



I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

We jumped straight back into the typical Heathfield buzz with House Music on the first weekend of term and the girls surpassed themselves. It is a testament to the people skills that Heathfield engenders that the girls organised so well their own House contributions, supervised their practices and choreographed and lit their performances.

As you know, we don't just stimulate and challenge outside the classroom. On Wednesday we discussed the issue of the Holocaust, why we study it and what the lessons are from it in a blended lecture and seminar. Interesting and challenging, the girls intelligently contributed throughout the evening and left inspired and thoughtful.

The Army visited the Lower School exploring all the potential applications of Science within an army context. Yet another reason why being in a girls' school without gender stereotypes is so important! On Saturday, we held our annual Invitational Lacrosse competition where every single girl in the Lower School competed in a team. The weekend fun continued with a unique blend of activities ranging from Segway Cross Country to Pottery.

Thank you to you all for the feedback regarding the communication from the school; we really do appreciate hearing from you. To those in School over the next week I look forward to seeing you and wish you all a restful exeat weekend with your daughters.

Best Wishes

Mrs Gardiner Legge, Headmistress



Form V GCSE Photography Trip

On Monday 13 January Form V GCSE Photography students visited the V&A in London for an immersive journey into the fantastical worlds created by photographer Tim Walker. The aim was to collect primary research and inspiration for their examination module. The *Wonderful Things* exhibition showcased collaborative work with fashion houses, illustrations and installations which will form part of the inspiration for the chosen topics of: 'Paper, Moment in Time, Rhythm, Manipulating Reality and Concealment' given by the

One of the highlights of the exhibition was the series of ten new shoots based on the V&A's own collections. These were showcased next to the objects and research that had been the inspiration for Tim Walker's shoots and the process involved in achieving such mastery. Tim Walker's extraordinary imagination and ability to transport the viewer to vivid other worlds provided the invaluable primary research for Form Vs next few shoots and food for thought for the final component of their GCSE course.

Once the gallery work had been completed the girls then headed to Bella Italia in South Kensington for supper before returning to Heathfield.

Caitlin McSwiggan, Teacher of Photography



Holocaust Symposium

On Wednesday 15 January, Heathfield held their first symposium on the Holocaust. Hosting Newlands and St George's Ascot, the schools came together in different groups to discuss the question 'Why do we learn about the holocaust?'

We had the pleasure of listening to three different perspectives on the Holocaust. The first speaker in the line-up was Dr Alasdair Richardson, an ambassador from the Holocaust Education Trust. He provided us with an educational outlook on the subject describing the appropriate ways of teaching such an emotionally challenging topic to ages as young as eight years old.

Our next speaker, a second-generation survivor, Danny Habel, gave us an insightful account of his childhood and the difficult environments his grandmother had to face, addressing the effect this had on him and his family growing up.

Lastly, Rosie Whitehouse, a historical research journalist, gave us an enriching response into the real impact of the Holocaust on the lives of people and families. She expressed some moving stories she had heard as a journalist, making us aware of the long-lasting effects on individuals.

Overall, Heathfield's Holocaust Symposium was an enlightening and informative way for students to learn about such a prominent part of history that has influenced our society.

Imaan, Lower Sixth



British Army Science Day

Corporal Taylor from the British Army visited Heathfield to promote the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in the Army and other areas of life.

The students in Form III and Form IV were given the scenario that the Army has been deployed to provide disaster relief and essential humanitarian aid to a region hit by a devastating earthquake. Students were asked to design a helmet, body armour cooling vest and ready to eat, high energy food bars that would be used by soldiers in the disaster zone, ensuring they remain healthy and safe.

Everyone had to explain and justify their designs to Corporal Taylor who chose the best. Even more exciting, is that the most creative and imaginative ideas were taken back to the Army base for consideration in future uniform and nutritional designs – unfortunately, the ‘wearable combat fridge’ designed by one group didn’t quite make the cut! Watch this space for our next Heathfield Engineer in the military.

Mr John Lawson, Teacher in Charge of Physics



Theatre. A varied programme included the school orchestra and band, vocal performances, special guests from our neighbouring school Licensed Victuallers' and the winners of the recent House Music Competition.

Orchestra, Theme from *The Pastoral Symphony*: Beethoven
 Ziyi, Lower Sixth, *In Dreams* by Shore and Walsh
 Hamilton (invited guest from LVS): *Proud of your Boy* from Aladdin
 Woodwind Ensemble – *Habanera* from Carmen Suite by Bizet
 Eliot (invited guest from LVS): *All of Me* by John Legend
 Tina, Lower Sixth, *Waltz in A minor*, Op. 34 by Chopin
 Band, *A Lover's Concerto*

House Music Junior winner: Joy, Form III, *Something's Got A Hold on Me* by Etta James
 Intermediate winner: Frankie, Form IV, *With You* from Ghost the Musical
 Advanced winner: Vas, Upper Sixth, *Commuterland* by Cheryl Frances-Hoad
 House Ensemble winners: Seacole, *Need the Sun to Break*: James Bay
 Miss Su Mei Kong, Assistant Director of Music



"I DO LOVE NOTHING IN THE WORLD SO WELL AS YOU. IS NOT THAT STRANGE?"

Much Ado About Nothing
 by Heathfield School
 at The South Hill Park, 17/10/2019
 appraised by Katherine Kotz

I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to Heathfield School for your tremendous production of *Much Ado About Nothing* as part of the 2019 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was an excellent night of theatre, and I'd like to highlight a few aspects that really stood out.

What a sassy *Much Ado About Nothing*! We loved watching you embody these gangster characters on stage, particularly the gun-wielding watchmen who seemed to be having a lot of fun.

The dances and music helped transport us to Sicily and the tableau of actors striking a pose under the flags was a beautiful backdrop for your play.

I thought you all had great vocal projection and excellent comprehension of the text. It's a difficult text, 400 years old and you made it feel fresh, current and accessible for the audience. You also worked really well as a team to bring this story to life.

Thank you for an elegant, stylish and triumphant *Much Ado About Nothing*

Performing Shakespeare's words on a professional stage takes bravery, resilience, and creativity. You should be immensely proud of what you and your teachers have achieved in this Season of Infinite Variety.

I hope to see Heathfield School in the 2020 Festival!

Katherine Kotz

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HEATHFIELD SCHOOL



Heathfield Summer Camp for Girls 2020

12 July to 8 August 2020

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Plus activities with girls from over 25 countries at our International Summer School.
Heathfield is delighted to announce that bookings for our own very popular Summer Camp are now open.

We accept Day Girls from age 7 to 15 and Boarders from age 8 to 15. Girls can attend for just a day or up to the full four weeks.

Summer Camp offers lots of fun and friendships and the course includes:

- An extensive sport, creative and entertainment programme seven days a week for tailored for the different age groups.
- Full use of the school's facilities, including the performing arts centre, art and cookery suites, dance and spin studios, sports hall, indoor pool, tennis courts and playing fields.
- A wide choice of healthy, hot and cold food at all mealtimes.
- A weekly Show or Exhibition late on a Thursday afternoon to which parents are invited.
- School Housemother, Nurse and pastoral team to look after girls' welfare.
- Former Summer Campers acting as Helpers, to welcome and help look after the girls.
- Breakfast Option from 8am and Late Stay Option from 5.30pm

For information about courses, call 01344 885197 or email summerschool@heathfieldschool.net
or look at the Summer Camp section of www.heathfieldsummerschool.co.uk





SPORT REPORT

Lacrosse

Heathfield Senior Team played a tough match in the wind and rain on Thursday 16 January against [Wellington College](#). The girls fought well with a final score of 12-5 to Heathfield.

Swimming

The first swimming gala of the year was against The Marist and the girls swam phenomenally well with spectacular results:

U13 A & B Medley Relay teams – 1st and 2nd

U13A 1st in Free Relay

Alice – 1st in Breaststroke

Allegra – 1st in IM, 1st in Fly + 1st in 50m Breaststroke

Amara – 2nd in Front crawl

Birdie – 1st in Front crawl

Emily – 1st in Backstroke

Johanna – 2nd in Individual Medley and 2nd in 50m Breaststroke

Julia – 1st in Front crawl

Laura – 2nd in 50m Backstroke & Breaststroke

Lilly – 1st in Backstroke

Lyra – 1st in Backstroke

Olivia – 1st in 50m Breaststroke

Sasha – 1st in Breaststroke, 2nd in Front crawl



After lessons on Thursday 16 January our U14A&B and U12A&B teams walked across the road to play against Licensed Victuallers' School. It proved to be a very successful trip with all four teams coming away with a convincing win. Well done to all the Players of the Match: Eliora, Ellie, Jazzy, Mia A, Milly P, Olivia C, Tamara, and Tia-vy.

Miss Carys Willimott, Head of Sport



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2020

Shortlisted
Boarding school of the year

House Weekends



The first weekend of the Lent term was a Closed Weekend with all girls in School. Saturday morning was sports practise for Forms I to V with team training for both Lacrosse and Netball in preparation for this term's upcoming fixtures.

The annual *House Music Competition* also took place this weekend, which saw the Lower Sixth House Captains organising group dance routines, Heathfield themed covers of songs, and ensemble and solo pieces. After sports and lunch, girls gathered in their houses to begin rehearsals. The senior girls had composed their own lyrics to a variety of songs alongside carefully choreographed dance routines.

Brontë House hosted a movie night in St Mary's Theatre on Saturday night and the girls chose to watch *Tall Girl*, which was immensely enjoyed by all. Some members of the Upper Sixth went to Bracknell and saw the movie *Little Women* which they really enjoyed followed by supper in the Lexicon.

On Sunday morning all girls attended chapel, before launching straight back into House Music rehearsals again ready for their final performance in the afternoon. Each house also had to enter individual musicians in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories, as well as an ensemble group of at least two members of their house.

There was an excellent array of talent displayed in all categories, with Seacole winning the overall competition thanks to their incredible performances in both the ensemble and whole House songs.

Miss Harriett Bowerman, Resident Graduate Boarding Assistant

Dates to Remember

01 February	History of Art Conference*
07 February	Founder's Day
	19.30 - 20.45 Guest Artist Concert for all pupils
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
19 April	SUMMER TERM
	18.00 - 21.00 Boarders Return
20 April	08.00 All pupils return
02 May	Opening Morning
08-10 May	Bank Holiday Weekend
13 June	Sports Day
27 June	Parents Day
	END OF TERM

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



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