



## “NO GRIND, NO GLORY” - Mr Beezy’s motivation for Year 11



Year 11 have returned after Christmas with a serious glint of determination in their eyes and so it was the perfect timing for a visit from motivational Mr Beezy. Talking students through his journey, work ethic and energy, he explained the meaning of his phrase: “No Grind, No Glory”.

Mr Beezy explained the difficulties he faced academically and growing up at home. Using life experiences that many people can relate to, he used his life to inspire and motivate.

Mr Beezy’s aim is to create a strong sense of belief with each person he encounters, to transform their thinking. There is no doubt that his humour and high levels of energy captivated staff and students alike. The assembly was powerful and we know that the workshops that followed have given many individuals increased motivation for this year.

As a College, we have an ongoing relationship with Mr Beezy and can vouch for his impact, read the full account here: [MR BEEZY NEWS RELEASE](#)



## Message from the Headteacher, Caroline Barlow

When everything around us seems to be changing, or when facing a challenging time, it can be unsettling for adults let alone young people. We could be forgiven recently for thinking the adults have 'left the building' with all the shouting and drama in the wider world. It is worth remembering that, as communities, we have faced difficult situations before and probably will again. Often the best thing we can do is work hard, be true to our values and be kind to ourselves and others; all possible even when we disagree.

Our students have come back from their Christmas break with these characteristics fully evident. This edition of Headlines shows students clear on their values and willing to speak up for what they think is important. They have shown this in the opportunities to speak and also to write on a wider platform. They show social responsibility and an ability to engage in informed, respectful debate.

Year 11 have made a very clear commitment to work hard following their mocks and are showing this in their approach to lessons and their ultimate goals. We also see this day in, day out from students of all year groups as we visit lessons and witness the level of purposeful work across the College. Year 10 also approach their GCSEs this summer and they are equally showing a commitment to ensure they make the most of the opportunity. Our Sixth Form approach their mocks now and so over half the College becomes focused on their goals and the commitment to do the work that will take them where they want to go.

In that context, we all know that being kind to ourselves and to others is important. Kindness is one of the most important values of our community. The work our students do across the College on wellbeing is equipping them well to grow up with a keen sense of how to care for themselves. It enables them to better manage times of stress or anxiety and remain healthy and calm to be able to be their kindest selves with others. Whether approaching exams or experiencing difficult times, these are important skills to learn and will be of benefit into their future.



## Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy & Deputy Head Girl

After the New Year, everyone has come back with a determined, positive attitude. This was reinforced with our visit from a motivational speaker - Mr Beezy - who presented to Year 11 throughout the day in small workshops, to groups of students, and also a whole year assembly.

This was both motivating and emotional as he honed in how to be resilient and overcome obstacles we may face.

We also had a very successful Student Council meeting last week. It was nice to see everyone after Christmas and listen to everyone's positive ideas for the College's future.



## Ambitious & Confident

### A VISIT TO ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

A group of prodigious Year 11 students visited the University of Oxford on 16<sup>th</sup> January to learn more about higher education and applying to 'Oxbridge'.

Visiting St John's College (a constituent college of the University of Oxford), the students were given a short presentation that explained what it was like to study at Oxford and had a chance to talk to current students about what courses they are studying and what student life was like.

Heathfield students then took part in a critical thinking seminar where they were asked questions linked to their preferred subjects and had to prepare responses. This included questions such as: *"Why is it important/ interesting to study history?"* and *"Does law create morality or does morality create law?"*.



As part of the day, students were treated to lunch in the Harry Potter-esque dining room and, following a brief tour of the college, also took part in an object handling session at the Pitt Rivers Museum.

The students had a great day and found it a worthwhile experience that helped them to start thinking about their ambitions for the future.

Asked to reflect about the day and what they most enjoyed the students said:

"I enjoyed speaking to the current students."- Sam

Jasmine said,  
"I enjoyed the museum workshop."

"I enjoyed being given the interview type questions [in the critical thinking seminar] that they might ask you if you applied there because they were challenging but interesting to consider." - Leila



## Honesty and Integrity

### Students speak out for their Pastoral Support

BBC  
SOUTH EAST  
TODAY



Students of the College are not unused to speaking out in support of their education and services; on Monday they voiced their concerns to BBC South East correspondent Lauren Moss in the light of the release of the [East Sussex Core Offer](#).

In a Special Report for the Evening News the article explored the impact of reducing early help services for young people and families as a result of cuts to local government funding. Students were honest and lucid about the concerns young people feel around mental health, the support they currently receive at College and how hard it is to access anything outside school provision when the need escalates.



Younger students were also shown maturely exploring their skills in resilience when encountering friendship issues or peer pressure. The packages of support and intervention at College also extend to wellbeing activities in tutor time, assemblies and PSHE lessons. They are embedded in our structures and systems with a staggered approach to GCSEs at Key Stage 4 and a focus on developing self-care so that students are able to look after themselves and know how and where to get help both whole and school and beyond.

The very real concern is the reducing support for young people outside of College and the combined effect of reducing school budgets that threaten the ability to continue the additional support which many young people need to be able to thrive. At Heathfield, we are committed to this work and will continue to support it as long as we are able, albeit in the context of continuing financial pressures and at times very difficult decisions.

Most importantly our students were fantastic ambassadors for the College, they were eloquent, passionate and informed. We are very proud of all of them.

## Engaged & Enthusiastic

### JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED 'THE VINE' LAST TERM

For a rib-tickling selection of dodgy Christmas jokes (all sent in by students) and a brilliant selection of articles on well-being, self-care, fake news and personal identity, please take a moment to read the bumper end-of-year edition of our student newspaper, The Heathfield Vine.

The students have really excelled themselves in our festive edition, with plenty of seasonal articles and stories, as well as a number of pieces to make you laugh or make you think.

A very happy new year from all our student journalists!

<http://heathfieldcollegene newspaper.weebly.com/>

### What's worse: fake news, or the fear of fake news?



In a political climate of turmoil, the rhetoric surrounding fake news is creating chaos; Rebecca Hamilton reports on the issue.

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## Engaged & Enthusiastic

### HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNER

The House leaders are pleased to announce that the winner of the House Photography Competition this year was Libby Poland 8E from Heffle House.

The theme of the competition was **well-being and self-care**. Students were invited to enter photographs for the competition and each entry earned their house points. The House Arts Prefects then selected the winning entries and in the final assembly last term, Libby's photograph was announced as the overall competition winner.

We were delighted with both the number of entries and quality of entries and hope that students look forward to taking part in next year's photography competition.



## Determined and Reflective

### FRASER KENT CONTINUES TO SHINE

Last weekend Fraser took part in the Under 18 East Midland 4\* Table Tennis Competition. He played fantastically well starting the year off with a bang, winning the junior boys band 1 event.

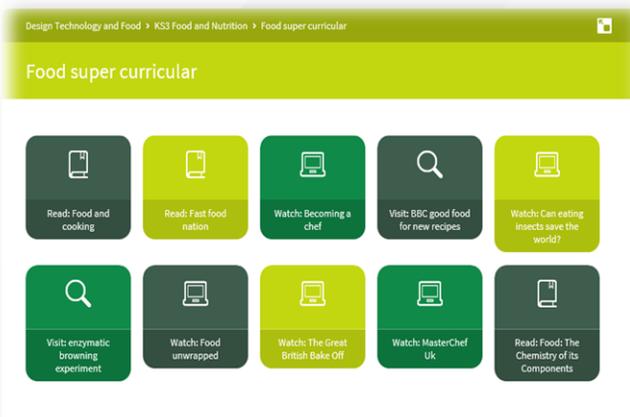
Fraser went to the East Sussex Schools competition on the 16 January, having been in hospital over the weekend. Even so he won the tournament, beating a young man from Brighton in the final 3 - 2 after being 2 - 1 down. He had to change his game plan after going behind as he could not breathe well enough to play long looping rallies so he just stood up to the table and power hit to the win. Well done Fraser, tremendous efforts, determination and resilience. The College is extremely proud of you.



## Ambitious & Confident

### SUPER CURRICULAR LAUNCH - EXTENDING LEARNING BEYOND THE COLLEGE

This month saw the launch of the Heathfield Community College Super Curriculum. This will provide students the opportunity to develop their knowledge in subjects that they particularly enjoy. To foster a love for it beyond the classroom. Subjects have developed a list of activities, including academic reading, documentaries and possible site visits that students can access in their own time to deepen subject knowledge. There are different lists for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, both of which can be found on individual [Subject Firefly pages](#).



Twice a year, the College will hold a 'Super Curricular Fortnight', with subject specific 'Meet-Ups' at lunchtime to discuss what they have discovered during their super curricular explorations with other students.

Students will be awarded praise points as a reward for the ambition and confidence they will display in taking part in discussions with their peers. **The first Super-Curricular Fortnight starts 21st January.**

## Determined and Reflective

### NORTH WEALDEN TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

School games Level 2 North Wealden Table Tennis Tournament was hosted at Heathfield CC with 3 local secondary schools taking place and 5 teams involved.

The Heathfield players excelled with the 'B' team winning 2, drawing one and losing one they came second, drawing on points with Beacon A team but beating them on games won difference.



The 'A' team went one better winning all their matches, with Beacon A being their hardest opposition beating them 3-1 but with all games going to 2-1 so tight contests.

Well done to all players involved and the A team are now through the North Wealden area in the county finals. Team: Biba Carter, Eva Harker, Jessica Squires, Emma Dear, Luke Gibbons, Felix Lane, Rufus Jones, Finley Jones and Charlie Hersey-Swan.

## Heathfield Community College Community News

Congratulations go to PC Caroline Adams, a parent at Heathfield Community College, who is awarded the Queen's Policing Medal (QPM) for her outstanding contribution to the policing of children and young people, both locally and nationally.

Caroline is currently supporting the Hampshire's Chief Constable in her lead role for the National Child Centred Policing Portfolio.



## Engaged & Enthusiastic

### YEAR 8 COLLAPSED CURRICULUM DAY - HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOUR



I am always amazed, that on a trip with over 200 students, how smoothly things run. This can't be done without conscientious students, dedicated staff and our fantastic trip leader, Mrs Damazer, without whom none of this would happen. Trips like this are months in the planning and generate an incredible amount of work and it is so satisfying to end a trip knowing beyond certainty that it was all worth it and that you would do it again without hesitation.

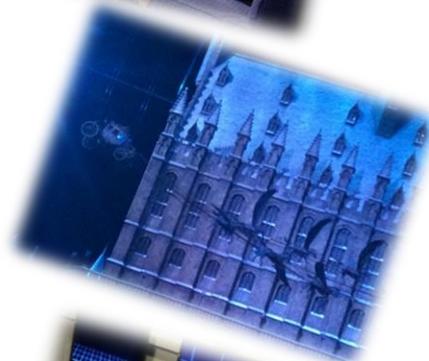
Praise must go to Year 8 for engaging so much in the day, for their clear enthusiasm, for their exemplary behaviour and for making all the staff here at Heathfield so proud.

This is the fourth time that we have taken a Year 8 group to the Harry Potter Studio Tour to help them identify the vast numbers of industries that are used to make a film. We hope this experience will have helped them to understand the type of subjects that lead to certain careers. Alongside this valuable exercise, timed deliberately before Year 8 start to consider their GCSE options, they also get to see the inside story to this amazing set of films. The facts behind both the books and the films themselves are incredible and the work put into both is mind blowing. Did you know that J K Rowling formed the first ideas for Harry Potter on a delayed train from Manchester to London? Who on earth could have known it would lead to one of the greatest book and film phenomenons ever known?!

Year 8 were fantastic throughout the whole trip, even when faced with an unfortunate delay due to a severe crash on the M25 which held up one of our coaches. They were engaged and enthusiastic throughout and many students I spoke to, both on the day and the day after, expressed a real joy and appreciation to be there.

**MS IRELAND, Head of Art**

### HARRY POTTER PHOTO GALLERY



### GCSE & A LEVEL CERTIFICATES

GCSE and A-Level certificates are available to collect from Reception until Thursday 31 January. Students unable to collect in person can ask a relative or another student to do so on their behalf. They must, however, bring with them a letter of authority to collect or they can send an email giving permission to [examinations@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:examinations@heathfieldcc.co.uk). They must also bring some form of ID. Students who attended the College in the past, and have not collected their certificates, are also urged to contact the College as soon as possible at [examinations@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:examinations@heathfieldcc.co.uk) or telephone 01435 866066 Ext 1209 in advance so that they can be left at Reception at a mutually convenient time. New rules mean that uncollected certificates will have to be returned to the awarding bodies. The cost of obtaining a certificate will then be charged at approximately £40 per item for copies to be issued.

## Engaged & Enthusiastic

Christmas seems like a long time ago but we would tell you about some of the things that happened at the end of term after our last edition of Headlines was issued:

### LEARNING SUPPORT CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped or supported our Christmas Fair on the 18 December. It was a huge success and we raised **£317.74** which will go towards revamping our garden in the spring.



### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

The annual Heathfield Carol Concert once again showcased the musical talents of our students. Students performed to a full hall of family and friends in a range of musical ensembles ranging from the College Choir to the Orchestra.

As always, the audience provided support with the Christmas songs that required their enthusiastic participation.

It is always impressive to see the community come together for these events, more so with the representation of all year groups on this evening. Huge thanks go to the students, the support of the families attending and to Ms Evenden and Mr Marrows for bringing the show together.



## Engaged & Enthusiastic

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

On Monday 17 December, the whole of Year 10 enjoyed the suitably festive treat of a live performance of 'A Christmas Carol': Charles Dickens' timeless, universal tale of old miser Scrooge who is visited by four ghostly visitors, come to teach him a lesson.



Adapted and directed by Michael Whitmore, Quantum Theatre's delightful production captures all the warmth and humanity, anguish and eerie portent of this festive classic.

Not only was it a lovely way to spend the final Monday morning of a very long term, but hopefully, the production will have enlightened the year group's study of the text for their GCSE English Literature.

## Sixth Form

### SIXTH FORM SKI/BOARD TRIP - LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

You still have a chance to book a place on the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Ski/Boarding Trip taking place from 6 - 12 April 2019.



The cost of the trip is £1045, which includes mini bus transfers to Heathrow, British Airways flights, coach travel to and from the resort, 6-day lift pass for the whole of the Amade ski region, 6 nights half board accommodation, a minimum of 30 hours ski/board tuition with qualified English speaking instructors, equipment hire and insurance.



For more information please contact Mr Pedley, Trip Organiser, at [ppedley@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:ppedley@heathfieldcc.co.uk) or telephone 01435 866066 Ext 1251.

## Ambitious & Confident

### HEATHFIELD AREA - LEVEL 2 SCHOOL GAMES PRIMARY SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS EVENT



Before Christmas, the College hosted the Level 2 School Games Sportshall Athletics event for the Heathfield cluster of primary schools. Four schools took part (Cross in Hand, Broad Oak, Mayfield & Parkside) and around 90 Year 5 & 6 students participated in running, jumping and throwing activities. All the events were ably led by students from Year 10. Some students were involved in leading at a major event for the very first time. All the leaders took to the challenge and proved

themselves well equipped with great organisational and communication skills. This ensured that the event ran smoothly, on time and was a great success. The School Games Organiser, Tracy Lewis, came along to the event and was impressed with the young leaders and commented: “they are all so good, demonstrating and helping in how to do the event and then really encouraging when the primary children are taking part.” At the end of the afternoon, Cross in Hand were the winners with Mayfield in the runners-up spot.



The overall winner goes through to represent Heathfield in the partnership round in January.



Ms Cobbold said she was “so impressed and proud of the young leaders at Heathfield Community College who operated so professionally throughout the afternoon.” Many thanks go to the Year 10 students involved on the day: Megan Stevens, Lucie Miller, Elise Fulwell, Maddie Pittock, Maisy Evershed, Berry Robertson, Katie Wood, Harriet Peek, Mattea Rendell, Sophie Young, Carys Keeley, Alyssa Huffey, Leanne Martin, Amelia Bowerman, Eddie Walley, and George Morphew.

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### UCAS AND ALTERNATIVE PROGRESSION ROUTES

The deadline to submit an application to university in the UK was Tuesday 15 January. Thankfully, all students applying to university for 2020 have safely met the deadline! This year, 115 Heathfield Sixth Form students have applied to university for subjects varying from Social Anthropology to Biomechanical Engineering, from Astrophysics to Make Up for Media and Performance.

Offers are now coming in thick and fast. Thirty one students have received their offers and are in a position to make their final choices. Other students, especially those applying for Medicine or Performing Arts, will have to be a little patient as they need to attend interviews and auditions first. Each university (and often each department!) has their own approach to admissions and so two students applying at the same time can have very different experiences of how quickly offers come back. Students applying for apprenticeships, Drama School and Art Foundation courses are also busy, with closing dates, interviews and auditions fast approaching! We will have more news on these routes very soon.

We are proud to announce that several of our students have received offers from either Cambridge or Oxford in the last few weeks. Nathan Lawson, a student at our sixth form last year, is currently the first Heathfield student to secure a place on the prestigious Foundation Programme at Lady Margaret Hall, the only one of its kind at Oxford or Cambridge, with just 12 places each year. This widening participation programme aims to enable students from all backgrounds and experiences to be able to access our top universities. Nathan has promised to return to Heathfield to share his insights with current students later this year.

## Sixth Form

### Are you a parent or carer of a student in our Sixth Form?

Are you unsure about the university applications process and want to find out more? If you would like to know more or book a place on the seminars, please click on the image below

Starting  
College



Starting  
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**'Thinking About University'** – for parents of students in year 12 / 1<sup>st</sup> year - 06/01/2019. An introduction to the University application process and advice on choosing the right course and University for your son or daughter.

**'Making the Most of Summer'** – for parents of students finishing year 12 / 1<sup>st</sup> year – 15/05/2019. Information and guidance on what students should be thinking about and doing during the summer break, before they come back to do UCAS applications in the Autumn term.

**'Applying to University'** – for parents of students starting year 13 / 2<sup>nd</sup> year – 04/10/2018. This session focuses on helping students make a strong application to University, covering the UCAS process in depth, making the right course choice, personal statements, interviews and student finance.

**'Getting Ready for University'** – for parents of students finishing year 13 / 2<sup>nd</sup> year – 24/04/2019. Key facts and an inside view of what to expect during the summer and in your son or daughter's first term at University – what's expected from the parent/guardian, practicalities, accommodation and admissions advice, and what to do if things don't go to plan.



**'Student Support Seminar'** – for parents/carers of students in year 12 or 13 – 26/06/19. A more targeted seminar which aims to outline the support the University of Brighton can offer to support the progression to Higher Education of students with specific additional needs.

### NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE



NCS were at the College at Year 11 Parents' Evening.

NCS is a 4 week programme for 15-17 year olds that includes staying away from home, exhilarating challenges and the ability for your teenager to make their mark and build skills for work and life.

NCS has been running since 2011 and now has more than half a million graduates across the country! Summer 2019 is your son/daughter's opportunity to get involved and really shape their future.

This is a once in a lifetime experience that your child will never forget. GCSEs will be over and NCS is the perfect way to celebrate and learn new skills outside of the classroom. Thanks to government support, the most you'll ever pay for this unbeatable experience is £50, but this cost could be less or even free depending on your circumstances.

If you want to find out more information or to sign up please visit:

<https://www.ncsyes.co.uk/>

### THANK A TEACHER: SEND A CARD CAMPAIGN

We've all had a great teacher. They show a real interest in who we are, listen to our thoughts, inspire us to learn and encourage us to achieve our best, no matter what our goals are. The influence of a good teacher lasts a lifetime. We know an amazing teacher makes all the difference at school



A thank you card shows how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication. Say "thank you" to an amazing teacher and we'll send them a lovely card through the post, with your personal message, for free.

Anyone can send a card; children, students, parents, grandparents and colleagues can all say thank you to a teacher, teaching assistant, headteacher or team. Let's see how many staff we can thank! [\\*CLICK HERE TO SEND A CARD\\*](#)

## Notices and Events

### CONSIDERATE PARKING AT THE COLLEGE

Please accept this notice with the understanding that we do know and appreciate that parking outside and around the College is difficult. In recent years we have tried to expand the parking inside the College grounds but any further additions would require significant investment and planning permissions.



We would like to remind you that you should not park, drop off or pick up in the taxi/disabled parking bay at the front of the College (unless you are a taxi or a parent with prior permission from the College). Sometimes parents of students without any special educational needs are doing this and it is very frustrating for the taxi drivers picking up our students and not being able to park in the allocated places. It is also very dangerous as some of our students are visually impaired.

In addition, we would like to remind you that if you are visiting the College in the afternoon you should not park in the lay-by at the front of the College as the buses start to arrive at 2pm. We have a large amount of buses picking up our students and need every space available in the lay-by for them to park safely. Unfortunately if you are parked in the lay-by or the College car park the buses will not be able to move to let you out.

We are aware that there are a large number of parents dropping off and collecting students from the College but we would ask that to ensure the safety of all that you do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the College.

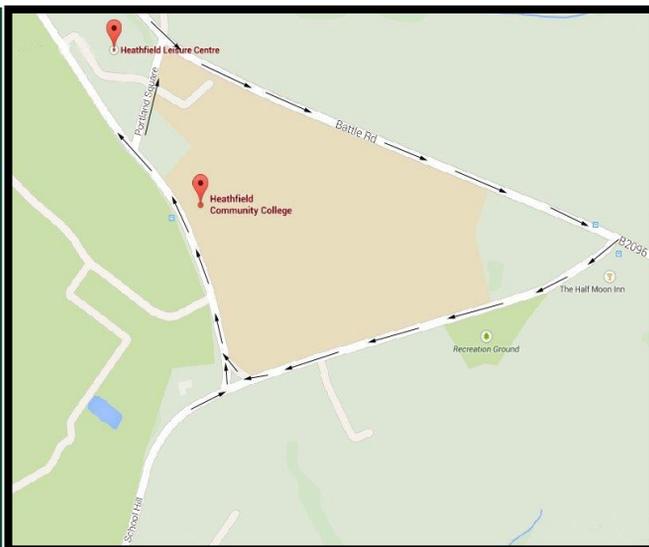
Thank you for your continued help and support.



### REMINDER - VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SYSTEM

We ask that you follow the voluntary one-way system (see map left) to avoid congestion when bringing and collecting your child as it significantly helps traffic to flow.

It is also an ongoing safety issue for our students and local residents.



### URGENT INFORMATION IF YOU HAVE A BT EMAIL ADDRESS

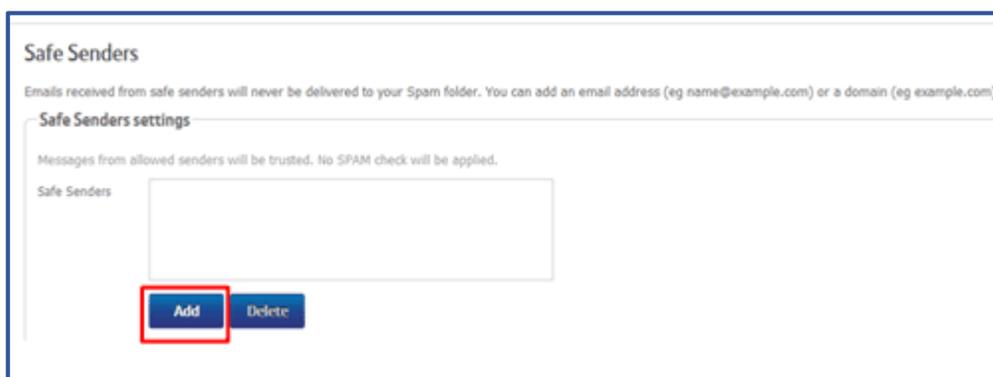
Parents who use BT emails, particularly BT Internet email addresses, will not have been reliably receiving emails from Heathfield Community College since before Christmas.

This situation has been investigated by Capita who have advised that InTouch is not on any SPAM blacklist for BT or any other provider. Capita have reviewed the end-to-end InTouch infrastructure and can confirm that there is no modification that could be implemented on the platform to assist the transmission to these affected BT Internet email accounts.

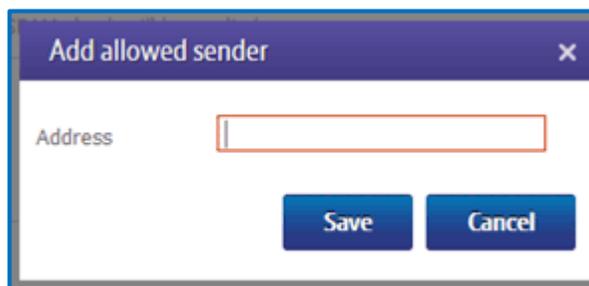
BT have advised that all parents and other contacts with BT email accounts should check their account and filtering settings to prevent emails from College being delivered into a SPAM folder, or not being delivered at all. The College's email address should be added to a "Safe Senders" list. The address is [845028@Capita-InTouch.co.uk](mailto:845028@Capita-InTouch.co.uk).

To add a "Safe Sender" in a BT email account:

1) From the **Settings** tab in **Account Setting**, select the "Safe Senders" folder and click on the **Add** button



2) Add the email you want to mark as safe ([845028@Capita-InTouch.co.uk](mailto:845028@Capita-InTouch.co.uk)) and select **Save**



3) After a confirmation message the email address will be added to your list of safe senders

If you are concerned that emails are not getting through or have any other questions please contact Christine Thompson, SIMS & Data Manager, at the College via email at [cthompson@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:cthompson@heathfieldcc.co.uk) or 01435 866066 Ext 1232.

## On Line Safety Tips: DID YOU KNOW?

### SAFER INTERNET DAY 2019

Did you know that Tuesday 5 February 2019 is "Safer Internet Day"? This year's theme is "Our Internet, Our Choice: Understanding consent in a digital world". All students will have access to a presentation and activities to support this in an assembly and through morning form times. It is all about the data that we share either deliberately or accidentally when using the internet. Just agreeing to the terms and conditions of an app without checking them can lead to you giving away all sorts of data about yourself that you wouldn't normally agree to letting a complete stranger see: access to your photos, calendar, address book, location history, internet searching history, internet shopping history etc. Why would you agree to it just to get access to an app?



A series of online safety videos for parents can be found at the following link: <https://onlinesafetyalliance.org/online-safety-for-parents-in-90-seconds/>

### ON LINE APPLICATIONS - LIVE STREAMING

The recent development of online applications to allow "live streaming" are concerning safety experts. These are apps and websites that allow users to stream to the world live pictures of themselves as they are working at their device.

They started off as a way for the ambitious to showcase their performance skills but are now being used as another communication tool by teenagers in particular. Facebook and Twitter have recently introduced their own versions of these services but what is more worrying is that the national trend is for teenagers to avoid the main social media.

What this means is that teenagers are putting themselves in more danger of online grooming as most of the new apps have no parental controls, no privacy settings and no age verification settings.

You can find out more from the BBC website at the following URL: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-42243733/posing-as-a-schoolgirl-to-expose-online-groomers>

Please talk to your children about the online services they are using. If they are using streaming services, please talk to them about the potential dangers and how to keep themselves safe. For example, if they are determined to use these services they should stick to mainstream social media with privacy settings and age verification. They should certainly be asked to tell you if they experience anything that is worrying and depending on the circumstances, the police should be involved. You can find the "report it" button on the College website at: [http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page\\_id=445362](http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=445362)

### ALUMNI EVENT

At the end of last term, we welcomed our 2018 6th Form leavers to the College to collect their 'A' level certificates.

The event was well attended and Sam White, Head of Years 12 & 13 commented: "it was lovely to see so many ex-students back at Heathfield and to hear their stories of what they have been up to since leaving or their plans for the coming year."

The room was buzzing with excited alumni discussing life in halls, living away from home, 9am lectures and having to plan meals themselves. Others were talking about their apprenticeships, foundation courses and gap years. The range of new experiences was vast and Donna Taylor, Alumni Coordinator, was busy collecting snippets of advice to share with our current Year 13s, who will shortly be embarking on their own new ventures.

We are delighted to keep increasing the number of alumni who are keen to return and talk to current students about their experiences, to give their insights into university, employment and gap year opportunities. We look forward to hearing more from them in the future!

**Certificates for** any 2018 leavers who have not yet collected them are currently being held in Reception. A form of ID must be brought with you. If someone else is going to collect the certificates you should email Mrs Lane, Exams Officer, at [plane@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:plane@heathfieldcc.co.uk), to give permission for a named person to collect the certificates on your behalf. You can also write a letter giving authority to do this. The person collecting the certificates must bring some form of ID with them.

If you are a Heathfield alumni and would like to be involved in, or contribute to our alumni programme, please e-mail [alumni@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:alumni@heathfieldcc.co.uk) with your contact details.



## A Message from the College Governors (reminder)

### Raising a Concern or making a complaint:

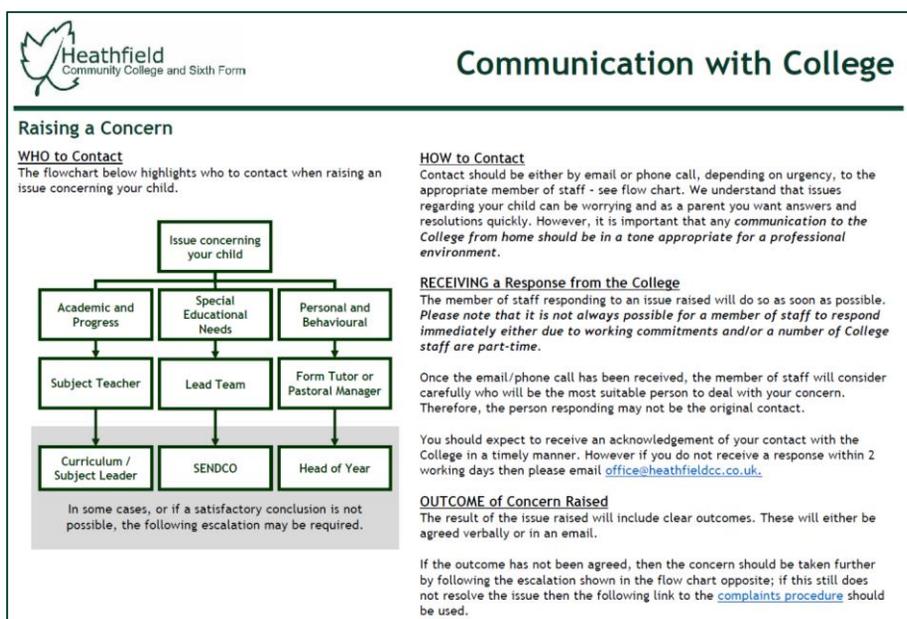
As a college, we recognise that from time to time situations arise which cannot be resolved informally or which are sufficiently serious to justify a formal complaint. We have a clear complaints procedure which is published for reference on our website [here](#).

Whilst we understand entirely that situations affecting your child easily result in emotions running high, and that the trend in today's society is to think that an email complaint will only be taken seriously if it is expressed in terms that include threatening or abusive language, we assure you that all complaints that are brought to our attention are investigated thoroughly and professionally and that consistent and appropriate action is taken.

Complaints that are emailed to staff which contain threats, whether that is against the individual or the organisation and complaints which include lists of demands about specific actions that the college must take without giving us the opportunity to conduct a proper and balanced investigation are likely in future to be categorised as vexatious and dealt with accordingly. Teachers, like NHS workers or post office counter staff have a right not come to work to receive abuse and insults.

The vast majority of parents interact with College staff professionally and respect the fact that the information they have access to often only represents half the story. The few which do not follow this protocol consume a disproportionate amount of management time which is a precious resource in today's economic climate.

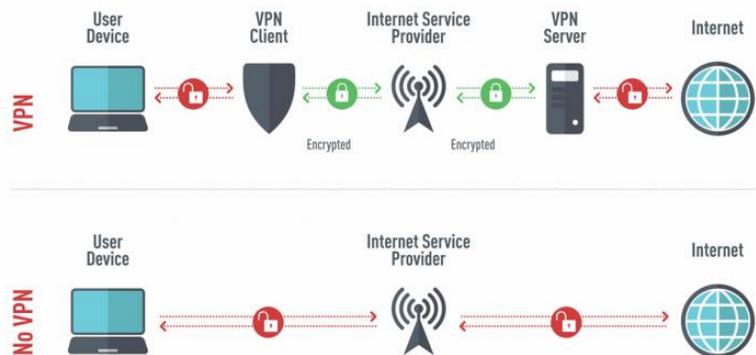
Thank you for your understanding.



### VPN AND THE AFFECT ON THE COLLEGE NETWORK

A VPN server can manipulate website traffic and data to exploit the user in various ways. These VPNs are free for a reason! They also have an effect on the College network and the access in the surrounding area.

#### How a VPN works



**VPN RISKS:** Free VPN's can have some or all the following dangers

EMSISOFT

1. Malware / Viruses
2. Tracking data - tracking users browsing habits and selling the information
3. Collect personal data entered on website etc and sell it
4. Stealing bandwidth - companies resell the internet connection bandwidth or use it to allow other to do things on your internet connection.
5. Hijacking browsers and sending you to website you didn't go to.
6. Identity theft / fraud as a result of the above
7. Used to attack other websites / services.

#### What's happened

Our Internet provider has contacted the college as they have detected unusual and very high traffic coming from the college. This traffic represents a threat to their wider network and as such they threatened to cut us off within 15 minutes if the issue wasn't resolved. When we have investigated the cause, it has been students using their own devices.

#### What We Will Do.

Short Term we have filtered and blocked the requests. However this action puts strain on the College systems and will compromise the wireless in some areas.

As of next week we will move to block students from accessing our internet **unless** it is on an approved College Device. **Therefore iPads will be fine, as will approved devices that we enable access for.**

However **everyday access to College WiFi on personal phones or devices will not be possible.** Where this causes a personal complication we will work hard to ensure we manage around it but would appreciate patience as we manage this for the benefit of us all and our local community.

### STRUGGLING WITH PARENTING TEENAGERS?



## Teen Triple P Group

**What?** Are you struggling with your Teen's everyday behaviour? Would you like to meet other parents and gain some useful strategies to deal with common parenting issues? If so this free group for parents/carers of children aged 12-18 could be perfect for you

**Where?** Heathfield Youth Centre, High Street, Heathfield, TN21 0UP

**When?** 6.30-9pm. Tues 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 then telephone calls for 3 weeks. Final session 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

[To book your free place](#)  
Call 01424 725800 or email  
[info@openforparents.org.uk](mailto:info@openforparents.org.uk)  
or visit us at  
[www.openforparents.org.uk](http://www.openforparents.org.uk)

Any questions contact:  
[Beata.Drury@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Beata.Drury@eastsussex.gov.uk) /07748146905



## Events & Notices

### OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION IN EAST SUSSEX

Being a parent.  
Nobody said it  
was easy.

Open for parents.  
Developing better  
relationships.

openforparents.org.uk

/openforparents

#### Open For Parents website

Being a parent is not always easy. You are not alone if you find it difficult sometimes. But it's OK. You can talk to us.

If you live in East Sussex and you're worried about managing your child's behaviour, supporting their development or their emotional wellbeing or you want support and advice to help build a positive relationship with your child, we can help.

[Find out more](#)

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### EASY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising to support Heathfield Community College.

**We have now raised £821.23 in donations!**

If you have not yet signed up, please help us raise even more free donations by signing up today using the link below! It is very easy to set up and we receive a free donation every time you shop online using the easyfundraising website or APP.

As we approach this weekend and the run up to Christmas everyone will be considering ways to save money over this time of year. If you can bear us in mind and use this app then our students can benefit all year round as part of this easy to use app.



[Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk)  
Website



Easyfundraising App  
Easyfundraising Website

**Raise over £53 for** Heathfield Community College

when you book your travel online this year.

Shopping list	SHOPS AND SITES	DONATION*
Package holiday	AA	£40 = £40
Insurance	Money	9% = £5.72
Travel money	AVIS	£1.50 = £1.50
Car hire	AVIS	3% = £5.77
Airport parking	AVIS	5% = £2.85

**PER SUPPORTER = £53.84**  
IF 10 PEOPLE BOOK = £538.40

Join today and make a world of difference when you book your travel online. Plus, for every travel purchase made before the end of February 2018 we'll get one entry to win a £1,000 donation prize!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)



We are holding blood donation sessions at  
**Heathfield Community Centre**  
**Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield, TN21 0XG**  
**on Monday 11 February**  
**&**  
**Monday 11 March 2019**  
and have appointments available between  
**13:30 & 20:00**

To book an appointment  
Visit us at [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)  
Download our app **NHSGIVEBLOOD**  
Telephone **0300 123 23 23**

New & Existing Donors Welcome by Appointment

## Events & Notices

### LEGO MASTERS

Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the LEGO bricks?  
Is the LEGO MASTERS build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?

A promotional poster for the LEGO MASTERS competition. The background is a bright blue sky with yellow clouds. In the center, the words "LEGO MASTERS" are written in large, bold, red letters with a slight 3D effect. Above this, in smaller red text, it says "DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?". Below the main title, in yellow text, it reads "The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders." At the bottom of the poster, in white text on a blue background, it says "Please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) for more information." There are several colorful LEGO structures: a hot air balloon on the left, a tall orange building, a green and red structure, and a large red and blue structure on the right. A small satellite is in the top right. The "TUESDAY'S CHILD" logo is in the bottom left corner. A small disclaimer at the bottom reads: "Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 18's - must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - [www.tuesdayschild.tv](http://www.tuesdayschild.tv)"

The producers of the popular Channel 4 series **LEGO MASTERS** are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition.

If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv)

Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Your application will be received by a member of Tuesday's Child production company and they will contact you directly. Tuesday's Child will process your personal data in accordance with their privacy policy.

This is not a Heathfield Community College event and any correspondence should go directly to [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) not the College.

### SUPPORTERS OF HEATHFIELD CC SPRING RAFFLE

SOHCC are holding a raffle at all parent events in Terms 3 and 4. If you have contacts with local businesses who would be willing to provide prizes please contact [ctreloar@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:ctreloar@heathfieldcc.co.uk). In return the company will receive advertising at all events for which the tickets are sold.



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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We still require volunteers to assist with providing access arrangements during exam periods (mock exams throughout the year and summer exams).

Volunteers need to have numeracy and literacy skills which would allow them to act as readers and scribes for candidates sitting GCSE qualifications. Some candidates will have Special Educational Needs and associated difficulties.

Full training for the role will be provided. Please contact Ben Barnett, Specialist Literacy Teacher by email if you would like further information or to register your interest [bbarnett@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:bbarnett@heathfieldcc.co.uk).

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

If you have a business locally and have opportunities for school leavers please let us know by emailing [office@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:office@heathfieldcc.co.uk) as we may be able to promote to students.

### STUDENT VACANCIES

#### Year 12 Students...

Are you looking for part time work?

If you are then have you considered cleaning at the College?

##### College Cleaners

**Working Hours:**

15.15pm - 17.15pm

**Frequency:**

2 - 5 shifts per week,  
Monday to Friday

**Salary:** £5.60 per hour

**Main Duties:**

Cleaning corridors & classrooms

**No previous experience required!!**

If you are interested in being put on the waiting list please contact Mrs Potter on: [epotter@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:epotter@heathfieldcc.co.uk)

If successful you will be required to work during the last two weeks of the summer holidays as well as either February or Easter holiday, this is non-negotiable.

You **MUST** be a current Sixth Form Student to work at the College.



#### Year 11 Students...

Will you be looking for part-time work when you become a Sixth Form student?

If so, have you considered cleaning at the College?

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## Online Safety

### A Guide to Social Media

The YouTube videos at the bottom of this notice help to explain what Social Media is and how it works.

To stay safe, remember:

- always set your privacy to the highest level you can e.g. friends only (not friends of friends)

Students are safer if you do NOT:

- post images of yourself with close ups OR
- in school uniform OR
- without adding filters OR
- in front of a place that is easily identified to the school or your home address
- share your address or telephone number on a social media profile.

See videos explaining Social Media using the quick links below.



[Social Media Explained Visually](#)  
YouTube



[Social Media In Plain English](#)  
YouTube

## Calendar Dates

DIARY DATES		
Monday	21 January	Year 13 MFL Mock Orals
Tuesday	22 January	Super-Curricular Art Trip
Wednesday	23 January	Year 11 Parents' Learning Walk
		Year 10 & 11 Drama Trip – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
Thursday	24 January	A Level Politics trip to University of Sussex
Friday	25 January	Visit of Normandy Veterans
Tuesday	29 January	Year 11 Group/Individual Photos
Wednesday	30 January	Year 8 County Lines Production
Thursday	31 January	Open Morning
		Year 11 GCSE Performance to Parents
Friday	1 February	Visit of Teachers from China

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