Most improved Polo player award went to Helena (Form V) with most improved Rider award going to Juana (Form II).

Fencing

Fencing Club has returned to Heathfield and has really taken off.

Currently taking part are ten girls from Form I up to LVI who are fencing against each other. The girls are training hard and the aim is to form a Heathfield Fencing Team to compete in tournaments.

“The event proved a great success and we look forward to seeing even more Old Girls next year, representing an even greater range of careers”

Mrs Rebecca Farha, Fellowship Coordinator

Fellowship Networking Event

We were delighted to welcome back both Heathfield and St Mary's Wantage Old Girls for our Sixth Form networking evening on 20 March. The purpose of the evening was to give students the opportunity to informally explore a variety of career options.

A wide range of careers was represented including Law, Medicine, Business, Design, Marketing, Events and Acting. The evening started with drinks and canapés where students were able to introduce themselves and start to find out more about the different careers.

This was followed by dinner with the girls changing tables after each course so that they could spend as much time as possible with the different Old Girls.



Marketing Prep School Swimming Gala

On March 14 we welcomed 80 girls from eight Prep Schools to our annual Swimming Gala for Year 4 and 5 girls. Coaches arrived from Bishopsgate, Broomwood Hall, Eaton House The Manor, Glendower, HawleyHurst, Kensington Prep, Knightsbridge School and Orchard House.

The races got underway with heats and relays in front crawl, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly. After two hours of intense competition, the girls were ready for the fantastic picnic tea. After tea, presentations were made for all the different heats. For the first time, there were joint overall winners: Glendower and Bishopsgate. It was a closely fought competition and congratulations to everyone who took part.



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