



A message from Mrs Heywood



Heathfield has achieved so much during the Lent Term which seems to have rapidly come and gone. As you know, we underwent a successful interim ISI Inspection covering the compliance and boarding aspects of the school and the report from ISI was sent to all parents last week. In addition to the stories that you will read throughout this newsletter, the girls have been busy in and out of the classroom. There were mock examinations at the start of term, Elevate Study Skills Sessions for all girls in Form IV upwards

and academic trips which have included the French Exchange, a Biology Field Trip to Nettlecombe, a UVI and LVI Psychology Trip to a local primary school where the girls undertook primary research to enhance their studies, and Geography trips including a data collection trip to Windsor for the GCSE girls and a trip to Rushall Farm for Form I.

We have seen the parents and staff battle it out in the annual HPA Quiz Night, girls have taken part in House competitions including Mathematics, Music, Swimming and Lacrosse and there have been student council meetings and Eco Schools meetings. The Honey Pot Charity came to talk to the girls about our School Charity and journalist Noreen Riols visited us to talk about the Secrets behind Churchill's Army of Shadows. We hosted a Prep Swimming gala and weekends as ever were action packed and busy.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and about all the other events which took place throughout the Lent Term. I wish you a very happy Easter.

Mrs Jo Heywood Headmistress

Head Girl's Overview



Head Girl, Daisy

On 6 February we again celebrated Founder's Day with an inspiring talk from Kate Philp who came to speak to us about her expedition to the South Pole with *Walking with the Wounded*. Later that evening we were called into the SMAT with anticipation to find out our entertainment, and were happily surprised to discover that it was a group of beat boxers called *Duke*, who got to the judges' houses on the *X-Factor* in 2012. There have also been school trips, with Form III excitingly jetting off to Barcelona as well as the A Level photography students who drove down to Cornwall during the first weekend of half term. On 12 February the Lower and Upper Sixth visited the Lansdowne Club for a networking evening with Heathfield Old Girls, to speak about future careers and possible work experience opportunities, which gave everyone an opportunity to have a small insight of what paths we can choose later in life. There have been many other events this term including Confirmation and the Lacrosse Nationals as well as a Study Skills session from Elevate, in preparation for Summer examinations.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break,

Daisy Head Girl

Founder's Day



Duke perform for the girls



Guest Speaker, Kate Philp

After morning lessons as usual, Founder's Day started with a light lunch before the girls headed to St Mary's Theatre to listen to guest speaker Major Kate Philp. Major Philp was injured whilst serving on operations in Afghanistan in November 2008. As a result her left leg was amputated below the knee. After 16 months of rehab she was determined she would return to work to pursue her professional ambition. Kate got involved with a charity called *Walking with the Wounded* and was selected to take part in their South Pole Challenge. It was while she was undergoing the selection process for the South Pole Challenge that she first came to talk to the girls at Heathfield. It was a real pleasure to welcome her back to talk to the girls again, having completed the expedition. Kate engaged with the girls talking about her challenging trip to the South Pole and focused on four key themes: Articulate, Reflect, Trust and Perspective. The girls asked many questions and joined Major Philp back in Mrs Heywood's study to ask even more. After the talk the girls came together in their Houses for a high tea in the dining room. This was followed by a Chapel service which gave thanks for our founder Miss Eleanor Wyatt. The girls then attended a feast supper before the mystery evening entertainment which they had been excited about all day! They thoroughly enjoyed this year's Founder's Day evening entertainment by the UK's number 1 beatboxing band, *Duke*.

Mrs S Frost Marketing Manager

Key Dates for Summer Term 2015*

- 13th April 2015 - Girls Return** – 5.30pm – Forms I – III return
6.30pm – Forms IV – UVI return
- 18th – 19th April 2015** – Closed Weekend
- 1st – 4th May 2015** – Exeat Weekend
- 22nd May – 31st May 2015** – Half Term
- 20th June 2015** – Sports Day
- 20th June – 21st June 2015** – Optional Exeat Weekend (after Sports Day)
- 27th – 28th June 2015** – Closed Weekend
- 4th July 2015** – Parents' Day and End of Term

*Please see school calendar for more details of other events

Young Writers' national writing competition –

Once Upon a Time



Heathfield's Young Writers'

Girls in Form II recently entered the Young Writers' national writing competition. The girls were asked to write a mini saga on a variety of themes. At the beginning of term Mrs Heywood was informed that work written by Poppy, Amber, Constance, Clemmie, Hermione, Floria, Summer, Flavia, Boots, Sophia and Tansy had all been chosen to be published in *Once Upon A Time – Berkshire* which is due out on 31 March 2015. Congratulations to all the girls who submitted a mini saga, especially those whose work has been selected to be published.

Mrs S Frost Marketing Manager

Homeless Shelter Volunteering

On Wednesday 21 January, Gabi, Sam, Isobel and I went to the supermarket to buy food which we were then going to make into sandwiches and pack into paper bags to give to the guests at the homeless shelter when we arrived. In order to be able to afford the food for the shelter, we decided a good way to raise money would be to have a cake sale. After the event weekend, everybody who went home either made or bought cakes that were then sold at the cake sale on Monday morning. Overall, £96 was made, mainly from the cakes themselves, but also from generous donations from students and staff which also helped to bring up the amount of money we had to spend on food. After school on Wednesday, Mrs de Ferrer drove us to a local supermarket where we went shopping and bought the food which we went on to make into packed meals which included:

- Two sandwiches (ham and cheese)
- A mini roll/cake
- Carton of juice
- Two pieces of fruit (apple, banana or orange)



Food preparation for the Homeless Shelter

We then drove back to school and unpacked everything, and then Jemima, Georgie, Cece and I made sandwiches. We made sure each of the 25 bags had all of the products above included in them and we each had our own jobs and responsibilities in the process of completion. Later on, we drove to the homeless shelter and had time beforehand to meet the people who were helping out at the shelter and we had time to lay out the food bags and organise where they were going to go.

A few minutes later the guests arrived and put down all of their bags and mats which they were going to sleep on later that day. They introduced themselves and shook our hands and were very polite. We then went on to play card and board games with them and Jemima and I managed to learn a new Polish card game which was a bit confusing but we finally managed to get to grips with it! Cece and Georgie played a board game and we also talked to the guests and they happily told us about how they had become homeless and about their families.

Overall, it was a really good experience and we were not willing to leave at the end of it as we all wanted to stay for longer as it went so quickly. We all found it really interesting, especially learning about other people and their stories, realising that they were very welcoming and friendly people who all seemed to start off with usual lives just like everybody else. I am very grateful for the opportunity to go and would be very happy to help out again.

Anoushka Form IV pupil

ARTiculation Competition 2015,

The Roche Court Educational Trust

I was delighted when Anna (LVI Form) told me she was eager to enter the ARTiculation competition this year. Anna presented her excellent talk on the *Garden of Earthly Delights* by Hieronymus Bosch at the regional heat held at Modern Art Oxford on 21 January. There were 10 girls from different schools presenting on a variety of subjects from Rembrandt and Vermeer to Damian Hirst and Cindy Sherman. The adjudicator was Dr Alexander Sturgis, Director of the oldest museum in the world, the Ashmolean in Oxford. Although Anna did not win the heat, she said she really enjoyed presenting and meeting the other competitors. Dr Sturgis complemented her on her elegant presentation of the work, incorporating details that one can easily miss, presenting such a complex work from start to finish within the ten minutes. He said that it was no easy task taking on such a work and presenting it with such clarity. The Director of the Roche Court Educational Trust, Lucy Salisbury, told Anna she was a very competent and engaging speaker, popular with the audience for her detailed and informative talk on *The Garden of Earthly Delights* and that she was a wonderful competitor. Well done Anna!

Miss J Meeson Teacher in Charge: History of Art and Old Girls Coordinator



ARTiculate Competitors



Form III Trip to BARCELONA

Form III made their annual trip to Barcelona leaving the rainy shores of England for the sunny sights of the Catalan city. First up was the trip to the Torres winery where the girls learnt all about the process of making and marketing wine including a tour of the vineyard and some tasting of grape juice. We were then off to the city for the first time, stopping at the City of Barcelona Museum where we could walk amongst the ruins of Barcino, exploring the clever ways the Romans went about their lives such as washing clothes and making wine. After a busy day, the girls went bowling in a quaint local place; well done to Alex T for her impressive victory!

The next day, the Heathfield group visited the cloisters of the old cathedral, lighting a votive candle to Santa Rita, the patron saint of lost causes. We then made our way to the town centre where the girls collected data for their geography studies through a tourism survey, with Lily and Imogen winning a prize for being the quickest geographers. We all met at the famous Casa Mila, where the girls were able to see Gaudi's style first hand as well as imagine the luxury of early 20th century living

for the wealthy Catalans. This packed day was followed by the trip to the old favourite Tibidabo theme park at the top of Barcelona where many girls braved the haunted house and various other rides.

The highlight of the trip was Gaudi's magnum opus, the spectacular, unfinished Sagrada Familia where the girls admired the wonders of the nativity façade, the modern interior and the clever passion façade. After they were rewarded with pizza, Heathfield girls took a stroll in the beautiful gardens of Parc Guell, seeing the famous lizard sculpture and the colourful, chaotic style of Gaudi. The day ended with a quiz on the trip, testing the girls' knowledge on what they learned and also what they had noticed; well done to Victoria S and Esme for coming away as winners!

On our final day, we made our way up to the top of the mountains to Montserrat, taking a ride up to the peak in a funicular before visiting the monastery and rubbing the globe of the mysterious and ancient Black Madonna. At last it was time for us

to return home, but not before the official trip prize giving in which Alex G won Most Helpful for being my translator for the trip and Lydia for being most inquisitive with a number of insightful and thoughtful questions. Thanks to the staff Anita, Louise, Miss Kendall and Mrs Worrall for all of their hard work on the trip and to the girls for being such a credit to the school.

Mr A Valner Teacher in Charge of Latin and Classics and Head of House – Austen

Girls at the funicular summit



Ash Monday

As soon as the girls returned after half term we started with an event unique to Heathfield, and possibly even a global first – a Chapel service cunningly known as 'Ash Monday'. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year fell during half term, so to make sure that we all had a holy start to Lent there was a service of imposition of ashes on the first morning back. The theme of the service was 'Dust & Ash'. Although these two substances are very similar they remind us of two very separate aspects of our faith. Dust is the substance from which God made us, and one day this earthly body will return to dust and our souls, God willing, will return to Him. The Ash is created from the palm crosses from last year to remind us of our fickle nature: at times we proclaim Christ and at others we reject him. May you have a blessed Lent.

Fr T Tregunno School Chaplain



Weekends

at Heathfield

Weekends at Heathfield continue to be extremely busy with plenty going on to keep the girls active and engaged. Every weekend the girls have time to complete their Prep and attend Chapel services alongside representing the school in matches. Throughout the term many other trips and activities have taken place. Form V girls took part in Futurewise testing, which is a computer based online career guidance programme, whilst others from throughout the school took part in a Debretts course. There have been trips to Winchester Science Museum, London Aquarium, the cinema, ice skating and bowling. Form IV and Form V have taken part in socials with Harrow. The swimming pool has been put to good use with free swims and 'Water Waltzer parties', and many delicious treats have been created in the cookery hut. The girls have also enjoyed live music from *The Rothwell Band*.

Mrs S Frost Marketing Manager



Form V Dinner



Tag Archery



Snow Tubing



Phoebe (Form V) receiving her certificate

RIBI National Young Musician Competition

Congratulations to Phoebe (Form V) who secured her place in the area finals of the RIBI (Rotary International in Britain and Ireland) National Young Musician Competition. Phoebe won the Vocal heat and competed against pupils from schools in and around Ascot. Phoebe performed two different musical pieces in front of three independent adjudicators including a rendition of *Let it Go* from the *Frozen* film score. Phoebe now goes onto compete in the Thames Valley area final in Reading.

Mrs J Dance Director of Music

Photography Trip to Cornwall



AS and A Level photography pupils



On Friday 13 February, six UVI and five LVI girls set off on a five hour bus journey to Perranporth, Cornwall for a photography trip.

We arrived in Cornwall in the early evening, where we all unpacked, celebrated the 18th birthdays of Alice and Issy (both UVI Form) with cake and party poppers and headed straight out for dinner! Despite the evening's wind and rain, it did not stop the night's photography workshop!

The next day we drove to St Ives, around 25 minutes away from Perranporth to visit the Tate, St Ives where there was a huge photography exhibition based around the Bauhaus, a significant movement in the design world. This

was very useful, as we were able to collect our primary research and find inspiration for our next photo-shoots.

After lunch and a bit of time to wander around the town, we got ready to take our first photo-shoot, using a variety of cameras to achieve unique photographs.

We then visited the Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Museum, which was exhibiting some extraordinary and unusual sculptures both inside and outdoors in the sculpture garden.

With our batteries recharged, the UVI Form took their turn at photographing at night and writing with light.

The next day was our last full day, where we drove out of Perranporth to nearby Newquay. We started the day by taking another photo-shoot on the beach and in the town itself. We then had a chance to visit the aquarium, which triggered a lot of excitement amongst everyone!

After lunch, we headed back to Perranporth and took some more photographs on the beach using a variety of lenses and filters, to capture the best sunset images we possibly could.

We would like to thank Miss White, Sue Broomfield and Ken Gregory for taking us to Cornwall and making it such a memorable and enjoyable trip!

Alice UVI Form Student

Retreat, Eat, Confirm & Relax

This year the Anglican Confirmation was a three-day extravaganza. On Friday after school, the 18 candidates from Form IV visited Ascot Priory for a silent retreat, giving them the opportunity to reflect on this challenging, joyful and magnificent event in their Christian pilgrimage. That evening, the candidates attended White Supper with the Headmistress, where all of the food is white as a symbol of baptismal purity. On Saturday the Confirmation service itself took place, and The Rt. Revd. Dr Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham and governor to the school, presided. Sir Tom Oakshott, Professor of Organ at Eton and uncle of one of the candidates, kindly played for the service. Both Bishop and Knight, in prayer and in music, created a truly moving and memorable service. The candidates were then able to take the rest of the weekend as an exact giving them time to relax, reflect and enjoy some time with family. Please continue to pray for all of those who were confirmed: Olivia, Gina, Kitty, Elinor, Georgina, Emma, Molly, Frances, Sam, Agatha, Grace, Emmy, Jemima, Cecilia, Isobel, Christabel, Beatrice and Natasha.

Fr T Tregunno School Chaplain



Confirmation Candidates with the Bishop of Fulham



Poetry Declamation Winners

Poetry Declamation

Twenty girls from the First, Second and Third Forms participated in the Poetry Declamation, almost double the number in comparison with previous years. They provided their audience with a series of memorable readings reinforced by sensitive slides depicting striking images from each work. In another innovation, we also listened to a variety of texts read in languages including Russian, Spanish and German. Our international students enhanced a delightful celebration of the power and beauty of the written word. It was very pleasing to hear an ambitious selection of poets: Matthew Arnold, Robert Frost and Pushkin were notable choices. Hermione gained the Second Form prize for her vivid interpretation of John Masefield's *Cargoes*. The Third Form winner, Daisy, captured the bold tone and statements at the heart of her chosen poem, *I Choose the Mountain*, with vigour and verve. The overall award for an outstanding performance was given by our visiting judge to Florence in the First Form. She delivered *Excuses* with a wonderful mixture of panache and precise timing; a blend of ebullience and measured confidence animated every moment of the dialogue between teacher and pupil and, like all of the best poetry, Florence turned an ordinary occurrence into an extraordinary event.

Mr A Grey Subject Leader: English

The Launch of the Annual Heathfield Networking Evening

Networking is an extremely valuable forum in today's world and the purpose of the evening was to introduce the Sixth Form girls to networking as well as provide an environment for our Old Girls to network with each other. On 12 February the LVI and UVI Form set off after school to the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. In the elegant surroundings, the evening was launched by our Chair of Governors, Mr Steven Bishop.

Rosie Stancer (née Clayton, Heathfield 1971-1976), Polar Explorer and Heathfield Old Girl, was our key speaker for the evening and her speech was incredible. She was inspiring and motivating, and listening to the stories from her trips was fascinating. Perseverance, drive and passion were fundamental in her achieving her goals. We all came away inspired.

The girls mingled and Miss Meeson and Karen Hurt (née Assaf, Heathfield 1975-1980) made sure to keep the introductions flowing. Old Girls were able to impart career advice and answer questions, and girls were able to learn first-hand from successful women. It was wonderful to see our talented Old Girls helping and inspiring others and giving back to the next generation. Providing mentors and role models, and assisting with work experience or advice is vital help to the girls for their confidence as well as skills.

The girls spoke with Old Girls on careers ranging from medicine, PR, fashion and interior design.

'I thought the evening was a great success. I thought Rosie Stancer spoke brilliantly and I thought her stories and life experience were captivating'. Kitty Alexander (Heathfield 2008-2013)

'This should be a permanent fixture on the calendar!I absolutely thoroughly enjoyed it and think this is a wonderful idea' Harriet Mallinson (Heathfield 1989-1996)

Thank you to Karen Hurt with all her help in the organisation of the evening.

Miss J Meeson Old Girls Coordinator and Teacher in Charge: History of Art

Networking in action!



Heathfield School, Ascot

Donated by UVI Parents



National School Lacrosse

On 27 and 28 February the 1st, and, for the first time in Heathfield history, 2nd lacrosse teams headed off to Surrey Sports Park, Guildford for the annual National Schools' Lacrosse Tournament.

This is the highlight and culmination of the season where teams see how far they have progressed over the season, each with their own goal and target to achieve. The first day's play is all about performing against teams of all standards with Saturday's groups being decided by the previous day's final positions. For the 1st team the aim was to make it to Division 2 again and try to surpass last year's quarter final defeat.

The team secured a place in Division 2 and on the Saturday lost to Sherborne, and by one goal to Loretto but beat Coloma 5-0. This drew us against Stowe in the knock out stage: number two seeds and eventual winners of the Division. Despite a valiant effort the team equalled last year's achievement and final placings.

The 2nd team were really up against it on both days and although they did not win a match their team spirit, enthusiasm and support for each other never wavered.

For me, these two days really encompassed and epitomised sport in all its shapes and forms: the highly competitive and the delight of seeing girls who stepped up to the challenge, 'stretched those elastic bands' and achieved things that back in September they would not have thought possible.

I would like to thank all the girls for their hard work and total commitment – you did Heathfield proud.

Ms W Reynolds Director of Sport



Ski Team

Ski Racing

Emily R (UVI Form), Emily S (UVI Form) and Catharine (Form III) took part in the British School Girls' Ski Racing competition. The girls performed solidly and achieved impressive times. Despite a fall from Catharine during her last slalom race, she rapidly got up and continued the race to be placed third, having only lost a few seconds. Catharine won silver in the U14 Giant Slalom and Silver in the U14 Combined Slalom. She was also awarded the Kandahar Prize for Racing Potential which gives her one week's training at the Kandahar Race Camp in Austria. Both Emilys skied incredibly well and supported each other admirably throughout. Congratulations to all.

Ms W Reynolds Director of Sport

U19 Lacrosse World Cup

Congratulations to Ms Reynolds, Heathfield's Director of Sport, who has been selected as Technical Director for the upcoming U19 World Cup in Edinburgh, one of only 11 people from across the world selected. The Technical Director role will involve Ms Reynolds mentoring a selection of 24 umpires. To be the Technical Director, candidates must have umpired at four World Cup events and have considerable experience of mentoring umpires in their country. This is a huge achievement and we offer our warmest congratulations to Ms Reynolds.

Mrs S Frost Marketing Manager



Wendy Reynolds



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