



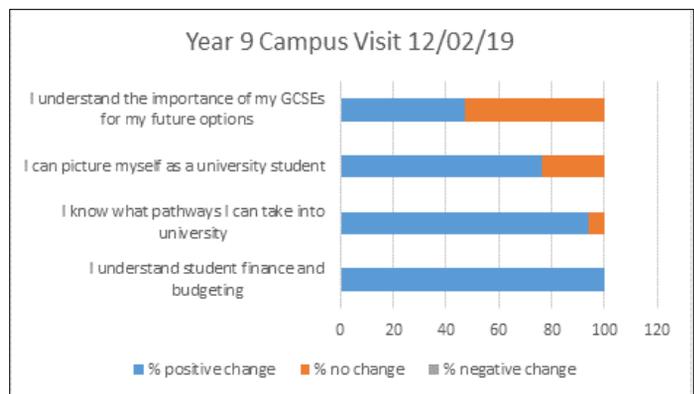
FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARS: UNIVERSITY AS AN OPTION FOR ALL

On 12 February a group of Year 9 students visited the University of Sussex in Brighton. The group, who would all be the first in their families to attend university, took part in a Campus tour, talks with existing students, some subject tasters and the all-important ‘budgeting’ game.

“The students engaged brilliantly with the whole day and were a real credit to the College. The aim of the trip and the scheme in general is to provide experiences of University for students who statistically are less likely to go to University than their peers. It certainly did that and the feedback from them was resoundingly positive.” Mr Pollard.



Feedback from the University immediately after the visit shows most of the students left the campus visit feeling more confident in considering university as an option. The analysis showed they mostly felt more confident agreeing with the statements than they did at the start of the visit, with notable gains in their understanding of student finance and budgeting. We all know University is not the right destination for all but we are clear there should be no barrier to those for whom it is the right step.



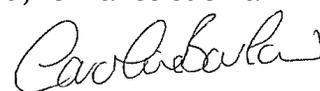
Message from the Headteacher, Caroline Barlow

I can hardly believe that we are already half-way through our academic year, yet when I look around me at College I can see all the signs that we are reaching that tipping point in the year when students really start to show their quality and commitment, realising that their goals are within sight.

This past week I have had reports from staff of how hard Year 10 and 11 are working and how self motivated they are becoming as they work towards their examinations. I also had feedback of a fabulous Year 8 English lesson where boys and girls alike were enthusing about the power of Maya Angelou's poem *Still I Rise*. I heard of a Year 9 Geography class getting to grips with not only the concept but the vocabulary by delving into the Greek roots of the words. We have seen Year 7 engaged in Science practicals ranging from growing crystals, to using ticker-tape to measure speed and an experiment looking at the correlation between height, shoe size and hand span. It is heart-warming to see the enjoyment and enthusiasm our students have for learning.

Year 8 are taking some of the next steps in their educational journey, with the Options Fair this week. It was good to speak to parents and students who were excited about their choices. Some had decided already; others were still deciding due to the range and breadth that they were keen to study. It is lovely to see such enjoyment of learning and excitement to study in our young people. They are evidently well supported by families who are working hard to help them make these next steps.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the parents (and students) who responded to the Thank A Teacher scheme. I have been inundated with emails from Pearson Teaching Awards informing me of the nominations our teachers have received which will allow me to pass on the details to individual teachers. This is linked to the National Teaching Awards and has a deadline of the start of March, so it's not too late if there is someone you would like to thank! I am always particularly grateful to the large numbers of our families who support our community culture of mutual appreciation and positivity all year round; it makes such a difference to all. Thank you.



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

It has been a busy fortnight at College as last week was Internet safety day and we had lots of beneficial information to help us think about how we use and engage with the web and social media in ways that keep us safe.

This week was LGBTQ+ week and with Valentine's Day being on Thursday people were celebrating and creating awareness that on Valentine's Day people should be able to love who they want to love.

We had lots of beneficial information from the college. The students seemed to be really engaged and they have gratefully taken on board the important key messages. We had assemblies enforcing those messages and we were lucky enough to have a PowerPoint in form about the LGBTQ+ community and history.



Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

Notices and Events

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Further to our notice in the last issue of Heathfield Headlines regarding parking outside and around the College (repeated below) we have had further complaints from members of the public regarding the parking at the top of Halley Road and in Portland Square, particularly at the end of the school day. Please be respectful of our neighbours and other road users and park considerately around the College.

Notice from Heathfield Headlines Issue 62 (1 February 2019)

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.

We will again be highlighting the lack of parking facilities around the College to East Sussex County Council Highways Department. Thank you for your continued help and support.

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.



THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME



'It was so awesome!'
'The ending was so funny.'
'I absolutely sobbed!'

These were just a few of the excited proclamations from our Year 10s and 11s as they piled out of the Piccadilly Theatre on Thursday night after watching a performance of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

This absolute masterpiece enthralled our students from start to finish. Not only was it an invaluable experience to support their studying of this play at GCSE, but provided an important insight into the mind of a teenager with Aspergers and was a cultural experience they are very unlikely to forget.

From comical moments to heart-wrenching scenes, spectacular staging to adorable puppies, this play offered something for everyone to enjoy. This was the first time some of these students had been to a theatre and the looks on their faces said it all!

Even the staff left in awe of this unique production. It was an excellent evening from start to finish!

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND NEW BEGINNINGS



On Thursday 30 January we celebrated the success of our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students from 2018.

It was a time to reflect on their amazing accomplishments both individually and as teams in the four sections that make up this prestigious award. Whilst they now have a certificate and lapel badge to proudly show their achievement they have all developed in themselves physically and mentally and gathered memories to carry forward on the next stage of their journeys.



Congratulations to the following students all from Year 10:

Laurie Beebee, Phoebe Bigwood, Amelia Bowerman, Dana Brown, Archie Culyer, Tatiana Dean, Ella Don Francesco, Lily Hallam, Emily Hill, Lydia Hook, Harvey Keeley, Lottie Macro, Emily Miller, Lucie Miller, Mattea Rendell, Ellie Schutze, Rachel Sparrow, Milly Thompsett.



January was also the start of our new Duke of Edinburgh Programme which we launched to Year 9 & 10.

We now have 29 new students joining our Duke of Edinburgh's programme enrolling on the Bronze Award.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND NEW BEGINNINGS (cont/d)



A huge welcome to the following students who we look forward to supporting with their individual endeavours:

Bree Bailey, Tillie Bird, Jessica Blackhurst, Amy Cameron, Bethany Casse, Margaux Collins, Charles Culham, Isabella Dulieu, Oli Dursham, Will Farrier, Lauren Fenn, Millie Froud, Isabelle Gadsby, George Gloss, Rachel Harris, Fraya Henry, Olivia Irwin, Elliott Knudson, Tom Large, Cameron Matthews, Henry Millett, Rosie Moon, Sian Sanger, Marcia Stubbings, Mikey Thacker, Katie Webb, Sadie Williams, George Wingsutton, Boo Young and Will Bell

Our programme of training for the expedition section is looking full with our Thursday afterschool sessions focussing on the key skills needed. Our 3 practice walks are planned in the spring with the expedition dates set for the summer term.



We also welcome back 7 of our 2018 Bronze students who are taking DofE to the next level and enrolling onto the Silver award: Laurie Beebee, Tatiana Dean, Ella Don Francesco, Lily Hallam, Emily Hill, Lottie Macro, Emily Miller and Milly Thompsett.

Duke of Edinburgh Lead:

Miss C Harker

charker@heathfieldcc.co.uk

ON-LINE SAFETY

SEXTING

Do you know that in 2016, 42 pupils in one school were fooled into providing naked Snapchats of themselves by a 17 year old boy pretending to be a girl offering them sex online? The 17 year old was arrested but those 42 boys now have nude selfies of them floating around on the internet. Details of the story can be found at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/12118848/Top-public-school-at-centre-of-sexting-scam.html>

Sexting is a national issue for school age children and it often happens willingly between consenting couples that are below the age of consent as well as a result of the kind of scam highlighted above.

Your digital footprint is permanent, even after you have “deleted” the offending image from your own social media account, so be careful what you put online - it is only very rarely completely private.

Furthermore, if sexting takes place between couples, where one of the people involved is over the age of consent but the other isn't, that individual will be subject to legal proceedings that could end in fines, imprisonment and being permanently added to the official register of sex offenders.

Events & Notices

PROCEDURE FOR COLLEGE CLOSURE DURING COLD WEATHER

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that any College closure will be posted on the College website www.heathfieldcc.co.uk. If you would like to receive an email alert from ESCC about any school closures please click on the following link to sign up for this: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/schoolclosures. We always monitor the weather situation carefully during very cold spells and take advice from the Local Authority.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is of paramount importance.

Please check the website regularly for updates regarding school closures.

Supporters of Heathfield Community College (SOHCC)

RAFFLE PRIZES

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. In return the company will receive advertising at all events for which the tickets are sold.





Heathfield
Community College and Sixth Form

Fancy Dress Library Quiz



Thursday 14 March, 5pm-7pm
Main Hall

£3 a ticket

*Tickets can be brought from Mrs Reeves in the
Library*

4-6 people in a team, ask a teacher to be in
your team!



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SCHOOL GAMES - PRIMARY QUICKSTICKS TOURNAMENT

On an overcast, foggy and cold day, Heathfield CC hosted the School Games (Level 2) Family Quicksticks Primary Schools Tournament. With eight of our feeder schools entered, and with seven teams having an A & B team, many hockey games were played on the day to find the top two teams. The 15 competing teams were initially divided into two A & B round robin leagues followed by semis and play-off games for the positional deciding matches.

The final was a close contest which finished 2-2 and after several minutes of 'golden goal' time it was decided to share the title as both teams go through to the partnership round to represent the Heathfield Area in the North Wealden Finals in May. Some excellent hockey was played throughout the afternoon despite the cold weather.



The superb Year 10 Young Leaders helping at the event and working towards the HCC Sports Leader Award were: Amelia Bowerman, Maisy Evershed, Leanne Martin, Lydia Hook, Codie Thompson, Katie Wood, Harriet Peek, Berry Robertson, Zakk Dunn, Zach Renmant and Ethan Greenlees

"Many thanks go to the Heathfield Young Sports Leaders yet again for all their time and efforts in either umpiring or scoring/timing so well to ensure the event was a success. I have never seen an umpire performing in a blazer and tie and it shows the level of commitment shown by the young leaders epitomised by Zakk Dunn when he returned to help at the end of the event having just performed in his assessed drama piece." Mrs Cobbold



SCHOOL GAMES - SECONDARY SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Heathfield CC Year 7s and 8s recently took part in the North Wealden Sports Hall Athletics Partnership Finals held at Beacon Academy. All the teams were vying for the top spot to go forward to represent the North Wealden area in the Sussex Schools Games County Finals. There were over 120 competitors taking part in running, jumping and throwing events from the surrounding secondary schools of Beacon, Uckfield and Uplands.

The Year 7 team consisted of Madalin Bowerman, Isabelle Chappell, Lauren Gablehaus, Zoe Wright, Rae LeFay, Gemma Adams, Ollie Moore, Otto Everest, Ziggy Henry, Daniel Milia, Jake Standing, Rob Blackhurst

The year 7 girls came 1st and the boys 3rd which meant they were just pipped to first place overall by Beacon.

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SCHOOL GAMES - SECONDARY SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS Cont/d

The Year 8 team consisted of Sophia McDonald, Pixie May Le Fae, Maddie Clark, Biba Carter, Eva Harker, Lily Ansell, Rufus Jones, Declan Donohue, Reece Roberts-Lee, Tim Murrell, Will Stovell, Luke Cave, Archie Wells.

The Year 8 girls came second and the boys third, finishing overall in third place.

Many thanks also go to the Year 10 leaders that assisted with the running of the triple jump event at the competition: Lucie Miller, Berry Robertson and Mattea Rendell. A fabulous event that all enjoyed.

Mr Moore said: *“Once again the young people of Heathfield Community College continue to amaze me! Firstly, all the competitors showed determination and commitment to give of their best in every event and secondly the leaders did a fantastic professional job. As always I am so proud of them all.”*

BADMINTON - COUNTY FINALS

Key Stage 3 boys and Key Stage 4 girls badminton teams recently competed in the county badminton finals. An early start to the day saw the two teams travelling to Worthing High for their competitions. Sadly, due to now having to pay the Badminton England NGB to enter this event rather than it being a free School Games event, numbers entering at this level have dropped. The boys' team consisting of Cameron Matthews, Cameron Montgomery, Matthew Morgan and Guy Moore took to the court against Worthing High, Downsland & Uckfield. They came third beating Uckfield 4-1 and losing to Downsland and Worthing High 4-1 but with some very close matches 20-21.



The girls' teams consisting of Eloise Matthews, Beth Montgomery, Daisy Adams and Grace Tye competed against Downslands and Uckfield. They beat both teams 4-1. Thanks in particular to Daisy, who arranged to be picked up from the venue so she could play and go to another commitment from Worthing, and to Beth for coming and playing even though she felt very poorly. Without her turning up on the day the team would have started their matches 2-0 down. Ms Cobbold said: *“The students of Heathfield Community College make me feel so proud of them, their resilience and commitment second to none.”*

Winning this event means that the girls are once again Sussex Champions and go through to the regional finals to be played in Guildford in March.

Both teams are also through to the Sussex Schools Games badminton event held at K2 in March to represent the North Wealden Area.



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DRESS REHEARSALS AND FINAL EXAMS: GCSE DRAMA SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE

Over the past couple of weeks the GCSE Drama students in Year 10 and 11 have been incredibly busy rehearsing and performing their scripted pieces to parents and friends. This week, on Tuesday 12 February and Wednesday 13 February, they finally performed to an examiner.



The Drama department have been so impressed by many of the students' outstanding level of creativity, commitment, focus and energy. In our opinion there were many outstanding performances. Some of the plays performed included *The Crucible*, *Metamorphosis* and *Things I know to be True*. We would like to say a very big "Well done" to our fantastic Drama students.



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YEAR 12 HISTORY & POLITICS VISIT TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY , SUPREME COURT AND PARLIAMENT.



On Tuesday 12 February 26 of our History and Politics students went to London for an enriching day visiting the National Gallery, Supreme Court of the UK and Parliament. We visited the National Gallery and saw highlights of the collection including works Turner and Van Gogh. At the UK Supreme Court students heard about the history of the site and learnt about important cases decided at the court, for example on human rights and more technical issues such as devolution.

At the Houses of Parliament our students were taught about the conflict between King and Parliament in the Seventeenth Century



They were also invited to listen into the speeches in the House of Lords and House of Commons including question and answers from the Prime Minister and the Minister for Culture, Media and Sport. At the end of the visit to Parliament, our local MP Huw Merriman met with our students and answered their questions on the role of the MP and current affairs, including the environment and Brexit.

Engaged & Enthusiastic

ECO REP UPDATE

Hi everyone!

We wanted to update you all on what the Eco-Reps have been getting up to recently. One of our main focuses has been on raising awareness of recycling and reducing plastic within the school.

The current annual saving since we begun this project is a predicted figure of approximately **£1700**. This is largely due to the addition of more affordable recyclable take away boxes and the removal of plastic cups from the canteen.

A HUGE thank you to you all for your help with this - keep remembering to bring in your water bottles!

COMING SOON - we hope to hear what you think about changing from biodegradable cutlery to wooden cutlery in the canteen. If this change occurred, we would hope to save approximately **£675** more per year. We will be asking for your thoughts about this soon.

From your Eco Reps, Maezie and Izzy



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KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Many of us will have read the tragic story of a young girl who took her own life recently and the connections that are alleged with the influence of social media.

With no comment on the individual case, it seems timely to remind that as a College we give regular input to the students about online safety and always include prompts in this publication to support parents in managing their children's use.

National advice suggests that children are better supported if:

- parents know the password to your children's devices.
- parents know the passwords to any social media accounts.

Do you allow devices in bedrooms at night? Do you use the built in parental controls to restrict time access to apps or to limit screen time at all?

If you would like help with any of these issues, no matter how small the query, or to discuss pros & cons of any particular approach please do get in touch with pastoral teams.

THE TIMES

SOCIAL MEDIA SCANDAL
Molly Russell's father refuses Instagram apology



The father of Molly Russell has refused to accept an apology from Instagram as it emerged that the site was still showcasing graphic images relating to self-harm and suicide.

Jan Russell said: "It wasn't exactly an apology... I understand that when you use the word 'sorry' it suggests culpability but the word 'sorry' wasn't used [in the right context]."

"The best form of apology would be for them to remove this content."

TOMORROW'S ENGINEERS EEP ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

A team of seven Heathfield students participated in one of the thirty EEP Robotics Challenge regional heats organised around the country.

The Heathfield 7 combined the talents from two experienced Year 9 students who mentored and supported the five enthusiastic Year 7 students. The challenges had all been practised to perfection and students were ready to demonstrate their skills and hard work.

The team travelled to the Greater Brighton Metropolitan College to take part in a number of aviation challenges using Lego Mindstorms. Students have been working on building robots and programming solutions to the challenges during the after school Robotics club.

The day started with an introduction to the supporting organisations that would be judging the challenges and presentations. This included representatives from the Helsington Foundation, RAF, Rolls-Royce and the Reece Foundation.

First came the Speed Challenge: this was to program your robot to travel as fast as possible over a 4m length. The first attempt gave us 4th place but with some tinkering of gear ratios the next attempt was completed in half the time.



Next to the Challenge Mat: the robot challenge included a number of exciting aviation themed missions that need to be completed autonomously by the LEGO robots, including a ramp challenge. The first attempt encountered a few technical hitches but with some extra preparation time the final attempt was completed to high standard. The teamwork challenge involved building a small crate to transport cargo down a steep ramp.

The team worked well together, showing good communication skills and allowing each other to share ideas.

#compassion and consideration.



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TOMORROW'S ENGINEERS EEP ROBOTICS CHALLENGE



The team then needed to present their robot design and programming solutions to a panel of engineering experts.

The humanitarian aid solutions presentation was performed by Phoenix, who took sole responsibility to research the numerous drones and technology used to assist in the instance of a natural disaster.

The final presentation included a special mention to how well-researched and how confidently Phoenix had performed and the fact that she completed the project independently. #ambition and confidence.

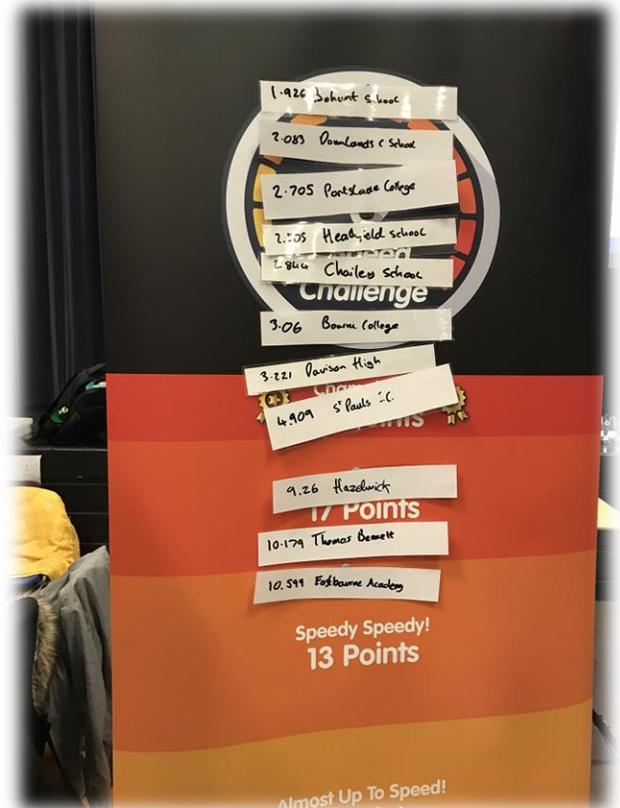
“The thrill of working together, against the clock, for the second attempt at the speed challenge was the highlight of the day.” Jack, Year 7.

The competition was fierce amongst the eleven schools from East and West Sussex.

Heathfield narrowly missed out on a podium place this time but all students were proud of their efforts and successful completion of all challenges.

Students felt that the day was fun and inspired them to learn more about using technology to solve human problems.

The day was a real adventure and boosted confidence in sharing ideas. The experience of working in the teamwork challenge made all the hard work worth it.



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BATTLE OF THE BOARDS

This term's House competition 'Battle of the Boards' has enabled students from Years 7-11 to meet up at lunchtimes to play a range of games such as Kerplunk, Uno, cards and Chess.

All students involved represented their Houses with pride and were rewarded with House points for their commitment and willingness to get involved in events across the school.

To heighten the intensity of the competition, students who also won games against their competitors gained additional crucial House points.



Well done to everyone who turned up and eagerly took part in the event. There was a real buzz over the course of the week, with the final day seeing a group of Year 11 boys becoming highly competitive over their few remaining cards in a game of Uno.

Once again, the Year 11 House prefects were brilliant at facilitating the running of the competition and overseeing the scoring process. This event's winning House is Heffle. Congratulations!

In term 4 we will be running the Inter-House Football competition - more details will follow in the House assembly after half term on how to sign up.



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BEING READY TO LEARN: A FOCUS ON EQUIPMENT

In assemblies this week all students have had a reminder of the need for basic equipment and the standards we expect here at Heathfield.

Any interruption to a lesson to hand out extra pens, or address a lack of a basic item, represents an interruption to learning and as such is not something we can accept without challenge or consequence.

This applies to the basic items below but also to PE kit. We have a Heathfield PE Kit for many clear reasons and it is not part of our policy to allow students to supplement this with their own items. PE will have stock of spare items that will be loaned for a lesson if students do not turn up with the [right PE equipment, \(click here to check\)](#).

Please can you support us by completing the following over half term:

➤ **Check pencil cases for the basic items AND for spares**

➤ **Check PE Kit for the required items**

Please address any gaps by ensuring your son/daughter has the right equipment in time for Monday 25 February

Additional Reminders:

- Please make sure students are clear on the acceptable jewellery, hair and make up guidance for College.
- Please ensure iPads are charged overnight (preferably outside of a young person's bedroom) and are kept in the case at all times.
- Half term would be a really good time to remind our young people that the life and condition of their shoes would be enhanced by a good clean and polish!

All students are expected to have the following equipment:

<p>Pencil</p> 	<p>Pens</p> 	<p>Pencil Sharpener</p> 
<p>Rubber</p> 	<p>Protractor or Angle Measurer</p> 	<p>Ruler</p> 
<p>Pair of Compasses</p> 	<p>Small selection of coloured pencils</p> 	<p>Scientific Calculator (Recommended by the Maths & Science Dept)</p> 
<p>Pencil Case</p> 	<p>Ipad</p> 	<p>Earphones (standard connection)</p> 

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TOP UP EQUIPMENT AND HELP THE COLLEGE

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising to support Heathfield Community College. We have now raised **£938.83** 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.

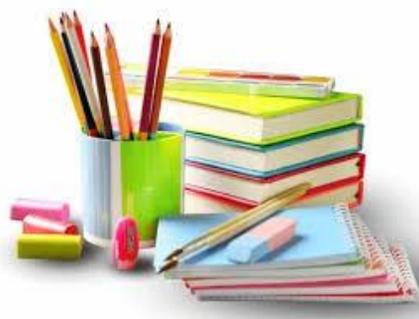
If you are buying extra stationery or general items for school please consider using the online stores accessible through Easyfunding. For each item that you purchase the College will receive a donation from the company - at no cost to yourself but a considerable bonus to the students.



Easyfundraising.org.uk
Website



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Events & Notices

CONSULTATION ON TERM DATES

The Local Authority is currently responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. Foundation, Trust, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on a draft proposal for school term dates for the academic year 2020-2021.

The Council would like to hear the views of schools, parents/carers and other interested parties on the proposed dates before they are finalised and published.

The consultation will be open from **Wednesday 13 February** until **Tuesday 19 March 2019** and comments should be submitted by this date.

The consultation is available on the Council's [Consultation Hub](#) or can be viewed by using the following link <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

Please do consider taking part in the consultation.

NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE



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 YOU FOR THANKING A TEACHER: SEND A CARD!

Thank you to all the parents and students who have send a nomination to Thank a Teacher. You have no idea how much this means to our staff.

We have already had over 15 nominations and there is still time for others to come in. A thank you card shows how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication.

Say "thank you" to an amazing teacher and they will be sent a lovely card through the post, with your personal message, for free.



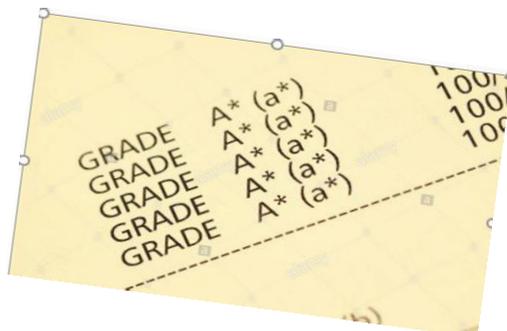
Anyone can send a card: children, students, parents, grandparents and colleagues can all say thank you to a teacher, teaching assistant, headteacher or team.

Let's see how many staff we can thank! [*CLICK HERE TO SEND A CARD*](#)

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DID YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, SIT GCSE OR A-LEVEL EXAMS AT HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN OR SINCE 2010?

Did you collect your examination certificates?
If not, we urgently need you to collect your certificates as new policies mean that uncollected certificates will have to be returned to the awarding bodies, where they will be destroyed. If you then require proof of your qualifications you will have to pay over £40 per awarding body for them to send you official documentation.



Individuals can collect their certificates in person, or they can email examinations@heathfieldcc.co.uk with the permission for a named person to collect the certificates. Whoever is collecting the certificates will need to bring photographic ID with them and they will have to sign for the documents. Please email examinations@heathfieldcc.co.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time for collection. Thank you. Mrs P Lane, Exams Manager, Tel: 01435 866066 x1209

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TIME TO TALK/TIME TO CHANGE

On the 7 February, staff and students at Heathfield Community College marked the 'Time to Talk/Time to Change' Mental Health Awareness Day with a collaborative effort between the Sixth Form and Lower School. Students discussed the importance of talking openly about their own wellbeing and were encouraged to identify who they would talk to if they felt they needed assistance.

At lunchtime a display was used to raise awareness and students were allowed to select 'chatterboxes' - a resource aimed at getting them talking. The stand was manned by staff and students and one of the volunteers gave this feedback: "It was a positive lunch time spent raising discussion around mental health, removing stigma and the importance of maintaining self-care and wellbeing. The 'chatter boxes' were an excellent vehicle to achieve this with the students of all year groups. The students came in waves - some would have walked by, some did, but curiosity and a popular free gift caught their attention. Some groups we greeted and asked the

question "what do you know about mental health?" This drew enough thought and attention that they at least took a chatter box into their lunch time groups. The leaflets from 'Mind' were deemed so useful and were taken to be distributed in the Sixth Form Common Room and LRC. Strategies included were for: Stress, Anger, Panic Attacks, Relaxation etc. Thank you to the Sixth Formers who volunteered their time.



URGENT INFORMATION IF YOU HAVE A BT EMAIL ADDRESS

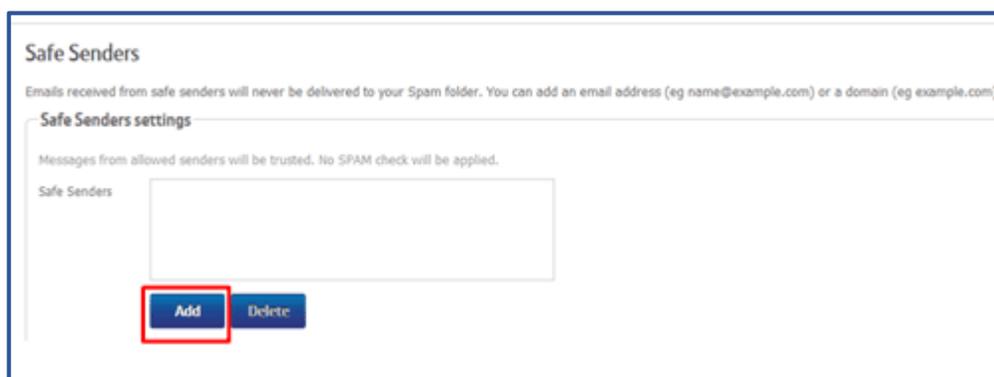
Parents who use BT emails, particularly BT Internet email addresses, will not have been reliably receiving emails from Heathfield Community College since before Christmas.

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.

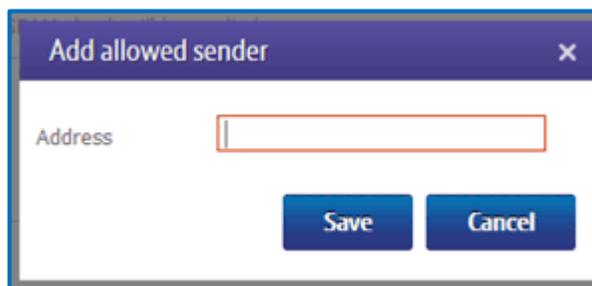
BT have advised that all parents and other contacts with BT email accounts should check their account and filtering settings to prevent emails from College being delivered into a SPAM folder, or not being delivered at all. The College's email address should be added to a "Safe Senders" list. The address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

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) and select **Save**



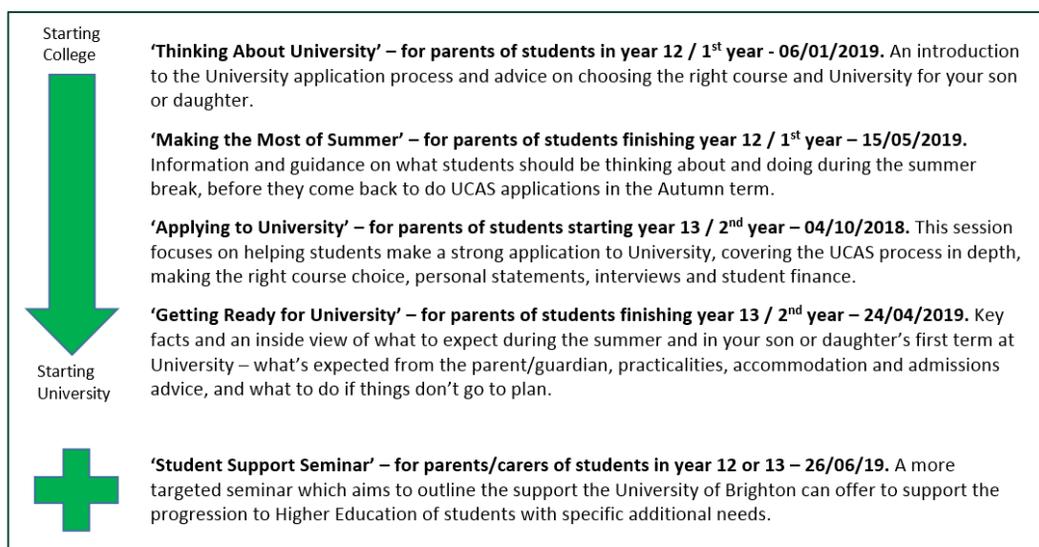
3) After a confirmation message the email address will be added to your list of safe senders

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 or 01435 866066 Ext 1232.

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



Ambitious & Confident

HCC EQUESTRIAN TEAM - NEW MEMBERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

We would like to pass on our thanks to Sarah Porter who has run the College's successful Equestrian team for several years.

Sarah has now handed over the reins to Marian Moon. Marian would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the team and she can be contacted via email at smartmoon@hotmail.com.

The team are really low on numbers for competitions and are struggling to find enough members to continue.

They are **URGENTLY** seeking someone born in 2005 or later to replace a team member who has dropped out of the National Champs 75cm jumping team in April. Please contact Marian if you are interested.



Events & Notices

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.

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 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

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?

College Cleaners

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15.15pm - 17.15pm

Frequency:

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Monday to Friday

Salary: £5.60 per hour

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Calendar Dates

Monday 25 February	Term 4 Begins	
Tuesday 26 February	Year 12 & 13 EMAG Conference, London	
Wednesday 27 February	Next Steps Year 12 Collapsed Curriculum Day GCSE Food Practical Exam	
Thursday 28 February	GCSE Food Practical Exam Barcelona Music Tour Parent Information Evening	5:00pm
Monday 4 March	Start of Mocks: Year 11 Core & Options Year 10 Intensive	
Tuesday 5 March	Year 9 Booster Vaccinations	
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day	



TWITTER

Important information about the College including bus delays and college closures as well as news and events, are also sent out via Twitter. It is a great way of keeping up to date with what's going on and sharing news.

Quick Links



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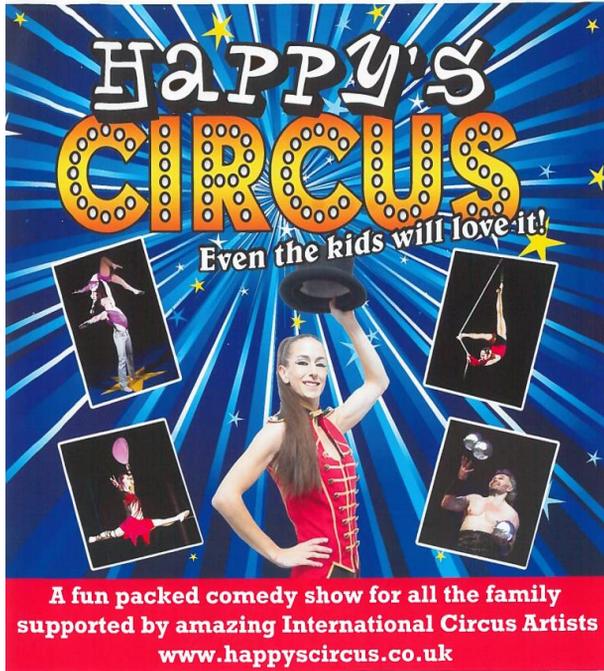
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YEAR 8 OPTION FORMS

Please return completed Year 8 Option Forms to your Form Tutor no later than Monday 25 February 2019



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**FRIENDS OF MAYFIELD SCHOOL
Happy Circus & Fun Afternoon**
4 May 2019 @ 2.30pm
Court Meadow, Mayfield
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Tickets £9 (child & adult)
Under 2s free but must sit on
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