



## A message from Mrs Heywood



As ever the Summer Term goes by quickly, with public and internal examinations the focus for the term. The girls, with the support of the staff, have shown real commitment to achieving academically and we look forward to hearing of their successes at GCSE, AS and A Level this August.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the untimely death of Madame Régine Lankshear on 12 May. Although Régine retired last summer after thirty years of devoted service to the school, she was still a much-loved part of the Heathfield community.

In addition to exams, school life has been busy across the board and you will read about some of the highlights throughout this newsletter. LVI Form girls have produced extended essays and Forms I and II have taken part in Independent Learning Projects. Five of our Roman Catholic girls were confirmed at Eton College Chapel and every girl and member of staff received an ice cream

in celebration of Ascension Day (the school's birthday). Girls have participated competitively on the sporting field representing Heathfield in athletics, rounders, tennis, polo and show jumping and we saw our annual Sports Day take place. Girls have enjoyed participating in their co-curricular activities at lunchtimes and after school. A group of girls and staff will head out to Kosovo to volunteer during the summer holidays and we look forward to hearing all about the trip.

Heathfield continues to uphold its traditions with a series of key events taking place during the term, including Parents' Day, Sports Day and the New Girls' Tea Party.

I take this opportunity to wish our outgoing UVI and their parents success and happiness in the future. I know many of them will keep in touch with us. I look forward to seeing the rest of the girls and staff back in September after a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

**Mrs Jo Heywood** Headmistress

## Farewell to Tom Cross Brown and John Bueno

Happily for him but sadly for us, we say goodbye to Tom Cross Brown who retires after serving on the School Council for the last fifteen years, ten of them as Chairman. We owe him a debt of gratitude for all he has done for the school, and for the support he has given to me personally since I became Headmistress in 2009. To thank him for his service, we will be planting a tree near the front drive in the autumn.



John Bueno has been our Bursar for the past eleven years and he too has decided it is time to take his leave and follow more restful pursuits, particularly on the golf course. His input to the running of the school has been invaluable and we are very sorry to see him go to his well-deserved retirement.



The departure of both Tom and John is an illustration of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes, often unnoticed and unrewarded, but without which the school simply could not continue. We are enormously grateful to them both.

**Mrs Jo Heywood** Headmistress

## Vote of thanks to the Head Girl team and prefects

The Lower Sixth Head Girl team have really stepped up to the mark this year, combining thoughtfulness, organisation, friendliness and a sense of humour in carrying out their duties. They have proved themselves to be an open and approachable trio who have led by example and who have set an excellent tone for the other Lower Sixth prefects.



**Head Girl Team**  
2014/2015

Across the board, all of the prefects have shown great commitment to their prefect areas, with some prefects going above and beyond their specific remits. House events have combined competitiveness and a sense of fun and all of the girls have enjoyed taking part. So, thank you to all of the prefects and I look forward to the continuation of their high standards next year.

**Mr J Hart** Director of Sixth Form

## Key Dates for Michaelmas Term 2015\*

- 31st Aug 2015** – Bank Holiday
- 1st Sept 2015** – Staff Focus Day and return of all LVI Form girls and all new Form III girls
- 2nd Sept 2015** – Staff Focus Day and return of all current girls and new Form IV girls
- 3rd Sept 2015** – All new Forms I and II girls arrive
- 5th – 6th Sept 2015** – Closed Weekend
- 18th – 20th Sept 2015** – Exeat
- 2nd – 4th Oct 2015** – Exeat
- 16th – 25th Oct 2015** – Half Term
- 13th – 15th Nov 2015** – Exeat
- 28th Nov 2015** – St Nicholas' Stalls (Optional Exeat)
- 5th – 6th Dec 2015** – Closed Weekend
- 11th Dec 2015** – End of Term

\*Please see school calendar for more details of other events

# Salter's Chemistry Fair

Dr Harden accompanied Sophia, Harriet, Constance and I (all Form II) to the Salter's Chemistry Festival at Reading University. It was a fantastic experience and all four of us thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We arrived very early and firstly completed a very challenging crossword sheet given to us. After half an hour of looking around the Chemistry building we went to the lecture theatre where we were told what we were going to be doing for the rest of the science-packed day.

After the talk we went into one of the many Chemistry labs where we would be spending two hours trying to solve a murder case by testing different samples of unknown solutions to find out who had committed the murder. There were two sets of experiments which we did in pairs: chromatography and sample testing. With half an hour left we completed our investigation with a neat forensic report.

In the afternoon we returned to the lab for another investigation. The scenario was that a meteorite had fallen onto the campus and we needed to find out the unknown metal by testing different metals and comparing them to the original meteorite metal. It was a challenging experiment because we were given so little sample or information.



Science investigations in progress

After all these experiments we went back to the lecture theatre for a fun lecture of explosions and fun demonstrations.

**Hermione** Form II Pupil

## Heathfield's Chick Project

On 20 March we walked into the science lab to see ten little eggs in an incubator and a little blue box with a big light bulb. It was already prepared with wood chippings, food and water.

Two cute little chicks had already been born and our whole year were hoping they would all hatch. We guessed right. By the next Monday all the chicks had been born and we were lucky enough to see a birth, when the chick hatched. It wasn't very cute but within a couple of hours the fur had grown and it was very cute.

Miss Wells had set Form I a rota every morning and two of us would come in and clean the chicks' little enclosure and if we didn't have a science lesson that day we would weigh them.

Form I were allowed to name one chick and we named her Chicka. At the end of the science lessons sometimes we were allowed to take the chicks outside. They had a little cardboard pen so we brought them outside and let them roam around on the grass.

Then on Friday 1 May it was the chicks' last day at Heathfield and we took them out for the last time and they had grown a lot and liked jumping around especially Chicka. We said our goodbyes and they were whisked away from us at lunchtime.

I really enjoyed the experience of looking after them and hopefully we can do it again soon.

**Alannah** Form I Pupil

Form V with the Baby Chicks



## Form II Trip to Cheddar Gorge

Form II went on an exciting trip to Cheddar Gorge, accompanied by Ms Fagan (our Science teacher) and Mrs Worrall (our Geography teacher). Our trip into Gough's Caves was very interesting and everyone was eager to learn as much as possible about the caves. We had a lovely guide who kindly answered all of our questions and helped us learn even more about stalactites and stalagmites. To be in a cave that had been discovered almost 200 years ago and learning about 'Cheddar Man' who lived 9,100 years ago was fascinating. The trip around the cave took about 40 minutes and we learnt about the history and geography of the caves in Cheddar. We even saw some cheese in the caves as it is the perfect place to mature the cheeses because of its constant temperature and humidity.

Our second activity was a climb up the 247 steps of Jacob's Ladder to the top of one side of the Gorge. It was a long and tiring trek making it a perfect place to sit down at the top and sketch the surrounding landscape ready for our geography lesson back at school. We also climbed up the extra steps to the Look Out tower where we had a great view of Cheddar from a distance.

A visit to Cox's Cave was very spooky as it was covered in skeletons and lights making us jump and scream at the sight of anything unexpected!

After all of this we visited the 'Cheddar Sweet Kitchen' where we had a demonstration from the owner who showed us how to make lemon sherbets which tasted delicious. Then we had ten minutes to buy delicious sweets and yummy fudge from the shop.

It was nearing time to go back to school so we had half an hour to look around the little shops in Cheddar and many of us decided that we had to go to the Cheese shop as no one should leave Cheddar Gorge without trying the delicious Cheddar cheese.

After a really enjoyable day we got into the mini buses and set off back to school. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and learnt so much in Cheddar as well as having a fun day out.

**Hermione** Form II Pupil

The girls enjoying the view at the top of Jacob's Ladder





# Elections Heathfield Style

With an exciting UK General Election looming it just had to be celebrated in true Heathfield style, with our own election. However, this was going to be quite different from the real thing. The 4th Form history class was split into 4 groups, with each given the manifesto of either the Conservative, Labour, UKIP or Liberal Democrat Party. They were tasked with renaming and rebranding their party so the rest of the school didn't know who they were (and therefore could only vote on the basis of the party's policies!) So the 'Wildcats', 'Bob the Builder', 'Fairy Godmother' and 'Winner Winner Chicken Dinner' parties were formed, each with a budget of £15 to pay for their campaign. After an exciting assembly on 1st May when the manifestos of each party were presented, the girls set about trying to win support ready for the Heathfield election on 7th May. Various methods were used including a huge poster campaign, attack ads and of course, bribery in the form of sweets and cakes! The victorious party was the 'Wildcats' (Conservative Party) with a vote share of 49%, so not too far off the real result.

Thank you to the excellent 4th Form history class: the 'Wildcats' (Olivia, Agatha and Andrina), 'Bob the Builders' (Frannie, Natasha and Elinor) 'Fairy Godmothers' (Kitty, Clare, Millie and Maria) and 'Winner Winner Chicken Dinner' (Amber, Samantha, Nicole and Grace) and of course to everyone who came to vote.

**Mrs N Holsgrove-Jones** Head of Creative Faculty and Subject Leader: History and Politics



'Bob the Builder' party sharing their manifesto

## Kosovo Talk

On 16 April we welcomed Elizabeth Gowing, the British founder of Kosovan charity The Ideas Partnership, to Heathfield. The visit was particularly timely as it coincided with preparations for a trip to Kosovo that five girls and three members of staff will take in the first week of the summer holidays. Elizabeth spoke to girls and staff about Kosovo, giving us an insight into what it is like to live and work in Europe's newest nation. She shared a selection of photographs of the country, revealing a dramatic landscape, picturesque villages and diverse architecture from the Ottoman to Yugoslav periods. Elizabeth then showed us another image. This image was a far cry from the rolling hills and imposing mountains and was the one that sparked a quite incredible



Elizabeth Gowing

charitable project, one with which Heathfield is excited to be involved. This image showed a small girl wearing a pair of oversized shoes. We found out that the reason her shoes are so large is because, in the neighbourhood in which she lives, one of the poorest in Europe, each family only has one pair of shoes to share between them.

Elizabeth told us the story of getting this little girl to school and how, at most, they expected to help a dozen or so of her friends from the Roma community, just outside Prishtina, Kosovo's modern, cosmopolitan capital. But just a couple of years later, Elizabeth and her team have helped hundreds of disadvantaged children access education...and keep them there. The charity has also diversified, helping not only children into school but also their parents; people who have been denied an education for a lifetime who have been so inspired by their children's progress that they too want their high school diploma.

The talk was fascinating and we thank Elizabeth for coming to see us.

**Mr T Pithers** Teacher of English

## Stem4 Talk

**stem4**  
stemming teenage mental illness  
supporting teenage mental health

Dr Nihara Krause from Stem4, a charity tackling teenage mental illness and supporting teenage mental health, came to Heathfield and led two fascinating sessions on the stresses facing young people and how these can affect physical and mental health.

The first session was aimed at students in Forms I and II and was carefully guided by Dr Krause so that the students could explore why young people might respond to the changes and pressures in their lives in these ways. The students were encouraged to think of less damaging ways to reduce stress and anxiety and to reflect critically on things that might contribute to such stresses.

In the second session a group of parents also had a presentation by Dr Krause about the way eating disorders and self-harm can impact on young people at a particularly vulnerable time in their lives. There was a very lively and honest discussion and we were all challenged to think about our own assumptions and anxieties and how these can influence young people and their attitudes.

If you wish to find out more please visit [www.stem4.org.uk](http://www.stem4.org.uk). You might also want to try the smart phone 'calmhard' app to see what support it can offer a stressed young person.

**Mrs A Diaz** PSHE Co-ordinator and Assistant Housemistress

## Chapel Roundup

In Chapel this term we saw Revision Mass being given in addition to regular Chapel services during the weekends, which allowed the older girls to have undisturbed time for revision. Sophia, Eva and Sophie (all Form IV) and Maria and Ana (both LVI Form) were confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church at Eton College on Sunday 3 May. The service was presided over by the Bishop of Northampton, Rt. Rev. Peter Doyle and the presence of the powerful College choir made for an extremely moving service.

Our celebration of Ascension Day was postponed this year as the school learnt the sad news of the sudden death of Madame Régine Lankshear, the great servant, inspiration and pillar of our community. We gathered in the Chapel as a community to mourn the loss of a great teacher, colleague and friend who brought so much joy and glamour into all of our lives. The Ascension reminds us that Christ goes to prepare a place for us in Heaven. So where He goes, we may follow. A week later, in glorious sunshine an ice cream van arrived to celebrate Ascension Day, the school's birthday, as a welcome relief for those sitting examinations and as a final treat before the start of half term.

As a school we celebrated the feast of the Patron Saint of England with a St George's Day play in Chapel. A said mass was also held at 12.34 on 4 June to mark the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ).

**Fr Tim Tregunno** Chaplain



Catholic Confirmation candidates



Postponed Ascension Day ice cream



# Randy Mayfield *Voice Recital*

After a resounding success at a lunchtime concert performed by Randy Mayfield last academic year, this time he returned with his band from St Louis, USA. Randy and his band (I was very honoured to be invited to be their pianist) were doing their music tour in the South of England and Heathfield School was their last stop before they returned to America. His band included Susan Crecelius singing, Carl Sasse on the guitar and mandolin, Rebekah and Christina Sasse on the violins, Chris Lowe on the bass and me on the piano.

Randy is a missions and outreach pastor in the Central Presbyterian Church in St Louis and has

been serving there for more than 35 years. He gave a preview of his evening concert at Chapel in the afternoon, singing several worship songs. He also spoke on Micah 6:8, encouraging our girls to 'Act Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly' in everything we do. Chapel ended with the whole school signing Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah* alongside Randy.

The evening concert started at 7.30pm when Randy and his band performed a selection of Christian worship, the Beatles and Johnny Cash music. We were also treated to a special demonstration on the mandolin by Carl. The



Randy Mayfield and his band

second half of the concert was made up of some operatic and popular numbers including *All I Ask of You*, *You Raise Me Up* and *The Prayer*.

This was such an entertaining evening and yet another successful concert brought to us by Randy. We look forward to his return again next year!

**Miss S-M Kong** Assistant Director of Music

## SUMMER SHOWCASE

The witches from the opening scene of *Macbeth*



Once again, this year's Junior School Summer Showcase featured all the girls from Forms I to III demonstrating some of what they have been working on over the past month in their Drama lessons.

Entitled Summer Shakespeare, on Sunday afternoon we ventured outside with our audience carrying deck-chairs and picnic baskets, while the girls performed on the lawn. Fortunately the weather was sunny, although a little chilly towards the end, and we were treated to a wonderful range of performances from comedy to tragedy.

Scenes were performed from *Macbeth*, *The Tempest*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; some girls used the original text while others opted to use a modern translation. There were some exceptional performances throughout all the year-groups and we are eagerly looking forward to watching some of these talented girls develop over the coming years.

**Mrs K de Ferrer** Director of Pastoral and Co-curricular Activities

Picnic on the lawn



## Creative Arts Private View

This year the numbers of girls taking Art and Design at GCSE, AS and A2 were considerable and so we reorganised the way we exhibit their work. The GCSE students exhibited upstairs in the Art block and the AS/A2 Art, Photography, Textiles and Graphic students' work was displayed in the Assembly Hall. So many teachers have remarked on how exciting this year's exhibition was both upstairs and downstairs. There was more variety in the sizes, shapes and techniques used than ever before. The skills seemed stronger too. Many parents, prep school heads and teachers came to see the work and were very impressed by the variety and individuality.

It gives so much pleasure to see how the girls' work matures. They start their courses with uncertainty and trepidation then gradually become confident in their ability to think creatively, analyse, adjust and finally realise they have the creative process at their fingertips and know how to adapt the skills they have learned. They can also articulate their intentions so well and this adds interest to the art work. I find it very encouraging that the girls engage with issues that concern the world we live in, whether this is to do with beauty, technology, environment, religion or other social issues that seem to affect us all.

Our thanks once again to Catering for the delicious refreshments!

**Mrs J Leibovici** Subject Leader: Art & Design



Admiring the creative work



Phoebe C (Form V) Art Exhibition

PRIVATE VIEW



# Heathfield Weekends



Human Table Football

The girls brave Matchett Lake



Weekends this term have been full and varied. The girls have maximised their opportunity to revise at weekends for their public and internal exams. Chapel for the older girls taking public examinations was held prior to breakfast, allowing the girls to utilise the rest of the weekends for their revision.

Throughout the weekends girls took part in rounders and netball matches. The girls enjoyed having a giant human table football game and laser tag maze on the school fields over two weekends and these games certainly created some healthy competition between the girls. Form III visited Marwell Zoo, Form IV went Snow Tubing and the lower school went Kayaking and took part in Bushcraft activities at Matchett Lake. Form III enjoyed a social at Radley and girls in Forms I – IV went for a walk along the seafront between Brighton and Hove where they picnicked on the beach, visited Brighton Pier and also The Lanes. Form I and II also welcomed our new Form I girls who will start in September 2015. They took part in ice-breaker activities and a treasure hunt and enjoyed eating toasted marshmallows by the campfire on the top field.

**Mrs S Frost** Marketing Manager

A sea of pink



## Music, LAMDA and Dance Results

Girls at Heathfield have achieved some fantastic results in both their Music and LAMDA examinations. The nineteen LAMDA candidates impressively each gained either a distinction or merit with Phoebe P (Form V) being awarded 93% and a Distinction for her LAMDA Musical Theatre Grade 7 (Silver Medal) alongside Heloise (Form V) and Sophia (Form II) who both gained 90% and Distinction for LAMDA Acting Grade 4 and LAMDA Acting Grade 2 respectively.

In Music eleven girls took their examinations with ABRSM and Trinity and collectively achieved a 100% pass rate. Special congratulations to Tansy (Form II)

who gained Distinction in her singing examination and Asuka (Form IV) who was awarded Distinction for her cello examination.

Sophie (UVI Form) gained Distinction for RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) Grade 8 examination and alongside this examination was awarded 65 points UCAS points. Whilst at Heathfield Sophie has taken four RAD Ballet examinations and performed in numerous concerts and shows.

Congratulations to all the girls on their achievements.

**Mrs N Shaw** Extra Dance and Drama Coordinator



Sophie on the day of her Grade 8 RAD examination

## Downs MADRID



The Downs Madrid Team

A highlight of the Down Madrid trip for me was the visit to the Prado museum with two of the Down's students taking us round on their first ever official tour as guides.

On Tuesday afternoon we all caught the metro to the Prado. Down Madrid had organised a special guided tour of the museum for us. Two of their adult clients have been trained as museum guides. Their training had been conducted for over a year and now we were to be their first audience.

In anticipation of our tour I could see how nervous and excited the men were becoming as they waited with us.

Inside the museum they spoke on two paintings each. We were given a ten minute lecture on each painting, including *Las Meninas* by Velasquez. This included the biography of the artist and the historical and social context of the painting. The guides spoke in Spanish and their teacher translated for us. The talks were informative and interesting. By staying with each painting for more than a couple of minutes we were able to appreciate them far more than the crowds of tourists rushing around us.

The guides and their teacher were pleased and proud, the talks they gave were done so well with the Heathfield girls and this has inspired them to consider studying History of Art. As we took our open bus tour we continued to chat about the paintings and the wonderful presentations the guides gave us.

**Mr J Doyle** Teacher of Maths and Head of House – Somerville



Form I meet members of the England netball team



## England Netball vs Trinidad and Tobago

Form I was invited by Charters and the Marist to join a year 7 netball trip to the Copper Box at the Olympic Park. The girls had an amazing opportunity to watch England vs Trinidad and Tobago in their three day test series. We were all delighted when England won 3-0. This trip was an excellent opportunity for the girls to experience top level netball and live sport.

**Miss S Kay** Teacher of Sport



Glendower girls after a busy Pop Lacrosse afternoon



## Pop Lacrosse Afternoon

We were delighted to welcome 30 girls from Glendower Prep who came to Heathfield for an afternoon for a Pop Lacrosse training with our Director of Sport, Wendy Reynolds. Wendy is passionate about lacrosse and is the only woman in the United Kingdom to

have played, coached and umpired for Great Britain. The girls went through a series of drills before playing in matches. The weather was perfect and tea was served outside on the lacrosse pitch. We would like to thank Miss Probert, Head of Sport at Glendower along

with teaching assistants and Heathfield Old Girls Georgie Procter and Clemmie Bache for taking the time to bring the girls to Heathfield for the experience.

**Mrs S Frost** Marketing Manager

## Athletics Success

Congratulations to Kitty, Franny and Bota (all Form IV) who have been selected to represent Bracknell district at the County Championships. The girls competed in the 200m, 800m and triple jump respectively.

**Ms W Reynolds**  
Director of Sport



## Windsor Horseshow 2015

Heathfield was represented in the Interschool Show Jumping Challenge at the Royal Windsor Horse Show on Saturday 16 May. Bella (LVI Form) rode Ronnie, Ellie (UVI Form) rode Zara, Matilda (Form V) was on Billy and Liberty (Form II) was on Lunar. The girls were well supported by plenty of friends from the school and family. They were very fortunate to walk the course with Sophie Fawcett, a professional England Show jumper who had herself enjoyed a very successful week at the show in the main jumping classes.

The girls were 21st to jump out of 30 school teams who each had four riders. They were in good form and jumped some strong confident rounds but on this occasion the competition was too strong and we were placed mid-way down the field in 14th place, still a creditable result for the team.

**Mrs G Glimmerveen** Equestrian Coordinator

Sophie Fawcett walking the course with the Heathfield team



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