



As we end another busy term, we welcomed over 55 families to Heathfield at our Open Morning. As usual, our girls did a sterling job of touring parents and are just the best ambassadors for our school. Parents are asked to complete a survey after the Open Morning and the majority who attended stated their interest in Heathfield stemmed from another parent or word of mouth – thank you all so much for your support.

We have had our usual array of trips and sporting events which you can read more about in this newsletter. Well done to those girls who worked so hard for their *Much Ado about Nothing* performance – they were amazing!

I am currently in Hong Kong attending the Girls School Association Expo and therefore, will not be around when you collect your daughters on Friday, so I will take this opportunity to wish all our girls, parents and staff a wonderful half-term.

Best wishes,
Mrs Gardiner Legge, Headmistress



Science, Forensics, and Crime

On October 23 during assembly at 8.40 am Mrs Whitton, Director of Pastoral and Boarding was tragically killed during a live feed interview from Leith's cookery building. Form III were immediately summoned to view the scene and discovered she had suffered blunt force trauma to the head and been shot.

The girls were tasked to spend Wednesday investigating who was responsible for this heinous crime. The undertaking included a variety of forensic experiments including blood typing, analysing trace evidence for metal and non-metal parts of salts, fingerprinting, chromatography, handwriting analysis, pollen analysis and footprint tread analysis.

The girls conducted interviews with five suspects identified as having strong motives. Detailed forensic reports are been written up and the concluding evidence will identify the killer. Form III are confident that the perpetrator will be revealed after half term.

Miss Clare Wells, Assistant Director of Studies, Head of Expressive Faculty & Subject Leader - Science





Guest Speaker – Milliner Liz Felix

On Wednesday 2 October, milliner Liz Felix came to talk about her work as a hat maker and designer. It was open to girls from across the school and the evening included a buffet supper with delicious food.

Liz trained at the London College of Fashion and her brand is best known for its range of unique and stunning occasion hats. Liz has been making hats for 25 years and one of her main clients is Theresa May.

Everyone tried on a hat, including Mrs Gardiner Legge. The hats were different shapes, sizes and colours: something to suit everyone. All the models thought they looked great!

We all had a wonderful time with Liz and gained an invaluable insight into hat designing and millinery.

Lily T, Form 1





Shakespeare for Schools Performance

The Cast of *Much Ado About Nothing* shone on the stage of South Hill Park Arts Centre, bringing warm Sicilian sunshine to the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

They performed their tale of tangled romance, evil deeds and mafia mayhem with assurance, humour and confidence, working as a tightly knit ensemble and being wonderfully supportive of the other local schools taking part. Finishing this first half of a term on a glorious high, they have achieved so much and with such dedication and laughter. Bravo!

Mrs Miranda Powell, Teacher of English and Drama



South West Schools' Lacrosse Tournament - Division 1 Champions

When most of their peers would have been in bed asleep on exeat Saturday, the 1st lacrosse team were busy making Heathfield history at the South West Schools' Lacrosse Tournament held at St Swithun's School, Winchester.

The morning's round of matches is about 'fighting it out' for positions which determine the afternoon groupings and divisional play. After hard-fought matches against St. Swithun's, Godolphin, Monmouth, and Canford the team qualified for Division 1. Here they lost to Marlborough 2 – 5 and drew with St. George's 2-2.

As the team's goal difference was better than St. George's we went through to the semi-finals to play St. Bart's. A closely fought match saw us winning 3-2 and a rematch in the final against Marlborough College. The game did not start well, we went 0-3 down in the first 8 minutes, things did not look good. However, the second half saw an early goal and a glimmer of hope in making a comeback for at least extra time.

they took the lead and played intelligently maintaining possession to eventually hear the final whistle and a 4-3 win to become Division 1 Champions – a Heathfield first!

I would like to thank all the parents for their support during the day, it makes a huge difference and is great having you cheering on the sidelines!

Miss Wendy Reynolds, Director of Co-Curricular & Operations and Senior Lacrosse Coach



Form II Geography and Science Trip

On Tuesday 15 October, Form II set off on a combined Science and Geography trip to *The Living Rainforest*. They arrived with a good understanding of tropical rainforests particularly their characteristics, location, climate and the layered structure of the vegetation.

The focus of the trip was to investigate *Amazing Adaptations* of rainforest plants and animals which Form II have been looking at in lessons.

The girls had a tour of the two large greenhouses and were particularly interested in the Blue Poison Dart Frog, Two-Toed Sloth, Agouti, and Six Banded Armadillo and a new addition named Bill. They were able to recognise many of the plant species such as the Rosy Periwinkle from lessons.

Form II were able to gain an understanding of the rainforest environment and they were particularly struck by the hot and humid climate experienced in the glasshouses. The girls then had time to complete their own research into animals and plants that they had not previously studied and created annotated sketches of them.

The trip was an engaging and immersive experience for Form II to augment their knowledge of Tropical Rainforests.

Miss Caitlin McSwiggan, Teacher of Geography & History





Music Captain's Concert

The Friday evening music concert was phenomenal, and I was delighted to see so many parents, staff and students coming to support all the amazing performers. I am very grateful for everyone who took part to form this concert together. We have raised £200 which is going towards our school's new project, The Sixth Form Centre.

Tina, Lower Sixth Music Captain



SUPA Schools, Girls Arena Tournament

Heathfield Polo players and parents gathered at Black Bears arena on Sunday 13th October

to witness a fantastic day of Polo at the *SUPA Schools, Girls Arena Tournament*. Generously supported by RJ Polo, Polo Times and Black Bears Polo Club.

A total of nine teams played in three divisions in the first official tournament of the winter arena season. Great enthusiasm was shown by the players and their supporters and the standard of play from the girls, aged between 12 -17 was very high and exciting throughout the day.

The Open Division was fast and furious with great skills being shown by all players. As usual, all the Heathfield players were outstanding and played all chukkas with determination and great teamwork.

Heathfield Diamonds took second place in the hard-fought Open Division, losing by only one goal. Heathfield Rubies came second in the Novice Division and the Heathfield Sapphires took third place in the Beginners.

Congratulations well played girls, I am very proud of you all.

Mrs Gill Glimmerveen, Equestrian Co-ordinator



150 visitors to Heathfield resulting in interest and registrations for entry in 2020 and beyond. A huge thank you to Mrs Baum and Mrs Cooke from the Heathfield Parents' Association for attending and speaking to so many of these families and supporting Heathfield, it is greatly appreciated.

Ms Anna Morgan, Director of Marketing and Admissions



Microsoft Teams Rollout

In line with our Digital Strategy, we have been working hard since July behind the scenes to roll out a host of Microsoft cloud-based tools, the most important of which is Teams.

Teams is a new way of working collaboratively and interactively, whether as a team of staff or a class team of staff and students. It allows a group of people to share conversations, files, notes, and classroom whiteboard materials, providing access virtually anywhere on any device.

As we move towards more use of Teams, handouts will become a thing of the past since all materials become instantly available, even on a smartphone.

Martin Taylor, Director of IT



SPORTS REPORT

Over the last week, girls have taken part in PE Activity Week and had the opportunity to play a variety of sports, including Hockey, Basketball and Water Polo! Throughout the year these weeks will include a range of sports including Trampolining, Yoga, Rugby, Gymnastics, Football and lots more.



Netball

On Tuesday 8 October our U14 & U15 Netball teams played against Edgebarrow School. The U14 team had minimal players and had to borrow Jazzy from Form II who was awarded Player of the Match by the opposition, well done Jazzy! The U15 team fought hard but unfortunately also came away with a loss, congratulations to Ella for Player of the Match.

On the same day, the U12ABC team played against Charters. The U12A played superbly in their first away match, winning 16-3. The U12B and U12C both played well but unfortunately couldn't come away with a win. A fantastic effort by all the girls who took part and a special congratulations to Sushi and Tamara for receiving Player of the Match.

On Monday 14 October the Senior South East Netball Tournament was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. This didn't stop us! We played a friendly against the Marist instead. The girls played superbly and fought hard to come within 9 goals of very tough opposition. Well done all of you and a huge well done to Auriel (Form V) for being awarded player of the match, and Cesca (Form V) for being awarded Coaches player.

On Tuesday 15 October the U14A&B Netball teams played against St George's. The girls worked well as a team and improved upon their previous performances. Congratulations to Ella and Joy who were rewarded Players of the Match.

On Wednesday 16 October the U13A&B Netball teams played at home against Bishopsgate, a very tough opposition. The girls did well to fight back after going quite a few goals down in both matches. They should be very proud of their teamwork and determination throughout the games, both teams only playing with 7 players due to illness. Congratulations to Emily and Laura for being awarded Players of the Match.





Swimming

On Monday 7 October we competed in a Swimming Gala against The Marist. Congratulations to the following girls who placed first in individual races:

Birdie (Form II) – First in Backstroke & Fly,
Cece (Form II) - First in Front crawl
Carina (Form IV) – First in Breaststroke & Front crawl,
Emily (Form II) – First in Backstroke,
Johanna (Form II) – First in IM,
Julia (Form II) - First in Front crawl
Liv (Form I) – First in Breaststroke,
Zara (Form II) – First in Front crawl.

Very well done to Birdie, Izzy V and Laura H who all competed in 6 races on the evening! Congratulations to all those that competed in the Squadron Relay and to Aamira, Birdie, Carina, Ella, Izzy V, Julia, Laura and Liv who came in first place.

Two records were set at the gala – both by Carina in the U15 25m Frontcrawl and Breaststroke – both of which have been held since 2017. Well done, Carina!

Miss C Willimott, Head of Sport

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Weekends |—



Weekend 12 - 13 October

After a busy Open Morning Forms I to III had fun on a walk around Virginia Water in Windsor Great Park. Later on Saturday Form II and Form III went Bowling at the Lexicon whilst Form I had a movie night.

Fifth and Sixth Form travelled to Windsor on Saturday afternoon and were treated to a movie and meal in the evening whilst Fourth Form spent time in Ascot.

On Sunday Form I had a meal out at Bill's in the Lexicon in Bracknell and Form II enjoyed baking and making yummy chocolate chip cookies. Form III went shopping at the Lexicon. Forms IV and V had a fabulous day at Thorpe Park despite the weather.

The Sixth Form enjoyed free time and trips to Windsor and Ascot on Sunday. In the afternoon Forms I and II enjoyed playing dodgeball and bench ball in the Sports Hall, which became highly competitive, before relaxing in their dorms. The weekend finished with Chapel in which the girls sang their hearts out.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term, we're all looking forward to more fun-filled sessions in the rest of Michaelmas Term.

Miss Florence Gray, Deputy Housemistress Bronte House

Dates to Remember

19 October	15.00 HALF-TERM
29 October	20.00 Form I to III Return
	21.00 Form IV, V & Sixth Form Return
03 November	19.00 - 20.30 Bonfire Night* (<i>Booking via Eventbrite</i>)
23 November	10.45 - 13.30 St Nicholas' Stalls*
03 December	Fellowship Carol Service*
09 December	Christmas Drinks*
13 December	10.45 Carol Service*
	12.00 END OF TERM
07 January	Boarders return from 18.00
08 January	LENT TERM begins
15 February	15.00 HALF TERM
23 February	20.00 Form I - IV Return
	21.00 Form V & Sixth Form Return
26-29 February	Form III Trip to Barcelona
07 March	Open Morning
27 March	12.00 END OF TERM

*** Parents are welcome to attend these events.**



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