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I love it when the whole school community joins together and works really hard for a goal and didn't you all do brilliantly for Nicky Stalls! A feast of red, green, gold, blue and purple and real dedication from every member of the school community including The Fellowship who were in and supporting the school. A real testament to the loyalty and commitment to our school and a solid embodiment of how the girls of the past are helping the girls of the future. There are so many to thank and to each and every one of you – I so appreciate all you do for our school. The generosity of our community never fails to astonish me.

School life continues as busy as ever; netball and lacrosse; terrific riding clear rounds; super performances at county level and so many congratulations due to our pupils who represent the school day in and day out. I always say to new parents that Heathfield is a school where the girls have to participate in all weathers, and they do just that!

Girls received their examination results and there have been some stellar performances as well as girls who have made great efforts and progress. It isn't just about making the top grades at Heathfield but about doing your best and it's great to see that numerous effort and progress prizes are due to be awarded in our celebration assembly at the end of term as well as the Heathfield Highflyer prizes awarded for outstanding pieces of work.

It only remains for me to wish our UVI and Vth Form girls the very best of luck for their mock examinations which begin next week and to greet, with joy, the beginning of Advent and the inevitable decorations that festoon the school. I look forward to meeting so many of you at the Carol Service and our Christmas Drinks and to those of you who are not as frequent visitors to the school I wish you joy and peace as the rush begins!

Very best wishes to you all,
Mrs Gardiner Legge, Headmistress



Was St Nicholas' Stalls 2019 our most memorable yet?
St Nicholas' Stall is the annual, pupil-led philanthropic event that has been enjoyed by generations of Heathfield families. In our 120th year, whilst fundraising for the new Sixth Form Space, we retained the beloved features of our 'Nicky Stalls' while introducing new initiatives that made this festive festival one that will be remembered fondly by future generations.

On the day, there was everything you would expect from St Nicholas' Stalls – fun, festivities and fundraising with Santa and his elves, sodden-sponged staff, House stalls with raffles, tombolas, and other festive fayre activities.

We broke all previous St Nicholas' Stalls records on the number of people involved and the amount we fund raised. In addition, perhaps 2019 will be remembered for:

- The first time that Heathfield Old Girls and The Fellowship were present onsite and online.
- Fifty external stall holders selling a wide range of goods.
- Austen selling 30 Heathfield tote bags.
- Sommerville selling 38 Heathfield beanie hats and 280 Christmas cards designed by the girls.
- Seacole selling 66 personalised Heathfield sports bras – and we are still taking orders!
- De Valois selling over 80 raffle tickets.
- AND Heathfield's first online auction which had 85 lots, received 353 bids in 50 hours, and raised in excess of £20,000.

In summary, St Nicholas' Stalls 2019 was a global, fun, festive, record-breaking fundraiser with the Fellowship representing all the girls and staff who have passed through Heathfield's doors, working for the first time with the current community to build a better future for the girls to come.

From the Chair of the Fellowship and the House Captains, THANK YOU for supporting St Nicholas' Stalls 2019 – a day of celebration and collaboration for Heathfield – certainly a day to remember.




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Question Time

It was thrilling to participate in Heathfield's very own Question Time. I found it both exhilarating and useful to be able to have supper and mingle with those in the political arena; having many intellectual discussions surrounding current affairs and the role of the Student Council. Through conversations with many of the guests that evening I was able to broaden and expand my knowledge of politics and other topics such as: gender balance in parliament, having a female leader, the forthcoming election and of course the hotly contended subject of Brexit.

However, that evening was not just about politics, I learnt of many developments in our local community and even further afield; speaking with members of the Windsor Council. As both a member of the School Council and a panellist, it was a uniquely eye-opening opportunity in which I was able to develop and hone my confidence in public speaking and networking skills. I also improved my skills of constructing clear and concise arguments with supplementary evidence. I enjoyed answering questions and relished the chance to express my opinion in front of my peers, members of staff and guests.

I would strongly recommend this opportunity to my fellow peers as it provided me with a sense of self achievement and pride. Overall, I believe that this was one of the most enjoyable opportunities I have seized thus far at Heathfield and I would most definitely participate again in the future!
Claudia, Form V Panellist



GCSE and A Level Photography Trip

On Monday 18 of November, Lower Sixth and Form IV photography students departed on a trip to London to visit *Wildlife Photographer of the year 2019* at the National History Museum and then on to see Tim Walker's *Wonderful Things* exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

At the National History Museum, we walked all around, looking at the images and noting the

surprise to see some of the images were taken by children under 10 years old! After viewing everything on display we then bought postcards to place in our project books to inspire us in our next photoshoots.

We then crossed the road to the V&A. Tim Walker's exhibition explored many creative processes through film, photographs and installations and he had used the permanent exhibitions at the V&A to inspire his work. The images were exhibited in a series of diversely decorated rooms such as an exciting pink area which contained a mini sofa, an old-fashioned TV and had music playing to complete the immersive experience. During the visit we made notes about how work was displayed, the impact of certain pieces and considered what could influence our own projects. To complete the day, we ate supper at Bella Italia before we made our way back to school.
Alex, LVI, Photography Scholar



Science Club

In Science Club, Forms I and II experimented making flower indicators, revisiting the topic of indicators and the skills required to extract pigments from flowers. The girls crushed up flowers and extracted the pigment and then tested it with different acidic and alkaline solutions to see if they could detect a colour change. Girls saw that some of the flower pigments changed colour in the alkali or acid solutions so could be indicators, and that some flowers work better than others.
Miss Clare Wells, Assistant Director of Studies, Head of Expressive Faculty & Subject Leader – Science







Lunchtime Music Concert

On Tuesday 26 November, Miss Kong and Tina hosted an amazing lunchtime concert in the Chapel to showcase the fantastic talent throughout the school. There was a wide range of performances from dainty piano solos to the Form II Choir singing a medley from The Greatest Showman. Girls and staff alike came to watch and were all spell bound by the level of talent on show. It was a great success and we hope there will be many more concerts in the future.

The performers were:

Form I singing *The Ride of the Witch* by Charles Wood
Lily (Form I), piano, *The Egyptian Level* by Kevin Wooding
Doddie (Form III) clarinet, *Choson Kale Mazel Tov*, trad. Klezmer
Sonya (Form III) piano, *Holiday in Paris* by Gillock
Tina (LVI) piano, *Song Without Words* by Mendelssohn
Form II singing excerpts from *The Greatest Showman* arr Ed Lojeski
Woodwind Ensemble, *Toreador from the Carmen Suite* by Bizet

Lara, Carina and Frankie, Form IV



Photography Geography Competition – A Sustainable Future
The 2019 Photography Geography competition was launched in June to the school for pupils, new pupils joining in September and staff to enter a photograph showing what *A Sustainable Future* might look like.

There were exactly 120 entries for the competition (an interesting coincidence for our 120th year!) and a huge variety of interpretations of the theme. Well done to Form V who had the highest proportion of entries. The judges were most impressed by the quality of the photographs and the efforts made to link to the theme which made choosing the winners very difficult. Prizes ranged from books for the Form winners, cameras for the overall winners and the unique Photography/Geography competition badge for the special categories.

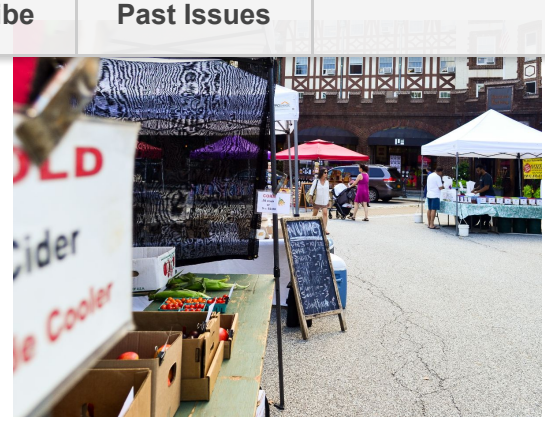
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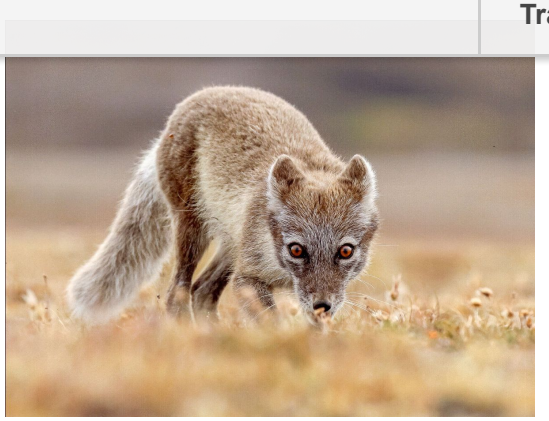
Form I	Minnie
Form II	Faline
Form III	Gabriella
Overall winner Form I – III	Sasha
Form IV	Romilly
Form V	Adelaide
Overall winner Form IV and V	Lucy
UVI	Floria
Overall winner Sixth Form	Ziyi

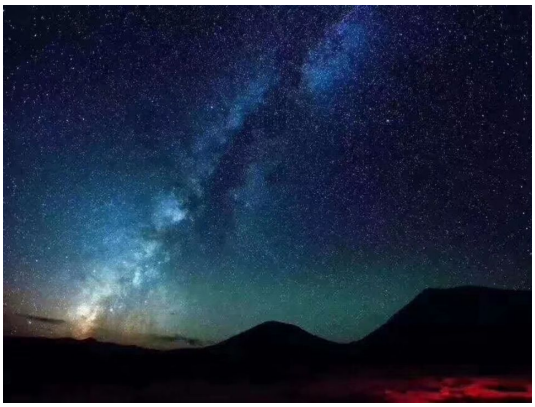
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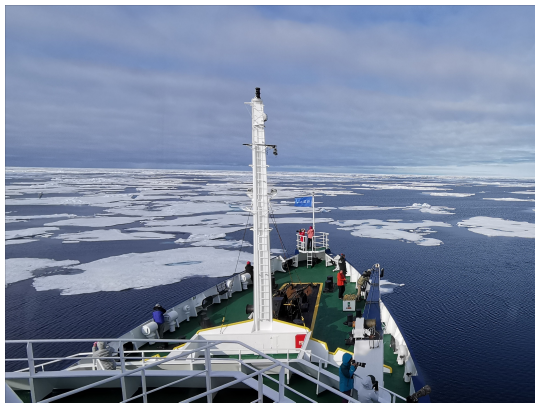
One to have on the wall	Nicole (LVI)
Most geographically interesting	Louise (Form V)
Most photographically challenging	Romy (Form IV)
Closest to the theme	Aamira (Form III)

Mrs Lesley Worrall, Subject Leader of Geography
Miss Karen White, Head of House - Seacole, Subject Leader of Photography


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SPORT REPORT

Netball

Wednesday 20 November

The Senior Netball squad played against The Marist. The girls played very well, but unfortunately the effort was not reflected in the score line. However, the girls were pleased as their performance showed an improvement since the last time we came up against The Marist. Well done to player Calia and Coaches player Kiki.

Tuesday 26 November

U12A&B, U13A&B Netball teams played against Bohunt, Wokingham. All the girls played brilliantly, unfortunately only the U13A team came away with a win, although the U12A only lost by one goal! A special mention to Eliora, Meeka, Milly, Tamara and Tia for being awarded player of the match within their respective teams.

Wednesday 27 November

U14 & U15 Netball teams played against Bohunt, Wokingham. Unfortunately, the score lines did not reflect the amazing efforts put in by all the girls who played. A huge congratulations to you all for pure grit and determination. A special mention to Tami and Teale who were awarded players of the match.

Senior House Netball – Thursday 21 November

It was great to see so many Seniors out playing netball during the afternoon. It was a supportive yet competitive tournament. Congratulations to Seacole for winning all their matches!



Swimming

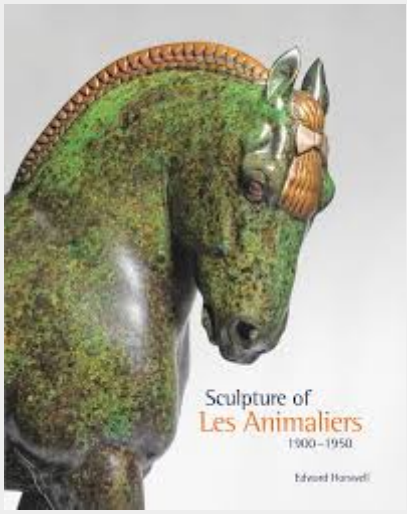
Gala v The Marist

On Monday 25 November the Swimming squad competed against The Marist. It was a fantastic gala, and great to see so many girls compete with over 70 girls across the two schools! A fantastic opportunity for the girls to put into practice the skills they have learnt in their swimming lessons this term. Well done to all who took part!

Miss Carys Willimott, Head of Sport



Individual Medley previously set in 2017 with a time of 1:21.22, as well as the 25m Freestyle record previously set by 'Girls for Gold' Olympic pathway student Octavia in 2008 with a new record time of 14.85. This season, members of the Heathfield Swiming Team have already set ten new school records. Keep it up!



Heathfield Christmas Drinks

We are absolutely delighted that the Sladmore Gallery have kindly donated the use of one of their fabulous Galleries for our Christmas Drinks party again for 2019. This year, we are hosting it at their JERMYN STREET gallery at No 57 which currently has a fascinating and impressive show titled 'Les Animaliers 1900 to 1950 which we thoroughly recommend you go and see.



House
Weekends







Weekend 16 – 17 November

On Saturday 16 November, girls in Form IV and V enjoyed a trip to the Lexicon Centre in Bracknell. Those not involved in Lacrosse matches went to the cinema to see *Last Christmas,* during which some cried and others remained stoic to the end! They were joined later by the girls who participated in the match and everyone went to *Bill's* restaurant for a delicious meal.

Brontë House enjoyed ice skating on Saturday morning which really kicked started the Christmas spirit. The afternoon was filled with Lacrosse matches and baking. The girls who were not playing in matches made delicious chocolate chip cookies. On Saturday evening the girls chose between a spa night or a movie night. It was a very relaxed evening after such a busy day.

On Sunday 17, the Form V girls wanted to apply themselves to their studies and continue with the preparation for their Mock Exams. The Form IV girls went on a short trip to Ascot.

Brontë House girls were treated to an amazing performance of *Matilda The Musical* in one of London's West End theatres. Filled with songs and laughter, everyone thoroughly enjoyed *Matilda*. We are already looking at other musicals, performances and plays we can take the girls to in the Lent Term.











Weekend 23 – 24 November

On Saturday afternoon, after an extremely busy St Nicholas' Stalls, there was an optional exeat and the remaining girls chose a relaxed afternoon. Form IV and V girls went into Ascot after which the Form V girls completed more revision for the upcoming Mock exams. In the evening everyone chose a relaxed past time in the form of movie night with popcorn.

On Sunday, all girls from every year group went on a trip to London to visit the Aquarium and to enjoy some Christmas shopping in Oxford Street. The girls loved seeing all the Christmas lights and store displays and the excitement of Christmas shopping.

Dates to Remember

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
01 February	History of Art Conference*
07 February	Founder's Day
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
19/20 March	Drama Production
27 March	12.00 END OF TERM

* Parents are welcome to attend these events.
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