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# High- lights



## A message from Mrs Gardiner Legge

I'm very proud to introduce another edition of Heathfield Highlights. The girls' achievements shown in these pages are truly remarkable. I never cease to be amazed at the breadth of talent amongst our girls, whether their strengths lie in ballet, music or the performing arts, whether they are budding scientists, writers in the making or gifted mathematicians, whether they score on the lacrosse pitch or on the polo field, whether they write poetry or paint, draw, sew, design or sculpt – there seems to be a never-ending range of talents.

If you came to our wonderful Euphorium Emporium, you will have seen this in action as we were treated to a spectacular array of musicians, dancers, singers, actresses, fashion designers, models... and this doesn't take any account of the girls who have won Maths prizes, Science awards, Debating competitions, Highflyer awards, Photography competitions, and cups and trophies across many sports. How lucky we are to have such a lot of talent and, let's not forget, the hard work and practice in one small school! It is a proud boast of mine that this talent and determination is encouraged, nurtured and celebrated here at Heathfield, and that is what this magazine is all about.

As we head into the final term of this academic year, I know that the staff will continue to bring out the best in every girl, encouraging her to find her strengths and talents, and giving her every opportunity to develop those abilities. Success – in whatever form that might take – is proudly celebrated by the whole school. I hope you will enjoy reading about the girls' latest achievements in these pages.

Best wishes

**Mrs Gardiner Legge**  
Headmistress

## A message from the Head Girl

We have had yet another remarkable term, with everyone getting fully stuck into Heathfield life.

There was victory on the lacrosse pitch at national schools with the current teams becoming the most successful that Heathfield has ever produced. The skiing success at the British Schoolgirls' Races in Flaine and the incredible achievement of the Heathfield Kayak squad who took on the Devizes to Westminster challenge has generated a huge sense of pride and admiration amongst us all for their endless dedication and subsequent triumphs. The fabulous talent of both staff and students was showcased in Heathfield's Spectacular Circus show, which was an evening unlike any other, as the school came together in true Heathfield style to demonstrate the creativity and flair of all who were involved.

Thanks to the Careers and Outreach department, this term saw another set of incredibly inspirational talks including "The Life of a Broadcast Journalist" by Mr Jonathan Wells and "Resilience and Positivity in the Face of Adversity" by Mrs Victoria Milligan. We have all thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many different people with such varied perspectives, and we look forward to the many more to come. The competitive Heathfield nature was uncovered in the inter-house events, including inter-house lacrosse, netball and music, and although all houses worked extremely hard, Somerville managed to beat Austen, Seacole and De Valois to the house shield.

I would finally like to say a huge thank you to my deputies for the support they have given me this term. We look forward to taking on the Summer term, good luck to everyone with exams coming up.

Best wishes,

**Agatha Meek**  
Head Girl

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## End of Term Awards

The term drew to a close in traditional Heathfield style with the End of Term Celebration Assembly, a time when we take the opportunity to once again recognise all the fantastic achievements of the girls. Amongst the awards given out were Sporting colours, Music badges, Ballet certificates, Modern Foreign Languages Vocab Express results and the UKMT certificates, to name a few, all highlighting the diverse range of talent within our school.

Prizes were also handed out to the winners of the 'Pi Day' Maths competition, when girls competed to see who could recite pi to the most decimal places. Torry managed 60 decimal places, and Asuka managed an outstanding 100 decimal places of pi in one go! Truly a remarkable achievement.

This was followed by Interhouse Science, Form IV Business students, Form III History booklets, and Platinum Merit awards which are presented when a student earns 50 merits. Congratulations to Tatiana who was announced as the winner of the Art and Chapel 'Design a Book Cover' competition with her fantastic illustration.

The staff awards were presented to Victoria, Asuka and Iona, and 23 girls were given awards for their considerable grade improvements. Well done to Tamara who achieved this grade improvement across three different subjects.

Highflyers were also announced. From the STEM Faculty, congratulations to Daisy and Darcey for their Physics rap, and Torry, Jasmine and Marina who have all achieved an A\* in their Maths GCSE having sat the exam early – well done girls. In the Languages and Society Faculty, Hum and Maya were awarded Highflyer awards for the outstanding quality of their work, as were Sophia, Kale and Mei in the Humanities Faculty.

Bearing badges and bows were handed out, and Evie and Elinor were awarded their Red Ties. Next came the Mary Grant Cup, which is awarded to someone who can be described as making the most of her talents, full of determination and resilience, and emulating cheerfulness and compassion. Well done to Rose (LVI) who was awarded the Cup for her outstanding commitment to her riding, while always having a smile on her face and a good word to say.

Finally, the long awaited results of the House Shield. Mrs Gardiner Legge began the results by saying that de Valois came in 3rd place, meaning there was a tie for 2nd. Going straight on to the winner, Somerville erupted into cheers as it was announced they were victorious, meaning Austen and Seacole had finished in joint 2nd.

## English Success

There was another extraordinary Heathfield achievement when Sasha gained the prestigious Advanced Certificate qualification (CAE) from Cambridge University. Besides scoring excellent grades in her writing, speaking and listening, Sasha scored outstanding marks in her grammar and vocabulary papers, demonstrating a proficient grasp of English (CPE). Through her two-year study programme, Sasha spent a total of over one thousand hours tirelessly researching language rules, extending vocabulary banks, analysing texts, refining written tasks, and composing speeches.

University applications always require good grades in English Language. International UVI students Lily, Mei, Anastasia and Masha all secured academic accreditation under the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Nicole and Sasha passed their (four-hour long) examinations with distinction. Passing English at such a high level requires at least eight hundred hours of dedicated learning. Vasilisa and Flavia, in Form Four, were awarded Upper-Intermediate Certificates (FCE) from Cambridge University.





# Poetry Declamation

On Thursday 26 January, students and staff gathered in St.Mary's Theatre for the annual Poetry Declamation. Students across Forms I-V took part in the competition, and some LVI students and staff performed their pieces as entertainment while the judges deliberated.

It was lovely to see all the girls reciting a piece and making it their own. Some girls even devised their own poems to perform on the day. Well done to Lucy (Form I) whose original poem 'The Modern Journey of the Three Wise Men' saw her winning first place!



## Maths Challenge

On Thursday 2 February the top Mathematicians in Form III and IV took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a national competition aimed at the best Mathematics students in the country. We achieved 2 silvers (Victoria and Torry) and 2 bronzes (Jasmine and Grace). Victoria achieved best in Form V and Best in School, while Sophia achieved best in Form IV.

We were hopeful of doing well following our success in the Senior Mathematics challenge last term. Despite being two school years below the majority of the other entrants, Torry and Marina achieved a bronze certificate and Jasmine achieved a silver and only missed out on a gold by a single mark. Congratulations to everyone who took part; very well done.

## ARTiculation

Following her success in the first round of ARTiculation back in December, LVI student Franny worked very hard this term to excel even further in the tournament. In January she travelled to Lord Wandsworth College for the regional heat of ARTiculation.

The adjudicator Professor Simon Olding commended Franny's 'poignant choice and discussion of Ophelia'. He thought that 'the symbolism was well interrogated and the significance of the artist model well discussed'. He also enjoyed the comparison between Millais' work and other depictions of Ophelia.

The next round saw Franny presenting her work at Roche Court early in March, where the adjudicator Hadrian Ellory-van Dekker thanked Franny for revisiting an 'old and dear friend' and offering a really interesting perspective, making it fresh again for the audience. Although Franny did not go through to the next round, we are very proud of her for reaching this stage of the competition; it is an exceptional feat. Well done for all your hard work, Franny.



## Springtime Inter- national Party

After the wait for results, overseas students got together to celebrate their exam success. In March, Ines, Juana and Ksenia completed their Preliminary Certificate Programmes from Cambridge University, so International Prefect Anastasia prepared flag-badges, organised games, and arranged a colourful spread of cake and Easter eggs to recognise everyone's hard work in EFL.

Tanya and Masha showed grace under fire during the recitation game, but alongside Asuka's keen memory, it was sister-team Sasha and Vas who correctly managed to remember everyone's chosen words. For the non-stop chatter contest, Maia showed her skills as Marina and Torry baffled ears with their fast-spoken Chinese.

Then Flavia entertained the crowd: masked like a bird, the object was to keep completely emotionless as Flavia flew around and stared pitifully into everyone's eyes to draw smiles or laughter. As Flavia's charm provoked good spirits, everyone was helpless with laughter. Yet it was Drama aficionada Olivia from Bermuda who won the prize for this difficult amusement. Acting with dispassionate poise, she impressed everyone causing loud and spontaneous applause.

Pass-the-parcel also proved popular. Thanks to some tricky grammar questions devised by Anastasia, the over-wrapped chocolate egg was eventually won to the jaunty rhythms of Russian guitar music.

# Sixth Form Photography Trip to Florence

Leaving school early on Friday, we were ready for the culture, architecture, museums, galleries and the historical sites that Florence has to offer. On arrival we walked to the Ponte Vecchio Bridge that now hosts a plethora of gold jewellery shops but was originally home to common butchers' shops, below the Medici walkways where the banking family preferred to exercise whilst looking down on the ordinary people of the city!

Saturday brought blue skies and the journey to San Gimignano through the Tuscan hillside was breath-taking. After lunch we all boarded the coach to go to Siena, the magnificent walled city, now a World Heritage Site, with a maze of alleyways, steep paths and medieval architecture.

We based ourselves in Il Campo, the central piazza where they still run horse races during the summer. On our return to Florence, we stopped at Pizzale Michelangelo to photograph

the incredible panoramic view of the vast city of Florence at night. Sunday was once again dry and bright as we walked into Florence. I don't think anything prepares you for that wonderful first glimpse of the ornate architecture and the immense scale of the Cathedral. However, the first order of the day was to run up (or very slowly climb) the 414 steps of the Campanile!

After exploring the Cathedral itself and the baptistery with its famous gilded bronze doors, we met at the Galleria dell'Accademia. Here stands Michelangelo's marble sculpture, David. As you walk through the corridors, the ornate ceiling catches your eye and you feel the presence of Florentine wealth and importance within the building. However, we were aiming for the paintings of Sandro Botticelli, *The Birth of Venus* and *Primavera* to help influence the girls' own photography work.

There are many opportunities to see a diverse collection of art in Florence and the girls then decided to visit the Gucci museum. The luxurious clothes were a big hit and the 'Gucci car' an extravagance! Alongside the visits, the girls were also given various tasks to complete – for example take a selfie with the 'doctored' road signs by French artist Clet Abraham and photograph Michelangelo's 'vandalism' on the stones in the Palazzo Vecchio.

This was an extremely successful trip and we hope the Headmistress enjoyed receiving her 21 postcards from Florence!



## The Royal Meteorological Society Climate Conference: Can we make a difference?

On Thursday 9 March the LVI Geog Squad made their way to Reigate School for their first ever Climate Conference. Our first speaker, Dr Timothy Lane, introduced us to aspects of climate change and the carbon cycle from his perspective. Dr Lane then explained his research on Greenland where 80% of the island is covered by ice, making the Geog Squad dream about visiting Greenland on a school trip.

We then listened to Professor Terry Callaghan who spoke about changes to the Arctic region as he had personally seen effects of climate change on the Arctic over the last 50 years. For example, there used to be six herbivore and six carnivore species but now there are only two of each. In July 2012 95% of the surface had melted whilst 20-50% of the Russian Arctic has been lost since 1972, with reindeer numbers diminishing.

This followed on to various breakout sessions, which were very helpful as we were able to share individual views on the topics. For example, Professor Callaghan believed that one of the only ways we will help to reduce climate change is by teaching about it in schools and then for the children to teach the older generations. We also discussed the use of political pressure groups and how organisations such as Greenpeace did not appear interested in helping the people affected by climate change, but were only on a mission to stop climate change. The conclusion the Geog Squad reached after the Climate Conference is that we need to concentrate on how climate change is going to affect us as humans, because the earth itself can survive climate change, though in a changed state. We learned some astonishing facts about climate change in the Arctic and Greenland and felt lucky to be able to listen to the views of people so dedicated to reversing the effects of climate change. Mrs Mason is hopeful that the conference will stimulate excellent responses in the A Level examination next year!



## England v Japan Lacrosse

Prior to the Senior World Cup this summer, Japan were on tour to see the World Cup venue and to play England, Wales and Scotland as 'warm up' matches.

Fifteen girls, accompanied by Miss Reynolds who was on duty, Miss Adlington, Mrs Bettison, Miss Wells, and Miss Livanis went to watch Japan's final game of their tour before returning home. The first half was closely contested but in the second half the England players upped their play and eventually won 16 – 5.

We hope the girls were inspired by the athleticism and stick handling skills of international players and that some will now be tempted to support England at Surrey Sports Park from 12 to 22 July in what is the largest World Cup ever.



## Lower Sixth, Psychology Trip

Lower Sixth Psychology students visited Colleton Primary School in Twyford in February. The half-day trip to the open-plan school allowed the students to practise their research methods skills whilst observing conformity and obedience as well as general behaviours in class and in the playground.

We collected valuable data and found interesting results which were put into a database to create pie and bar charts. We then went on to write up a report of the methods used to get results, the results themselves and how it could be improved to get more valid and reliable results next time.

## Form I Explore Rushall Farm

On Tuesday 21 February Form I enjoyed a day of combined Geography and Science when they visited Rushall Farm in Bradfield, Berkshire. The day consisted of a variety of tasks such as lamb-cuddling, soil testing, land-use identification, chicken and donkey feeding, pig befriending, farm processes learning, grass identification, tractor trailing, the art of flying like a bird, bull observing, more lamb-cuddling and of course last but not least – witnessing the birth of a lamb!



Each girl posed for the obligatory photo with a lamb and appreciated the insight Cliff, the site education instructor, gave into the working of this productive and fascinating farm.

# Form II History Trip Ironbridge Gorge

Ironbridge is described as the Birthplace of Industry so it was something of a surprise to the pupils of Form II when they arrived at a quiet village by the River Severn which is defined by the presence of an iconic iron bridge. It is now a World Heritage Site and it is difficult to imagine the thriving and innovative centre of industry that it once was, with the river as the hub of the transport taking goods down to the Bristol Channel and returning with boats full of raw materials.

Form II, already armed with background knowledge about the famous Quaker family, the Darbys, were able to see where the family lived, the houses they built for the workers, and the remnants of the forge where the cast iron was mass produced into a variety of products.

A fun hour was spent in the Enginuity Museum, which offered a hands-on opportunity to test water power and electric power, and look at a variety of different materials.

We stayed overnight in the Coalport Youth Hostel, a regenerated part of the Coalport China Museum, and enjoyed home cooked food and a fun quiz in the Bell Tower where apparently the designers of the china patterns used to make their engravings.

In the morning we visited the China Museum across the car park where we watched demonstrations of glass blowing, china making and china decorating.

Our final stop was Blist's Hill Victorian Museum, a Victorian town built on the old mining area. Here the girls could explore the Victorian School and the iron foundry, and take a train back in time into the mine to see the dangers encountered daily by the workers, including the young boys that worked there. There were opportunities to exchange money and buy sweets and newspapers in the Victorian shops and fish and chips for lunch.

Form II worked hard to draw, photograph and collect information for their Ironbridge booklets which they are going to complete in school.

Thanks to Su Crafer and to the drivers Guy and Steve who all helped to make the visit a very enjoyable experience for all.

## Form III Barcelona Trip

The main geographical focus of the Barcelona trip was two fold. Firstly the visit to the Torres Winery gives us the opportunity to look at an example of a Transnational Corporation (TNC) as it operates in two other countries and it is part of the primary, secondary and tertiary economic sectors.

We were able to learn about the cultivation of grapes - viticulture, and the processing of grapes - vinification – major economic activities in Spain. In addition we learnt how the butterflies were ‘confused’ using female pheromones to prevent them laying eggs and hatching hungry caterpillars on the vines. This was particularly fascinating and one of the many examples of how Torres operates in an environmentally sensitive way avoiding the use of pesticides.

The second main focus was the data collection in the centre of Barcelona which involved a questionnaire survey of visitors. This highlighted issues and difficulties of collecting data as well as asking people questions in public in a foreign country. Opportunities to see the human errors that can creep into the data collection and collating – theirs and mine! The data collected was then presented and analysed and put into the context of tourism when the girls returned to the classroom – and this is very important skills practice for their GCSE studies.

As well as these being the main focus of the trip, there is always much geography to be observed. The girls were the first to notice the shipping containers in the port of Barcelona and were able to observe other human and physical characteristics of the northern Spain landscape such as the landscape of poly tunnels used to cultivate many crops and the variations in relief which provided other challenges to agricultural production.

### Quotes from pupils:

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‘My favourite part of the trip was interviewing the random strangers in the square and finding out what they like about Spain and why’

‘I liked going to the Torres Winery and looking around the fields and learning how the climate affects the types of grapes grown’

‘I was intrigued to learn how the vines grow and that they used a smell to sexually confuse the butterflies to keep them away from the vines. And the grape juice at the end of the tour was fantastic’  
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## Careers



## Setting Up and Running a Business

It was a pleasure to welcome Caroline Baker back to Heathfield on 25 January to give a talk to the Fifth and Sixth Forms. Caroline, a Heathfield Old Girl, set up her own business, a Family Office, looking after some of the most high profile and high net worth families in the world. She looks back on her time at Heathfield very warmly, stating that 'Heathfield was the making of me' and that 'Heathfield laid the foundations of stability and happiness for me. The very nurturing and secure environment allowed me to become who I am today, to build my confidence and to develop the most incredible group of life-long friends – my closest even to this day'.

Lucy Stafford-Allen (Director of Business) and Isabelle Baldwin, also a Heathfield Old Girl (Property Manager) accompanied Caroline and our pupils really enjoyed talking to them over a delicious buffet supper in the LVI common room.

The message in Caroline's talk afterwards was clear: how important it is to be resilient and not to be afraid to take risks. Also that you can have principles and still be financially successful. The girls were suitably inspired and impressed. Caroline is keen to employ and help Heathfield girls in any way she can. She knows she will be taking on confident, dependable, hard-working and well-presented young women.

## The Life of an Equine Vet

On Wednesday 1 February, the girls were delighted to have the opportunity to hear Helen van Tuyl speak. Helen came to Heathfield to speak on her experiences of being an equine vet, although this was not her first time at Heathfield – she is actually an Old Girl.

Helen spoke of her journey towards becoming an equine vet, explaining that it is such a competitive industry that she had to take quite a roundabout path to get where she wanted. Afterwards, the girls were thrilled to be able to give Helen a tour of the school, during which she managed to find her own name on a Captains' board in the Sports Hall.



# British Colombia Calling

The Lent term began with a new burst of energy, and Form V and LVI were keen to attend a talk by Tom Whittaker, International Officer at the University of British Colombia.

Mr Whittaker explained his educational history and talked the girls through the entry process and requirements for studying in Canada. The girls listened intently and walked away with new information about a path in life they had perhaps not yet considered.

# The Life of a BBC Journalist

On Wednesday 18 January Forms III-LVI filed into the SMAT to listen to Jonathan Wells talk about his life as a Broadcast Journalist. He may have been slightly recognisable to some students, as he is in fact the brother of Miss Wells, our Head of Science Faculty.

Mr Wells spoke of his route into the journalism industry, explaining that while he went through university this is not the only way in. Journalism is also not quite as glamorous as it may seem.

In order to try and connect with the girls on a more personal level, Mr Wells went to the trouble of contacting his female colleagues to ask them for video clips detailing things they wished they had known before they got into this industry, the best piece of advice they were ever told, anecdotes of their experiences etc. It was such a lovely piece and we really appreciated the effort Mr Wells went to, to produce this especially for us.

## Spectacular Euphorium Emporium

On Friday 17 March there was hardly an empty seat in the house as parents, staff, students and the judging panel came together for our annual Drama, Music and Fashion Show. This year for the first time the show took on a new format, blending all three disciplines to provide an evening of creative excellence.

The theme was Victorian Circus, and our Heathfield Spectacular Euphorium Emporium encompassed this across all performances including the Form I rendition of Brick by Brick, a fantastic contemporary ballet routine, and various solos.

The Fashion Show judges had a hard task following all the talent on show. Joining us for the evening were Anne-Marie Verdin (Mulberry Brand Director and Head of Advertising), Susan Dray (Course Leader for BA Fashion at the London

College of Fashion), Cameron Tewson ([frontrowedit.com](http://frontrowedit.com), which is one of the top 10 fashion blogs in the world) and Mark Wadhwa (Founder of The Vinyl Factory). Well done to the winners of the Fashion Show, Sophia, Harriet and Emma, and also to Constance who got a special mention. Juana won the Fascinating Fascinators round with her gorgeous and very wearable monochrome piece, while special mentions went to Lucy and Katrina.

It was a fantastic evening with a wonderful atmosphere; thank you so much to all the staff and girls who supported the show in many different ways, and to Brookwood for providing the sensational catering. Of course we cannot finish without mentioning Nicci James, Designer in Residence, Julie Dance, Su Mei Kong and Natalie Shaw, without whom this show would not have been possible. Thank you and many congratulations to all those who took part.



# Outstanding LAMDA Results



Congratulations to our LAMDA girls who all walked away with a Distinction after recent examinations.

Eight girls took their exams, from Grade 3 to Grade 6 (Bronze Medal). Well done Frankie, Thea, Alannah, Tansy, Flavia, Phoebe and Auriel, and a special mention must go to Liberty who was awarded an unbelievable 100% in her Grade 5 examination!

We are so proud of all of your hard work, and the hard work of your teachers – it has most certainly paid off.

## Music to Our Ears!

Well done to the seven talented musicians who took their ABRSM exams before Christmas. We are delighted to announce that there was a 100% pass rate. Well done to Ksenia (Harp), Jasmine (Violin), Harriet (Piano), Helena (Theory), Tansy (Singing), Asuka (Cello), and Charlie (Violin).

# RIBI Young Musician Competition

On Tuesday 25 January Heathfield hosted the first round of the RIBI Young Musician Competition, in which 12 students battled it out on their chosen instrument or vocal performance to get through to the next round.

Heathfield was represented by Asuka (LVI) on Cello, Charlotte (LVI) on Violin and Phoebe (UVI) who did a vocal performance. Phoebe and Charlotte carried on through to the next round which took place at St. Joseph's College on Saturday 11 March. It was an afternoon full of extraordinary talent; unfortunately Phoebe and Charlotte did not go through to the next round, but we are very proud of the progress they made.



## Devizes Eisteddfod Class Winners' Concert

Following her win in the Devizes Eisteddfod in November in the Grade 5/6 Woodwind category, Katharine (Form II) had the honour of playing her flute in the Class Winners' Concert on Sunday 26 February. Katharine has excelled in her music endeavours, and has also been awarded a Music Scholarship for the next academic year. Well done Katharine!



## Lunchtime Concert

On Wednesday 22 February the Music Department held a Lunchtime Concert in the Chapel. It was a wonderful afternoon featuring various soloists, the Form III Junior Band, Wind & String Ensemble and Form I and II grouping together to sing All of Me by John Legend. Thank you very much to all the girls who performed, as well as Mrs Dance and Miss Kong for organising the event.





Concept selfie

# Founder's Day

Friday 3 February is sure to go down as the best Founder's Day yet here at Heathfield School! After a wonderful Assembly led by Ms Lavender talking about our new online archive site, lessons resumed as usual until lunchtime. Brookwood provided a fantastic "Around the World" food stall lunch including American, Chinese, Spanish and French cuisine.

In the afternoon there was an incredible talk from Ben Heason, a professional free climber. Ben was a lead climber on an international team who made the first free-climbed ascent of Angel Falls in Venezuela, the highest waterfall in the world. Ben had the girls in stitches at some of his stories, and wriggling in their chairs at others as he detailed the 20-day ascent, sleeping on a narrow sheet during his climb of Angel Falls, 3,230 feet high.

This was followed by a hilarious video created by the staff in their departments, including a Haribo advert from the SLT Team, Blondie's Heart of Glass from our Cookery Department and The Lazy Song from the Science Faculty.

Finally as the evening drew to a close the girls were called to the SMAT for the surprise entertainment. Boy band "Concept" took to the stage and wowed the girls with their renditions of chart toppers and their own very catchy original songs. They absolutely brought the house down, and judging by how many girls were wearing their merchandise over the weekend I think it's safe to say they left with a whole school full of new fans!



Incredible cake by Brookwood for teatime



## First Aid Training

On Sunday 5 March a group of students took part in a First Aid Course. They were taught a whole range of important and life-saving skills, from cleaning and bandaging wounds to CPR and mouth-to-mouth. The CPR training materials were all provided free of charge from the British Heart Foundation for which we are most grateful.



## Self-Defence Workshops

On Saturday 4 March, Mrs de Ferrer organised two self-defence workshops for the students. It was incredibly practical and the girls learnt many techniques to aid their safety. It was so beneficial and so thoroughly enjoyed that the staff are hoping to organise a workshop for themselves also.

# White Supper and Confirmation

Eleven very happy Form IV girls were confirmed on Saturday 14 January. The girls looked wonderful in their white gowns, and it was a truly lovely day for all those involved.

The evening before, the girls were delighted to be served a very special White Supper. Everyone dressed beautifully and the evening was full of laughter, mocktails, and delicious food, as everyone prepared themselves for the service.

The following day the Chapel was buzzing with excitement as the girls participated in the Confirmation service. Congratulations to all of those who took part.



The Rt Revd Dr J Baker, Bishop of Fulham



## Microsoft HoloLens talk

On Monday 31 January, Mrs Millns accompanied a group of students who are keen on ICT to Eton, where we were lucky enough to attend a talk on the new technological advances from some high-ranking Microsoft employees. The main focus of the presentation was Artificial Intelligence, and we were also fortunate enough to be shown some new products which are due to be released soon.

The Microsoft HoloLens, a holographic computer built into a headset, was also on show although this is not designed for

home use, much to our disappointment! Microsoft sell these £2,160 headsets to companies. They show a 3D image of, for example, a new car the company might be designing and allow you manipulate the car's design. One of the girls was lucky enough to try on the headset.

At the end of the talk, the Microsoft team made astounding predictions, including the Xbox video game marketer who said: 'in 10 years, I predict that we won't know whether we are in a video game or not'. We all very much enjoyed the talk; thank you to Mrs Millns for organising this.



# Victoria Milligan

## Facing Adversity with Positivity and Resilience

On Wednesday 22 February, Victoria Milligan spoke on resilience and positivity when facing hardship. She discussed her own personal, traumatic experiences, and how she carried on after these life-changing events.

Victoria talked the girls through some steps which helped her deal with her loss, and while her personal experiences may be more unique, she adapted her points to make these applicable to the day-to-day struggles young girls could face. These included setting small, achievable goals, learning to reach out for help, understanding that the perfect images you see on social media aren't accurate depictions of real life, and learning to appreciate what you have.

We are so grateful to Victoria for taking the time to come and speak to us. The talks were extremely moving, and Victoria herself is an inspiring lady.



On Thursday 2 March schools united across the nation to celebrate World Book Day 2017. Students and teachers alike were encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters from literature, and each participant donated £1 which will be donated to Book Aid International, whose proceeds go towards sending books to libraries in Africa.

## World Book Day 2017



## Write for Rights, Athena Society

On Friday 20 January, the Athena Society set up a stall throughout lunch to encourage girls to take part in Write for Rights, writing letters for Amnesty International. Causes that are supported by Write for Rights include protecting people with albinism from murder in Malawi and urging the President of Indonesia to free a primary school teacher who is serving a 15-year jail sentence for waving a flag banned by the government.

The Athena girls showed great initiative in setting up this event and it was wonderful to see so many girls putting their pen to paper to fight for human rights.

## Devizes to Westminster Kayak Race

Early on Friday 14 April, 5 of our Sixth Form girls, Millie, Katy, Thea, Gabi and Franny, with Izzi from Seaford College joining them, set off for the first leg of a 4 day international kayaking race which would see them travel from Devizes to Westminster. This covered an astonishing 125 miles and 77 portages, where the girls had to get out the water and carry their kayaks until they were able to enter the water again.

Each evening after a full day of kayaking, the girls set up their own tents, waking up at 4.30am to dismantle the tent and prepare for the next gruelling leg. On Friday the girls paddled 35 miles to Newbury, on Saturday a further 37 miles to Longridge. By Sunday evening they were 107 miles in, finishing at Thames Young Mariners near Teddington. As Monday came around they had a fast 18 miles to go, paddling with the tide. Despite blistered hands and various aches and pains, the girls all dug deep and finished this extraordinarily challenging race.

The girls all showed remarkable grit and resilience, pushing hard to finish what they had set out to do. We are all so proud of them for this amazing achievement.



## Sport

# Lacrosse

A Heathfield first was achieved by the U15 team on Saturday 4 February, as they qualified for the Championship Division at the South West Schools' Tournament. Not only is this an outstanding achievement, it is made more remarkable by the fact that, whilst other teams were able to sub 4 players after each goal, the Heathfield team had no subs. The U14 team also competed and fought hard winning 3 games, drawing 1 and amazingly scored in every game bar one. A special mention to Scarlett and Sienna who did not look out of place playing for the year above. The 1st team took on TASIS on 25 February. It was a closely fought game which eventually finished in a 5-5 draw.

The term was been dominated by National Schools' Lacrosse for the 1st, 2nd and U15 teams. Following their successes at the South West Schools' Tournaments the teams were in fine form, both mentally and physically.

The 2nd team, ably led by Holly and Millie (UVI), faced extremely tough opposition on their day's play: Caterham,

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Godolphin, Guildford High, Queen Anne's, St. George's, Harpenden, St. Mary's Calne, and Wycombe Abbey. I must make special mention of Millie in goal, Holly (UVI) and Catharine (Form V) in defence and Minna (Form V) in attack for their exceptional play.

The 1st team tournament is played over two days, the first of which saw them take on Abbot's Hill, Fettes, Harrogate Ladies' College, St. Catherine's Bramley and St. Paul's. Their finishing position in this group would determine which division they would find themselves for Saturday's play. Defeats against St. Catherine's, St. Paul's and Fettes meant the team had to beat Abbot's Hill and at least draw with Harrogate in order to reach the Division 2 play-off, which is a division higher than they qualified in last year. The team beat Abbot's Hill 2-0 and after a highly competitive and closely fought match against Harrogate, the teams drew 2-2. The whole team played well but without Alex in goal, the team would not have held on to the draw.



Division 2, here we come! Drawn against Haileybury, Queen's Chester and Westonbirt the aim was to make it through to the quarter-finals and then from there anything is possible! Despite going a goal down against Queen's the team fought back to win 3-2 with some great saves from Tromans and goals from Honor and Ella. After an hour, the team took to the pitch to play Haileybury and were a little slow to get going. A 1-3 defeat meant that victory against Westonbirt was imperative. 2-0 victory!

St. Bart's were the opposition for the first knock-out round, and having lost heavily to them in a school match the week before nerves were high. This is where true team spirit and the desire to win really have to kick in – and they did, resulting in a 2-1 victory. We achieved our aim – a place in the quarter-finals against Marlborough. Despite huge efforts Marlborough proved too good on the day and the team lost 0-3.

The U15 team's performance epitomises how far they have come this year, confirmed by comments from staff at other schools saying how good our team was. With a tough selection including Putney, Moreton Hall, Benenden, Queen Anne's, Marlborough and Malvern St. James's, only two teams were sure to qualify for the knockout stage plus the best third placed teams from 4 of the 6 sections.

The day started with a 1-2 loss against Putney High, which certainly gave them a scare as it was a game we could have won. Next came Moreton Hall but an hour's rest did not help us as the team took a while to get going and we lost 1-3. Next came QAS who were too strong, leading to a 2-5 loss. The team picked themselves up, however, and defeated Malvern St. James's 5-0. A tight closely contested game against Benenden saw us winning 2-1 until we had a player sent off: a 2-2 draw was the great result. The final game was against Marlborough, and our 6-0 win was a fabulous way to finish the day. There is so much of which we can be proud.

This is an outstanding achievement by all three teams and a group of girls who have helped turn Heathfield lacrosse round and set the bar of expectation higher than ever before. Thank you ladies, it's official: you are the best three lacrosse teams Heathfield has produced to date!

## House Lacrosse

House Lacrosse this term was a fiercely fought, highly competitive affair: everybody from Forms I to III represented their House. Austen and de Valois led the way and at the end of the competition they could not be separated on points, each with 2 wins and a draw against each other. This meant the final result was decided on numbers of goals scored minus number of goals conceded. Goals conceded, 5 by each House, but Austen scored one more goal and so were crowned Junior Champions.

The Senior competition was equally tense: this was the highest standard of House lacrosse yet. Once again de Valois were in the running but this time Seacole were the sparring partners. It all came down to the final game against each other. Play went from end to end with Alex in goal for Seacole thwarting the de Valois attacks. With 2 minutes remaining on the clock and Miss Reynolds trying to decide whether to end with a tie, play extra time or go into 'Golden Goal', Seacole scored to take the Senior Cup.

Huge congratulations to all girls who took part in what was a fabulous advert for Heathfield lacrosse!

## Invitational LAX Event

On Saturday 28 January, Heathfield School hosted teams from Claremont School, Godstowe, Guildford High and The Royal for an afternoon of Lacrosse.

It was a lovely, sunny, but very chilly day which was well attended by lots of parents, staff and dogs! Heathfield was represented by our U12, U13, U14 and U15 teams, all of whom played excellently. A special mention must go to the U12s who fought hard despite being one player down the whole tournament.

There was an excellent all round team performance from the U15 team admirably led by Immie and Floria. They stormed off at great pace in their first match against The Royal winning 13 - 0 with goals being scored by Aisha, Floria, Immie and Clemmie. The match against GHS B team was a much tighter affair: the U15s were up at half time but a spirited 'fight back' by Guildford had them digging deep and fighting to keep hold of their lead. They eventually won 9 - 7. Overall our U15 team were crowned Invitational Champions 2017!



# Swimming



The Lent term was full of plenty of Swimming Galas to keep our swimmers busy! On 16 January, we took on Holyport College, winning overall with 124 points to 115. Well done to Impi for placing first in the Intermediate Medley, Hum who placed first in Backstroke and Front crawl, Minty who placed first in Breaststroke and Caoimhe who won Front crawl.

On 23 January, we hosted the Ascot School's Gala where our U12 and U13B teams placed fourth, our U13A team placed third equal, U14 placed second and U15 team placed an amazing first! Well done to Floria, Aisha, Impi, Henry and Carolina who walked away with gold medals.

Later in February we hosted Holyport College again and while the Junior Team narrowly lost with 67 to 74 point, the Intermediate Team won 78-62 Heathfield were the overall winners with 145 to 136. Well done to the following girls who placed first – Impi in the IM, Hum in Backstroke and Front crawl, Minty in Breaststroke, Caoimhe in Front crawl, the Junior Medley Relay Team and the Intermediate Medley and Front crawl relay teams.

For the final fixture of the term the Junior school hosted Hawley Place and The Marist. Huge congratulations to the U13 team who placed second with 54 points, only 6 points behind The Marist and beating Hawley Place by 21 points. Within the Team, Ksenia was outstanding winning both the IM & Fly.

Calia placed 2nd in the Backstroke and India 2nd in Breaststroke, Well done to Tamara, Calia, Caoimhe, Henry, Lila, Amelia and Ines for all achieving personal bests. The highlight of the evening was the U13 4 X 25m Front crawl Relay (Caoimhe, India, Auriel, and Ksenia) winning by over a length and a half. A fabulous win!

## Record-Breaking Success in the Pool

We have some very exciting news from the swimming pool. Hum (Form IV) has broken her second school record of this academic year. On Monday 16 January, she broke the U15 Backstroke record of 18.47 which has stood for eight years – Hum swam it in 17.84.

Earlier this year Hum also set a new school record in the U15 25 Front crawl beating the previous record set in 2009 by Octavia Woolger (who is now on the Girls for Gold programme to Tokyo 2020). Well done Hum, fantastic work!

## PADI Open Water Course

Across the weekend of 4 and 5 March, four girls and one member of staff completed their PADI Open Water referral course. The theory side of the course had already been completed online which meant that more time could be spent practising skills in the pool. Everyone was pleased to pass and all are now looking forward to completing their four open water dives. Well done to all and thank you to Caroline and idiveteam.

# Netball

Our U14 netball squad played in the Ascot Schools' Tournament on 17 January. The girls played well as a team and finished with two wins, one draw and two losses, placing them a very creditable 6th overall out of 12 teams. Later that week, the U14s also took on Luckley House. After a fast-paced and intense match they walked away victorious with a 17-11 win.

The 1st team played in the Ascot Schools' Tournament on 25 January. They drew two matches, lost two and won one which placed them 3rd overall.

February was a very busy month for all of our netball teams. The 1st team played an incredible game against Luckley House School and won 21-12. On the same evening the U12 team fought hard and held their own to draw 4-4 against Hall Grove. Then it was the U12s turn to take on Luckley House which ended in an 8-8 draw.

The U15 A and B teams played in the Ascot Schools' Tournament again this February. The U15A team won 3 out of 4 matches, placing them in 2nd place overall. Everyone put in 100% effort and it was a great afternoon. The U15B team fought hard and were placed 3rd overall.

After taking on The Marist on 9 February, our U13B team played a great game which saw them winning 7-4, while the U13A and U12 teams narrowly lost 6-8 and 5-8 respectively. Well done to all the teams.

# Equestrian

Our equestrian sportswomen worked hard last term at various fixtures. 3 Heathfield players attended the SUPA National Arena Polo Championships on Sunday 26 February at West Wycombe Polo Arena.

There were 12 teams of players ranging from 8 to 13 years old who took part in the 3 division tournament. Elicia (Form I) played in team Murphy alongside her brother and twin sister, winning third place in the Open League. Thea (Form I) and Sibylla (Form II) played their first ever polo tournament, and finished in third place in the Beginners' League. A great day of grassroots polo - well played Heathfield riders!

On Sunday 5 March, Victoria, Angelina and Kitty took part in the SUPA Senior Schools Arena Championships, where they were placed an outstanding second. They all played hard and were extremely tired after their long day. Well done, girls!

On Thursday 9 March, Kiki, Victoria and Angelina set off for Emsworth Polo Arena where they had a fantastic afternoon of playing polo in the sunshine against Harrow. Everyone played so well but our girls prevailed with a 14-10 win. Excellent work!

There was fantastic support for the SUPA National Schools' Ladies Arena Championships, held this year at West Wycombe Polo Arena on Sunday 19 March. The weather was perfect and our three teams played excellently.

There was an extremely professional level of play throughout, especially in the open division where four strong teams were competing for the 2017 Ladies' Open Title; Heathfield Rubies finished an outstanding 2nd. In the Intermediate category Heathfield Sapphires finished in 3rd position, and our Beginner Heathfield mixed team finished in 4th. Well done girls for your excellent play, it was a great day for all involved.

## Equestrian Success

After signing a recent sponsorship deal with a major French equestrian clothing company called Horse Pilot, LVI student Rose has now become the most sponsored U25 dressage rider in the country. This amazing feat is of course due to her hard work in training and competing, which can be seen by her many other successes in this sport.

Rose and her horse DJ are on the GB Prime squad (the top squad), starting the season with a 10% win on DJ gaining a score of 75%, and she is an astounding 5th in the country for Juniors/Young Riders. She is also on the EXCEL Talent Pathway, which is a Government funded programme for potential Olympic combinations.

Rose has also now completed the AASE (Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence), gaining 100%, and was recently offered a job as a rider on a top German dressage yard over her gap year.

Well done Rose for all your achievements; your hard work is most certainly paying off!



## Cross Country Success

A special mention must go to Scarlett from Form V who ran in the Berkshire Schools' Cross Country Championship on Saturday 21 January and finished in the top 45 runners out of 150, the vast majority of whom were older than her. Well done, Scarlett!



## Ballet at Heathfield

Our ballerinas have been working hard over at the Natalie Vinson School of Dance and Drama, and several students have been taking some very tough Royal Academy of Dance examinations this term.

Anoushka and Asuka completed their Grade 7 RAD examination and both walked away with a Merit which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to Isabel as well who took her Grade 4 RAD examination and was awarded a Distinction.

We currently have 12 girls studying pointe work at Heathfield, which involves incredibly intense training. Recently four students were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to take part in a Rambert Dance Workshop and another workshop with members of the James Cousins Dance Company. Form III student Maddison is also currently studying for her GCSE in Dance, and as part of this she went to see Sir Matthew Bourne's sold-out production of The Red Shoes earlier this month.



## British Schoolgirls' Races 2017 Flaine

The girls returned from the British Schoolgirls' Ski Racing at Flaine clutching a handful of medals. Thea won two bronze and one silver medal in the U21 age group and Catharine gained two bronze medals in the U16 group. All of the girls benefitted from two days of training with Pierre of the ESF and learned a great deal. Conditions on the two race days varied from freezing temperatures and snow to mild and rainy, but the girls persevered and recorded some good times. Team spirit was high throughout and parental support was enjoyed by all. Roll on next year!



On Thursday 2 February, the Sixth Form travelled to The Lansdowne Club in London for the Fellowship Networking Event. Drinks and canapés were served as the girls mingled with Fellowship members and staff.

We were very excited to welcome Rollo Goldstaub. Strategic Manager of YouTube at Google, who presented to the girls about his life working for Google. For once mobile phones were allowed, as the girls were encouraged to tweet Rollo with any questions they had. It was a great evening which allowed our Sixth Formers to network with some very interesting industry leaders and Old Girls.

## Fellowship Networking Event

## Prep Schools Swim Gala

The day dawned warm and sunny on 15 March when we welcomed over 200 girls from 12 prep schools for our annual Swim Gala. Coaches arrived at midday from Bute House, Fulham Prep, Garden House, Glendower, Hawley Place, Highfield Prep, Kensington Prep, Maltman's Green, Norland Place, Pembridge Hall, Redcliffe School and St Mary's School.

The races got underway with heats and relays in front crawl, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.

After two hours of intense competition, all the girls were ready for the fantastic picnic tea presented in individual pink boxes. After tea, presentations were made for all the different heats but the overall winner was undoubtedly Bute House, whose girls performed exceptionally well.



# Open Morning

On Saturday 4 March, Heathfield opened its doors to families interested in finding out more about the school and all that we offer. The feedback from these families has been extremely positive resulting in ten new registrations for 2017 and 2018.

As usual, the girls were fantastic ambassadors and tour guides with visitors enjoying Brookwood's wonderful hospitality in the theatre. Mrs Gardiner Legge and Mr Mitchell, Director of Studies addressed the packed room, followed by excellent talks from Jasmine (Form V), Franny (LVI), Lara and Francesca (Form I) all of which were very confidently and professionally delivered. A big well done and thank you to these girls and all our fabulous tour guides.

# Visits

The Lent term is always a busy time in the admissions office, and our Registrar, Mrs Hutchings, has been flying the Heathfield flag at a wide range of Senior School fairs hosted at Prep Schools including Windlesham House, The Study, Hanford School, Wandsworth Prep, Eagle House as well as at the Joint Services Command and Staff College Boarding Schools Fair.

We are delighted that Prep Heads continue to visit Heathfield to tour our extensive facilities and they are always impressed by our happy, confident girls. This term we have welcomed the Heads from Maltman's Green, Cheam School, Thomas's Clapham, Queen's Gate and Cobham Hall. Mrs Gardiner Legge has also been out to visit Finton House, Hyde Park School, Redcliffe School, Lambrook and St Piran's where Mrs Gardiner Legge was honoured to have the opportunity to preach.

There are already lots of visits and fairs booked in for the Summer Term and we are looking forward to continuing to create and build these important relationships.





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