



A message from Mrs Heywood

The Lent Term seems to have come and gone in the blink of an eye, but I believe time has flown by so quickly because as a school we have achieved so much. The girls have been busy in their academic lives inside and outside of the classroom whether it be taking part in a cross-curricular trip to Barcelona, a Classic Civilisation lecture, a Biology field trip, a Maths Challenge or practical examinations in Leiths, Drama or Photography and we have welcomed guest speakers to inspire the girls in a range of subject areas. In terms of their boarding lives, evenings and weekends continue to be busy with girls taking part in after school activities, hectic weekends and competing for the House Shield in House competitions which this term have included House Mathematics, Music, Netball and Swimming.

As you will read in this newsletter, this term we have celebrated our Founder's Day, we have seen an outstanding performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*, girls in Form IV have been Confirmed and the Dining Room has had a complete makeover with the Catering team receiving extremely positive feedback from the girls and staff alike. During our annual Fashion Show we have announced our partnership with University of the Arts London (UAL), London College of Fashion which is something we are extremely proud of, and we look forward to developing these links in the future.

I wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer Term.

Mrs Jo Heywood Headmistress



Head Girl's Overview

Anna, Head Girl

This term has been filled with many different achievements and events, one of the most memorable of which was the school play, *Fiddler on the Roof*. All the cast and crew worked very hard in the run up to the performances which got a very good reception making the whole process very rewarding for all involved. Also this term was the Poetry Declamation which was very entertaining as everyone involved gave very good performances and congratulations to DeValois who won overall. Also congratulations to Somerville who won House Mathematics! In addition to all of this was the Photography trip to Florence which was very popular and everyone returned from it after half term raving about it as did Third Form about their trip to Barcelona. Overall, this term has been full of exciting trips and House events.



Founder's Day



Founder's Day is certainly one of the highlights of the academic year and this year proved no exception. After a light lunch the whole school congregated in the St Mary's Theatre to listen to our guest speaker, Vanessa Valley. Vanessa, author of *Heels of Steel*, is regarded as one of the most well networked women in and out of the City and is passionate about sharing her know-how and experiences with others. In 2008 she launched the networking site wearethecity.com. Vanessa encouraged the girls to think about the power of their networks; she explained to them the importance of their personal 'brand' and explained that you need to be bold and ask. After Vanessa's talk the girls had a question and answer session with her, and when this came to an end the girls were still so keen to continue questioning Vanessa that a large proportion of the school ended up congregating back in Mrs Heywood's study to ensure their questions were answered!

Founder's Day continued with a high tea being served in the Dining Room where the girls sat with their Houses, and this was followed by a Chapel service. Later that evening the girls enjoyed a feast supper before heading over to the theatre for the evening entertainment. The staff had managed to keep the entertainment a big secret and the girls didn't know what to expect but the laughter, applause and singing certainly indicated they approved. The staff scripted, rehearsed and performed the pantomime *Cinderella*, Heathfield style. Everyone loved the unique and personal production which concluded Founder's Day 2014 perfectly.

Miss Lloyd Marketing Manager

Key Dates for Summer Term 2014*

- 22nd April 2014 - Girls Return** – 5.30pm – Forms I – III return
6.30pm – Forms IV – UVI return
- 26th – 27th April 2014** – Closed Weekend
- 2nd – 5th May 2014** – Exeat Weekend
- 23rd May – 1st June 2014** – Half Term
- 13th – 15th June 2014** – Exeat Weekend
- 22nd June 2014** – Family Tennis Tournament and A Summer's Day Fete
- 28th June 2014** – Sports Day
- 28th June – 29th June 2014** – Optional Exeat
- 5th July 2014** – Parents' Day and End of Term

*Please see school calendar for more details of other events

Confirmation

Confirmation candidates with Governor, Dr Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham

On Sunday 19th January as Heathfield was bathed in glorious winter sunshine, fifteen girls and one member of staff were Confirmed into the Anglican Communion at the school's Chapel of the Ascension. Having been prepared for Confirmation by Fr Tim, the candidates processed in with the girls dressed in the traditional white dress of Heathfield and were presented to the Right Reverend Dr Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham and Governor of the school. Before a large congregation made up of the girls' friends and families, the candidates made their promises to follow Christ and renounce evil. The Bishop, Fr Tim and the congregation prayed for them. Following a hymn, beautifully accompanied by Miss Kong and the Heathfield choir, Bishop Jonathan then laid his hand on the head of each candidate, confirmed them by name and anointed them. After all sixteen candidates had been confirmed, the Chapel erupted into a joyful



round of applause. The congregation then received Holy Communion or a blessing from Bishop Jonathan and Fr Tim before the newly confirmed left Chapel each holding a candle to symbolise the light of Christ. The Chapel then emptied and friends, families, girls and staff all mingled to celebrate the event in the Assembly Hall with some canapés and lots of smiles.

Mr Pithers Teacher of English

Heathfield Art Exhibition



The Embassy Tea Gallery is set in the trendy lanes of Southwark, less than five minutes' stroll from the Tate Modern. It is surrounded by busy galleries with contemporary art, cafés and restaurants. Inside is a lovely large traditional wine cellar with high arched ceiling. The atmosphere felt upbeat and reminiscent of Jazz venues but with white washed walls. It was very spacious and well lit.

On Saturday 8th February Heathfield exhibited work by 50 girls, some of whom had left in the Summer after their A Levels. Included in the exhibition were four iconic Heathfield pieces which were all completed within the last ten years. There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day and the artwork gained much admiration and even a few sales. One piece sold for £600! Not bad for an A Level student. This was the 'Animal Heads' piece made by Carmen Ceniga Prado (Heathfield 2011-2013), who has recently been accepted into the prestigious School of the Arts Institute of Chicago. All visitors recognised the outstanding quality and the variety of styles of work. Students clearly made their own journeys in their art and worked with high levels of skills but independent in their thinking.

A number of art industry experts enjoyed the exhibition and all commented on the quality of the girls' artwork, suggesting it looked to be degree standard or professional. There were some real accolades for our students! The exhibition looked absolutely fabulous and guests not only enjoyed art, but they also enjoyed tasty and beautifully crafted canapés prepared by our art scholar's father, Antony Worrall Thompson, as well as delicious cakes prepared by a friend of Mr and Mrs Worrall Thompson.

Mrs Leibovici Subject Leader – Art



Admiring the artwork

World Book Day

Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee!



On Thursday 6th March, Heathfield celebrated World Book Day 2014 with a variety of events throughout the school. Forms I and II dressed up for the occasion, donning outfits to represent their favourite characters from literary fiction. An array of literary characters sprung from their pages and into school corridors with Lewis Carroll's Alice, Roald Dahl's Oompa Loompas and Katniss Everdeen of *Hunger Games* fame all gracing Heathfield's classrooms. The staff also joined in the fun of fancy dress with Miss Wells' wonderful effort on a Jekyll and Hyde costume joining characters from novels as diverse as *Matilda*, *The Great Gatsby* and *Birdsong* along with universally popular children's classic *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. A special mention must go to Mercedes, Sophia and Tansy in Form I who were awarded prizes for their efforts as Harry Potter, Tweedle Dum and Cruella DeVil.

Throughout the day, both staff and students put their knowledge to the test in a Treasure Trail of quotes placed around the school which required them to name the novel, and many lessons took on a literary edge. The day was rounded off by a tea in the Library, organised by Mrs Bramley, at which Forms I and II along with some staff enjoyed tea, cakes and a beautiful reading of Yuri Nagibin's magical short story, *The Winter Oak*.

All in all, the day was extremely enjoyable and a great success and we hope that it has inspired the whole Heathfield community to get reading.

Mr Pithers Teacher of English

Heathfield staff enter into the spirit of World Book Day





Poetry Declamation Winners

Poetry Declamation

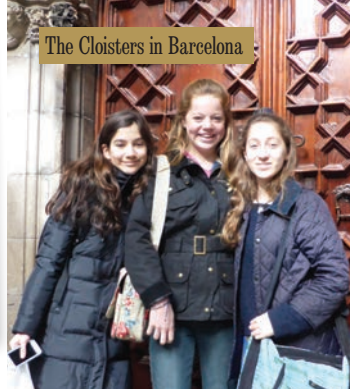
On Thursday 30th January, twelve pupils from Forms I to III participated in Heathfield's annual Poetry Declamation. Each girl was taking part on behalf of her House and they had practised extremely hard in the run-up to the event. This dedication paid off as the audience was treated to twelve brave, bold and touching performances. Each of the participants brought something individual to their performance, so that each of the three interpretations of Lewis Carroll's mysterious classic *The Jabberwocky* felt fresh and vibrant. Heathfield welcomed Mrs Dee Wall as the judge for the competition and she expressed to the audience her pleasure at hearing such a variety of poems performed so engagingly as well as complimenting the girls on their choices.

Whilst the judging was taking place, the audience heard some of the staff offerings. The staff choices were as varied as those of the girls with Miss McSweeney's enthusiastically delivered and engaging maths poem, Mr Johnson's interpretation of Sylvia Plath and a deep, emotional reading of *The Green Fields of France* by Mrs Heywood with musical accompaniment.

All girls did their Houses proud but a special mention must go to Form I winner Clemmie of De Valois who moved the audience with a profound recital of Rossetti's *Remember*, Amber of Somerville for Form II whose vibrant performance of Pam Ayre's *I Wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth* had the audience laughing and Frances of Somerville who was the Form III winner with a bold performance of *The Jabberwocky*. The Declamation was deservedly won overall by Amber of De Valois in Form III who wowed the auditorium with a stunning and vivid recital of *Thunderbirds*.

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and the audience left with their appreciation very much enriched by such fantastic performances.

Mr Pithers Teacher of English



The Cloisters in Barcelona



Form III in Barcelona



Sketching at Park Güell

BARCELONA

At lunchtime on Thursday 27th February Form III set out excitedly to travel to Barcelona for four days of hard work, fun and learning. The girls were challenged to look carefully, to show curiosity and ask questions, to develop skills and to behave responsibly when given greater independence. During the trip the girls took part in a number of educational, cultural and social activities which included visiting the Barcelona History Museum, Sagrada Familia Temple, Casa Milà – La Pedrera, Barcelona Cathedral, Park Güell and Torres Winery. The girls also had time to go bowling, visit a theme park and do a spot of shopping. **Form III shared their views about their Barcelona Trip:-**

"I really enjoyed having our own independence and being able to have our own time to do our own thing. All the different activities were very fun and interesting." Ella, Form III Student

"I loved staying at the hotel and meeting new people and talking Spanish." Bota, Form III Student

"I found the architecture at the Sagrada Familia amazing, as Gaudi managed to combine the story of the birth and death of Jesus Christ with nature." Olivia, Form III Student

"I really enjoyed the Gaudi building La Pedrera. Also the theme park (Tibidabo) was so much fun! But the best part was being all together." Millie, Form III Student

Mrs Diaz
Assistant Housemistress
and PSHE Co-ordinator

Photography Trip to Florence



LVI and UVI Form students in Florence

On Friday 14 February, LVI and UVI Form students embarked on an exciting photographic trip to Florence starting with a Wagamamas breakfast! We arrived at Hotel Argentina in the afternoon and immediately set off to explore the city, beginning with walking along the river Arno to The Ponte Vecchio Bridge. After a short history lesson about the bridge and the famous Medici family, we all had our own romantic Valentine's Day supper in groups. There was an early start on Saturday with a coach ride to a beautiful medieval town set into the Tuscan hillside, San Gimignano. Here we took

pictures for our exam projects and saw a different side to Italian life, a complete contrast to the busier city of Florence. After having a delicious lunch in the sunshine we then left for Siena. Our experience of Siena began with a walk up a really steep hill which left everyone out of breath. However, an ice cream soon fixed that! Siena is a beautiful city and we all managed to successfully capture further photo shoots as well as enjoy some time to ourselves exploring the shops and culture!

On our way home we made our way to Florence stopping at the Piazzale Michelangelo to take nightscapes of the Duomo and surrounding Florence. On Sunday we gathered all our project research when we visited the Gallerie dell' Accademia to see the statue of David and later on in the afternoon met up at the Uffizi to see Botticelli's *Birth of Venus* and *Primavera*. However, in between gallery visits, with much effort, we climbed the 414 steps of the bell tower (Campanile) of the Cathedral to photograph the amazing views of Florence.

What spectacular sights! On the last night we all ate dinner together, dining in a traditional Italian restaurant before packing in preparation for our return to England. This was a fantastic and enjoyable trip!

Harriette and Sophie LVI Form Students

Fiddler on the Roof

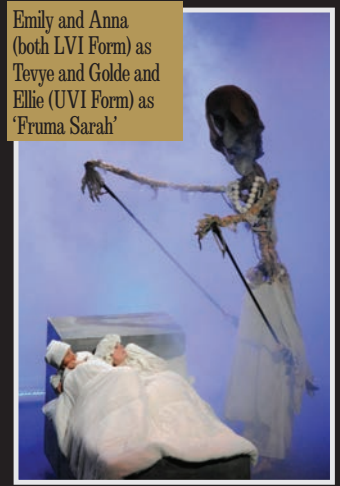
It is never easy deciding on which show you are going to put on but this year's choice was made all the more difficult as our original idea of *My Fair Lady* had to be abandoned because amateur companies are not being given the performing rights! So we made the leap rather topically from turn of the 20th century London to turn of the 20th century Ukraine and *Fiddler on the Roof* it was! After the initial disappointment, the cast and crew worked hard over the Michaelmas term and into February, to step into the boots of their characters and create for their audience a show that was hailed as being 'worthy of the West End' by enthusiastic audience members.

Both Mrs Dance and Ms O'Connor were extremely proud of the effort and commitment that was shown by the whole cast – and it was particularly fantastic that for the first time, the orchestra was made up entirely of staff and pupils. A huge well done to everyone involved and we look forward to working with you again next year!

Ms O'Connor Director of Drama



Emily (LVI Form as Teyve)



Emily and Anna (both LVI Form) as Teyve and Golde and Ellie (UVI Form) as 'Fruma Sarah'



Jamila (LVI Form) as Chava



Amber (Form II), Goldy (LVI Form), Emmy and Agatha (both Form III) in 'To Life'

Dining Room Makeover

Throughout the Michaelmas Term, Lee Turner, Heathfield's Catering Manager, took part in a course where he spent time in six other private schools' catering departments across the South. During this time Lee saw how these other schools were presenting their food, the choice of food on their menus and how they managed their catering departments. Lee thoroughly enjoyed the experience and brought back plenty of exciting ideas to implement at Heathfield.

On the first day back after half term the Dining Room had been transformed visually, taking on a rustic feel with pots of herbs on the tables, wooden boxes for fruit and cereals and even the milk dispensers looked like cows! The Catering department have presented the food in a whole new light with 'bowl food' on offer at lunch and supper times, porridge and soup now comes in funky mugs from their own serving station, the salads are simpler and more refined, there is a choice of hot and cold puddings and there is still plenty of fruit for everyone. Kilner jars and bottles are all the rage with homemade chutneys, salad dressings, seeds and nuts being served in them. Mini Kilner jars are also used to present delicate puddings including blueberry cheesecake, lemon posset and banoffee pie!

The girls no longer get biscuits at break or cake every day at tea but a range of new snacks has been introduced including homemade muffins, yoghurt coated raisins and frozen grapes. Another benefit of the new food is the nutritional value. The girls are now consuming more fruit and vegetables than ever before with smoothies being served that contain hidden vegetables and vegetables being put into some cake recipes, for example courgette loaf being served at tea. So far the feedback from both girls and staff has been extremely positive. One member of the Catering team said "it is so wonderful to see the girls so enthused and excited about what they will be eating for breakfast each morning". The Catering department was recently inspected and has received the best Food Hygiene rating possible - Rating 5, Very Good.

Huge thanks must go to the Catering team who have all worked extremely hard to make the new dining room experience such a great success.

Miss Lloyd Marketing Manager



Tag Archery

Weekends at Heathfield

The four Houses take it in turn to organise weekend activities and ensure the girls are kept extremely active and busy. The girls attend Chapel each weekend as well as having time allocated for prep and sports matches. Throughout the term the girls have taken part in a variety of events which have included cookery and textiles workshops, a trip to Covent Garden, ice skating and cinema trips to see *Walter Mitty* and *Frozen* in 3D. There was a whole school quiz and Valentine's Supper alongside Duke of Edinburgh training, a trip to Eton's Rock Society Show, workshops with 'Scary Little Girls' and sing-a-long to *Grease*.

Miss Lloyd Marketing Manager



Pizza making and tasting!

HPA Quiz Night



Heathfield's second quiz night was again a resounding success. Not only did it provide us parents with a rare social opportunity to get together and have a bit of a knees up, we also raised just over £2,000 for the HPA from ticket sales, the raffle, auction and also a 'heads and tails' which got the event off to a flying start.

Our wonderful Quiz Master again provided a cryptic and challenging set of questions which brought out the competitive streak in us all! Mrs Heywood's table was pipped to the winning post by the other staff table by just four points, so congratulations to the winning team Valner's Vixens. The only consolation to the defeated parents is the reassurance that at least the brain boxes on the staff tables must be teaching our girls something! I would like to personally thank the HPA committee members who pulled tables together and especially those who so kindly donated raffle and auction items. The money raised will go towards enhancing Heathfield's sporting facilities. A huge thank you to all those who attended and let's strive to make it even bigger and better next year.

Mrs Debbie Cave HPA Chairman

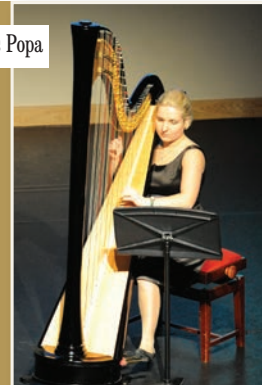
Staff Music Concert

On 28th February the music teachers, academic staff and housemistresses performed a musical concert for the students and staff to enjoy. The concert started off with a violin concerto performed by Janet Liepa, the Form V housemistress and Miss Bentley, a violin teacher, accompanied by the magic of Miss Kong, Assistant Director of Music. A horn concerto later saw a guest of ours arrive with a rather peculiar instrument; the alphorn. This is something which they use to call in the cows in Switzerland.

We then listened to a soothing cello concerto and two pieces on the harp, performed by the very talented Miss Popa. Soon afterward our Religious Studies teacher, Mrs Reeves, sang *Songbird* which was incredible. Next we had *Gabriel's Oboe* performed by Miss Reynolds,

our Director of Sport, accompanied by a string quartet. Then we had a cool upbeat Spanish drum and guitar song which was very creative. This was performed excellently with some wonderful drumming from Mr Bulford. Then there was an acapella performance by Mrs Dance, Miss Kong and Mrs Reeves singing *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* accompanied by Mr Snow on the trumpet, Mr Charlton on the double bass and Mr Bulford on the drums. Miss Kong and Mr Bulford then played *The Tom and Jerry Show* whilst a clip was being played on a large screen in the background. It was like watching it for real on TV! Then we had a jam packed item, with the staff orchestra playing the *Blue Danube* on an assortment of instruments. Dr Harden did a guitar solo and Miss Reynolds did a saxophone solo which was a lovely surprise.

Harp performance by Miss Popa



They topped it off with a medley of percussion which was very funny. The second time that they played it the percussion instruments were handed out, and the whole audience was standing up and dancing. The whole evening was very enjoyable and it was lovely to see the academic staff joining in, making the night very fun indeed.

Maya and Iona
Form IV Student

Woodley Music Festival

On Sunday 9th March, the music department took 7 music students to take part in the Woodley Music Festival. This music competition has been an annual affair for the music department and it is a fabulous opportunity for students to experience competing in a friendly contest. It was a long evening but certainly a rewarding one as we took home a number of medals, special awards and certificates! Georgie (Form III) proudly got a gold medal and the Beechwood Junior Brass Award for her performance on the horn playing *I've Got Rhythm* by Gershwin. Matilda (Form IV) performed with grace on the euphonium and was awarded silver. Emma (Form III) was awarded second

prize in the woodwind solo category while Lizzy (Form IV) and Ellie (Form III) both were awarded a bronze in the brass solo category. Our brass ensemble also was awarded a silver. Thea-Rose (UVI Form) mesmerised the judge and audiences with her impeccable performance on the cello playing Rachmaninoff's *Cello and Piano Sonata, Op. 19, 2nd movement* and was awarded an Outstanding Award and the John Callan trophy for best performance in the string solo classes. Congratulations to all the girls.

Miss Kong Assistant Director of Music

'The Girl Guide to Getting Ahead'



Laura Witjens
inspires the girls

On Thursday 23rd January we were thrilled to welcome back Laura Witjens, Chief Executive of the National Gamete Donation Trust. Laura introduced her inspirational talk, entitled 'A Girl Guide to Getting Ahead', by highlighting the fact that girls are outperforming boys academically both at school and university level yet women are still under-represented as CEOs, MPs and holders of top jobs. She emphasised that it is up to women to take responsibility if they are to get ahead and her emphatic message is: "Dream big, believe in yourself and step

up to the task." She urged the girls to "dare to be different": aim high, work hard, keep learning and have confidence and self-belief. We greatly appreciate Laura's generosity in sharing her experiences with us and in encouraging the 'leaders of the future' to believe in themselves and show the world how good they are. With inspiration from mentors and role models such as Laura, the future looks a great deal more promising for our girls.

Mrs Bramley Librarian

National Schools Lacrosse

This was the first time there had been a tournament for U13s at the National Schools Lacrosse. The weather conditions were appalling, driving rain and so much mud that you couldn't see the centre circle by the end of the day. The U13 team faced tough opposition in Queen Anne's, Downe House and St. Catherine's to name a few, playing extremely hard throughout the day and never giving up. Chloe, Lydia (both Form II) and Sophia (Form I) in goal played exceptionally well.

The U15 team also found themselves against tough opposition and lost to Caterham, Haberdashers Monmouth School for Girls, Moreton Hall and Queen Margaret's. Kitty (Form III) and Isabella (Form IV) were players of the tournament.

The 1st team play over 2 days. On Friday everyone is in mixed round robin groups

and depending on where you finish determines your group for the following day's play. We lost 3 matches, but drew with St. Helen's Northwood, Claremont and North London Collegiate. This meant we finished fifth in our group and once again qualified for Division 2. On Saturday we unfortunately lost to Harrogate Ladies' College and Loretto but we had a convincing win over St. George's, Ascot 5 - 2.

In the last 16 we faced Sherborne who we had drawn with back in October. In an extremely tense match the scores were tied 1 - 1 at the end of full time, which meant that the game went in to 'golden goal' extra time whereby the team that scores first wins the match! At the end of the first three minutes nothing could divide the teams. After half time we gained possession at the draw and went down to score and win the game.



1st Lacrosse Team

In the quarter finals we faced Glenalmond in another tense and tight game which went down to the last minute where we narrowly lost 3 - 4.

Overall we finished 38 out of the 56 schools taking part, higher placed than last year.

Thanks must go to the parents of our 2013 Sixth Form leavers who kindly donated the lacrosse tents (see picture above). Congratulations to all those who fought so hard over a tiring couple of days.

Ms Reynolds Director of Sport



Daisy, Form V Student

Daisy represents South West Lacrosse

Congratulations to Daisy (Form V) who is the first Heathfield girl to be selected to represent the South West Regional Lacrosse U19B team, making her one of the top 36 players in the region. In addition Daisy captained the team during play offs on 23rd March 2014 against the South East and the North.

Ms Reynolds Director of Sport

SUPA National Girls Arena Tournament, Longdole Polo Club, Gloucester



Training for Longdole

The elements at Longdole did not let us down and as usual the weather was atrocious! The only good thing to be said is it did not snow but it may as well have!

The girls playing in their fantastic new team shirts, sponsored by Emlor Polo Team, they battled with the constant freezing, driving rain. Waiting between chukkas did not help, but they were amazingly stoic, very competitive and frozen to the core. Hands, fingers and feet numb with cold.

Against strong competition the senior team of Issy, Isabella and Ellie (all Form LVI) fought hard and the team work was in place by the end of the third chukka. They were placed a credible third in the top division and I think will come out next time as a force to be reckoned with.

The novice team playing in their first ever polo tournament needed the first chukka to settle into their stride then went on to win their next 3 chukkas against Cheltenham College, Dean Close and Wellington College without the oppositions scoring any goals against us!

Fantastic, they won their division, well done to Emily (Form LVI), Isabella (Form IV) and Victoria (Form II).

Thank you to the players and to the parents who came along to support them in the most unglamorous of polo surroundings.

Mrs Glimmerveen
Equestrian Co-ordinator



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