



CHRISTMAS AT HEATHFIELD



On Wednesday 18th December, the Music Department took music students to perform as part of a lunchtime carol concert at All Saints Church in Old Heathfield. It was a great opportunity for students to perform the pieces for the carol concert the next day and they all did a fantastic job.

It was lovely to perform in a beautiful venue and the response from the audience really helped our students to perform to the best of their ability.



CHRISTMAS AT HEATHFIELD: LUNCHTIME CAROLS

The concert contained a range of different groups performing including choir, orchestra and three soloists; Felicity Beebee, Isabel Withers and Ellie Pascall. Many thanks to Rev. Mitchell and All Saints and St Richards for giving our students this opportunity.



CHRISTMAS AT HEATHFIELD: CAROL CONCERT

After the success of the concert at All Saints the students were ready to perform on Thursday 19th December at the annual carol concert in the Main Hall.

The evening started with mulled wine and mince pies whilst the audience arrived.

After the festive drinks, the concert started with around 70 people on stage performing Christmas Lights by Coldplay. It was fantastic to see so many Year 7's singing with confidence, a song that they had been learning in their music lessons over the past 3 weeks. As the evening went on, we had performances from a combined school and staff choir, orchestra, string group and soloists.

The musical ability that the students showed throughout the evening was astonishing and it was delightful to hear a genuinely diverse range of music from traditional to popular.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to support our talented students, to everyone who helped out to make the carol concert a memorable evening and to the students themselves who were outstanding from start to finish.

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CHRISTMAS AT HEATHFIELD: CAROL CONCERT



CHRISTMAS AT HEATHFIELD: CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND DONATIONS



As has become an established tradition during the final week of the term, students again this year chose to wear Christmas jumpers in place of their blazer. Instead of asking for a monetary donation, we requested a contribution to the Hailsham Foodbank.

Our students and families continue to amaze us with their fabulous generosity. The flow of gifts and support throughout the morning was overwhelming and a source of great pride. Details of the Foodbank and how to contribute can be found [here](#) if needed. However, it is clear that our students have already shown great integrity in their sense of community.

Furthermore, their sense of fashion was also evident in the wide display of festive jumpers which bought smiles and a true festive spirit across the College. Christmas is, very nearly, here...!



Message from the Headteacher, Caroline Barlow

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Headlines.

Within this edition you will have a fabulous flavour of the run up to Christmas with all the excitement and key messages of the season as well as the culmination of a long term of hard work. I am sure students are tired. They have worked hard this term and we have seen them make great strides towards their goals. They can be proud of their efforts and go into the festive break knowing their hard work was worth it.

Year 11 received their Mock Results this week and are well placed to continue the College legacy of great results. However, there is a long way to go and Parents Evening in the new year will offer subject specific guidance on how they can plan their next steps. Year 13 have their mocks after Christmas. For both year groups, it will be important that we guide them to the most effective preparation and the level of hard work required but also to provide the emotional support they will need through this year as they work towards their end goals.

You can see, in abundance, the wonderful generous spirit that exudes from our students. Their enthusiasm for the traditional Christmas events is clear as is how much they value being part of their community. Equally, I am very proud of their thoughtfulness and capacity for gratitude as shown by the Tree of Thanks and the approach to our final day Foodbank appeal. These young people have a social conscience and a sense of moral purpose that we can all be proud of.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents, students and our broad community a very Happy Christmas. Whatever Christmas means to you and your family, I hope it is an enjoyable time for rest and peace for you all. Thank you to all for your ongoing support and your contribution to the positive and affirming community that our young people have in which to grow up.

Merry Christmas



Lead Prefect Team

After coming back from our long weekend, we are very impressed with everyone's incredible work ethic and dedication to school even in the final week before Christmas. We would like to thank everyone for their involvement in the exciting mock election and hope that everyone is (mostly) happy with the result! With a lot going on in the final week: Year 11 mock results day, the LS department Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day, it shows that it really never slows down here at Heathfield. Keep up the hard work in this final week and we hope you all have a relaxing and refreshing Christmas break.



Alex, Tatiana, Elise, George

Considerate & Compassionate

OUR FESTIVE TREE OF THANKS

As the end of the year is fast approaching, we felt it appropriate to get students to think about what they are thankful for and truly appreciate. All students in the College had the opportunity to write down their message of thanks.

These are displayed on the College tree of thanks in each House colour, with the addition of green, which displays messages from our 6th form students.

Our students have thanked:

Staff at the College:

'I am thankful for a fresh start in a new brilliant school'

'Thanks to all the teachers who have helped me'

'Thank you to the pastoral managers for helping me when I am struggling'

Their own peers and family:

'Thank you to my friends for always being there'

'Thank you to me closest friends for all the support they have given me'

'I am thankful for the support I receive from my family and friends on a daily basis'

Things that are easy to take for granted:

'I am thankful for a warm place to live in the cold weather at Christmas'

'I thank the NHS'

'I am thankful for the education I have'

Finally, the House Leaders wish to thank all of the students for getting involved and being so reflective and considerate with their messages.



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GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

We are delighted to confirm that the following have been elected as Parent Governors:



Debbie Allen

Debbie has a background in financial services and her skillset is primarily project and change management; with a keen eye on efficiency and organisation; and a particular interest in mental health and well-being; improving our resilience to the demands of everyday life.



Simon Lewis

Simon has worked in academia, publishing, online mapping and until 2016 ran a small web company in London. A data scientist by trade but geography and science are his real passions.



Ian Mailer

Ian has experience of management of programmes and projects for central and local government, as well as non-departmental bodies, giving insight into working within the public sector, from financial and risk management to strategic planning and problem solving.



Iain Richardson

Having been a Police Officer for over 20 years, Iain has the ability to listen impartially to concerns raised and a clear interest in the welfare of all involved in the school.



Helen Vine

Helen has been a School Business Manager for the last 10 years, and both a parent and staff governor for 6 years at primary level, following a successful 18 year career in banking and human resources. She brings a knowledge of school budgeting, personnel, facilities management, Health and Safety, safeguarding and GDPR among many other areas.

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GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

These are very welcome additions to our governing body and bring fantastic skill sets to the table. I am sure that you will join us in welcoming them to the Governing Body and at College we look forward to meeting our new colleagues at the earliest opportunity.

This is an exciting time to join the Governing Body as, this year, we are working with the Leadership Team in support of a likely OFSTED inspection at some point during the summer term as the last inspection will by then be four years ago. There is then the longer term goal of discussing a new five year plan informed by our progress over the last five years and the changing political landscape.

Fresh perspectives are always hugely valuable alongside the deep and sustained commitment that has been demonstrated by existing Governors. Collectively the governing body fulfil a valuable role and one that is both demanding and rewarding in equal measure.

The College does not take the work done for granted and is grateful for the ongoing support of governors and all our parent body and wider community.

ASSR PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

Governorship generally is a valuable role to play in any community and can bring huge rewards to both parties. It is key part of the leadership system for all schools and if anyone feels they have the capacity to become a Governor but perhaps did not step forward on this occasion or was not successful this time - we are aware that there are currently vacancies at All Saints and St Richards. Our community is a broad one and extends beyond our boundaries including the network of primaries which feed directly into the College, if this is something that would interest you please contact the Chair of Governors, Lisa Phillips, via All saints and St Richards Primary School (01435 863466 or office@assr.e-sussex.sch.uk).

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WELCOME TO THE 2020 COHORT



The Bronze and Silver Award was launched to our Year 9 and Year 10 students and we have been well and truly overwhelmed by the response. We had 60 applicants for the 42 available spaces but rather than turn anyone away, we have managed to expand our resources and tweak the logistics to cater for all. It is an amazing complement to academic life, helping our students stretch their comfort zones, build the confidence they need to get ahead and gain the skills that employers want in the workplace. As always, we will be relying heavily on our incredible volunteers to make sure we can provide the practice walks and expeditions that we have to do.

Our Gold group of seven Year 12 students has been focusing on their individual sections and sourcing residential experiences as we launched this award for the first time in October.

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HEATHFIELD HUSTINGS: 6 DECEMBER 2019

As part of our preparation for the General Election and Heathfield Mock Election, we invited in all the candidates standing in the Bexhill and Battle constituency for a Hustings event. We were delighted when all the candidates agreed to take part.



Candidates Christine Bayliss (Labour), Jonathan Kent (Green), Huw Merriman (Conservative) and Martin Saunders (Liberal Democrats) were all asked searching questions by our students about a wide variety of issues that affect them. For example, they were asked about their party's policies on national issues such as Brexit, the NHS and Climate change as well as more local issues such as the funding of local primary schools and policing.

It was really pleasing to see the honest answers given by the candidates as well as the pressing questions and follow up questions asked by our students leading to an honest and lively debate.

Year 13 students commented:

"I found it extremely eye-opening and engaging. It has given those of us that are 18 a clearer view on who to vote for and showed a strong contrast between the parties and their beliefs".

"The morning was informative and enlightening - particularly coming from someone who is voting for the first time and needs all the information to make the right decision".

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MOCK ELECTION: 12 DECEMBER 2019



On Thursday 12 December, as the nation went to the polls in the General Election, our students participated in the College Mock Election. All students were given the opportunity to vote for the candidates and parties standing in our local constituency, Bexhill and Battle. In the week running up to the election, our students had received information about the 4 parties running for election in the Bexhill and Battle constituency through tutor times and in assemblies.

There was a real buzz in College around the corridors on the day of the election as our students discussed the election and who they planned to vote for. We were delighted with the engagement and enthusiasm our students showed. As in previous elections at the College, the results have been close; they also varied between year groups:

Year 7 voted closely between the Conservative Party and Green Party with a narrow victory for the Conservatives.

Year 8 voted across the parties with a narrow victory for the Green Party.

Year 9 voted Labour as their winning party.

Year 10 voted strongly in favour of the Conservative party.

Year 11 voted for Labour to win.

At Sixth form there was a clear victory for the Green Party.

The Final results for our Mock Election were a Conservative Party victory with 403 votes, second was the Labour Party with 329 votes, the Green Party came third with 325 votes, finally the Liberal Democrats came fourth with 242 votes. Please find here the full results for our mock election.

	Christine Bayliss: Labour Party	Jonathan Kent: Green Party	Huw Merriman: Conservative Party	Martin Saunders: Liberal Democrats	Spoilt
Year 7	38	71	77	56	0
Year 8	59	60	55	55	2
Year 9	74	44	64	39	5
Year 10	49	28	91	51	7
Year 11	66	31	53	18	15
Sixth Form	43	91	63	23	3
	329	325	403	242	32

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ECO REP TEAM UPDATE

Merry Christmas from the Eco-Reps!

The Eco-Reps wish you all happy holidays - please remember to recycle what you can, and we look forward to launching our new College-wide Crisp Packet and Writing Instrument Recycling Schemes in the New Year, as well as adding to our existing recycling bins.

We have now received a cheque for £72 for our Bag 2 School collection, and this will be helping to fund our other recycling initiatives, so thank you again to all those who donated to this.



Writing Instruments Recycling Programme

Accepted waste
Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers



Mechanical pencils and correction instruments (type and fluid pens), fountain pens, ink cartridges



Waste not accepted
Please note, glue sticks are not accepted



Glue sticks Rubbers Rulers Pencils Sharp objects





THE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME

ACCEPTED WASTE



Any brand of crisp packets

Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Popcorn bags
- Crisp tubes
- Pretzel bags
- Meat snack bags

Waste that is accepted:

- Any brand of crisp packets



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Each year we ask for a small contribution in the form of a £25 Voluntary Parental Donation per family. We are very grateful for every donation as well as support we receive from local business and partnerships.

Contributions like these enable us to provide extra opportunities which make life at Heathfield so vibrant for students. Examples this year include:

- support from The Rotary Club enables us to celebrate students sporting and academic success in both the Sports Awards and Honours Awards evenings.
- Rotary have also kindly supported our Duke of Edinburgh Award who offer awards up to Gold Level despite the withdrawal of ESCC support for this.
- refurbishment of the Library this summer was possible due to donations from Kings Church Heathfield, Parental Donations and funds raised by Library Quiz nights. This allowed us to:
 - Redesign, repaint, and provide new desk, computer and reading chairs.
 - Purchase new reading displays to promote reading and purchase new books.
- voluntary donations have supported the start of a long term programme to refresh classroom furniture to ensure a more modern and spacious environment for students.

We also gave funds for the School Council to manage, provided additional benching and equipment for social time and supported the Eco Reps ambition to increase our recycling with bespoke bins.

We try to make sure that all students are able to benefit. We have a very long list of things we would like to do for our students but we are aware that this is on top of the support you already give for your son/daughter's equipment and subject costs. That is why we try to keep it low.

If you have contributed, please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. If you have not contributed yet and you are able to, please do so via School Gateway - every small amount helps. Equally if you know of a company that wishes to donate or sponsor us in some way, please do get in touch.

Thank you!



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EMPLOYER MENTORING COHORT 2019



This week saw the conclusion of our second cohort of employer mentoring as four students reached the end of a year long programme in partnership with local employers and Wealden Works. The programme is designed for promising young people who are keen to step into employment or training at 16 or 18 to give them the edge in competitive interviews for top course or training places.

We are enormously grateful for the employers who devote their time to form meaningful relationships with our students as they mentor them through Year 10 and into Year 11, linking their experience of the workplace and understanding of what matters to the students daily experience of school and their ambitions for the future.

It is the kind of project that in other parts of the country is funded from central resources but as our College is not situated in a designated area of need there are no resources to access for this purpose so it relies on staff and employer willingness to volunteer their time and make it work.

The students were fantastic, engaging fully all year and spoke meaningfully about how they could see it made the difference for them in helping them choose college courses and firming up their ideas, essentially making them realise the importance of securing the best grades possible at this stage in their career.

We are very grateful to all involved: Wealden Works for their expertise in workplace skills, CV building and interview practise. Employers for the time and mentoring: Sally Frost from Newton & Frost Ltd, Chris Davies from Agrifactors and Emma Cotham from Horam Manor Riding Stables. Parents and students: Louis Owen, Alfie Hayward, Keelan Mephram and Martha Bonsall for their engagement and commitment. Well done all.

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LEVEL 2 SCHOOL GAMES

The College recently hosted the Level 2 School Games Sports Hall Athletics for the Heathfield cluster of primary schools. With 4 schools taking part (Cross in Hand, Broad Oak, Mayfield & Parkside) and over 80 Year 5 & 6 students participating in running, jumping and throwing activities. All the events were very ably led by students from Year 10. For some Year 10 students, they 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, running the events exceptionally well by helping with the running, throwing and jumping skills needed, encouraging and motivating younger students. Monty was able to use his loud voice (and not be in trouble for it!) and performed as a fabulous starter to the track events. The results collators, Isabella and Lauren, were prolific at inputting the data so the results were immediately ready at the end of the event. With great leadership skills from all the young volunteers, it ensured that the event ran smoothly, on time and with all the participants enjoying themselves, it was a great success.



An adult attending and supervising a primary school said, 'it was a fabulous afternoon, the best event on the primary sporting calendar. A sport where all students can take part and just be involved no matter what their ability. The leaders were all impressive, particularly though in the way they helped the students with the field events.'



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LEVEL 2 SCHOOL GAMES cont/d

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.

Mrs Cobbold said she was 'impressed and proud of the young leaders at Heathfield Community College who operated so professionally throughout the afternoon.' Many thanks go to all the Year 10 students involved on the day.



Romany Aldridge, Maya Champion, Isabell Dulieu, Kye Evison, Lauren Fenn, Freya Flagg, Millie Froud, Fraya Henry, Sophie Hutchison, Olivia Irwin, Cameron Matthews, Guy Moore, Lizzie Pemberton, Hayley Pooley, Monty Simmonds, Isabel Wheatley, Alex Whitnall, Millie Williams, Boo Young

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls football teams have recently been in action. The Year 10/11 team played against Uckfield. Having gone a goal down, with Maya acting as goal keeper for 10 minutes, going out to clear the ball with a 1 on 1 and hit it against the attacker who was able to run onto the ball and slot it home. Eventually ran out convincing winners 3-1. All the players played well with 4 girls going into goal for a period of time. Team: Maisy Evershed, Codie Thompson, Ellie Schuetze, Amelia Bowerman, Carys Keeley, Maya Champion, Millie Froud & Millie Williams

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GIRLS FOOTBALL



The Year 7 team improved their performance and achievement with their most recent tournament, from being in 4th position in the first tournament to second in the next tournament. Well done to all those involved. Team: Katie Gibbons, Olivia Murrell, Ryleigh Booker, Ruby Booker, Leona Chiweda, Mika Moderski and Madisyn Hunter

The Year 8/9 team has consistently performed in their two tournaments with mostly Year 8 players playing against predominantly Year 9s but coming 2nd in both tournaments; a great achievement. Well done to all those involved: Lottie Evershed, Maddie Clark, Tate Willis, Etta Stubbings, Lauren Gablehaus, Sienna Greenlees, Hivda Aydogan, Maisie West, Gemma Adams, Molly Stephens and Beth Whitnall. A reminder that the girls football training is on during term 3 on a Thursday night - all those interested, whether played before or not, are welcome to come along. Finish at 4.15pm.

TUMBLING REGIONAL CHAMPION

Last Sunday, Nikita Bruton-Sendra took part in the U14 South East Regional Tumbling Championships. Even though she was under the weather for the competition she displayed great resilience and determination to overcome this and secured the gold medal to become the regional champion. A

fantastic achievement - well done Nikita!



SHOOTING FOR GOLD!



*Benjamin Campbell
Stallon Eight Low House
Olympic Skeet
National Shooting Centre
Bisley
23 December 2019*

It started as a birthday treat, one year on and Benjamin Campbell has a passion for Clay Pigeon Shooting. Within twelve months, at the age of 14, he has been accepted on the British Shooting Olympic Pathway and is now being coached by the England Captain, David Dale, at Bisley National Shooting Centre which hosted the 2002 Commonwealth Games. Benjamin is looking forward to competing in two National Competitions in 2020 being hosted in Germany and Cyprus, however, his main goal is Gold at the Olympics!

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SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

The sports awards evening was held at the end of November and gave a chance for the PE department to celebrate the sporting successes of students both within and outside of the College. Two hundred students and parents enjoyed the evening which included presentations of county, regional and national honours as well as extra-curricular awards, team of the year, leadership and sports people of the year trophies being given out. We were very lucky to have Elise Lovell, a Great British Heptathlete and Long Jumper, talk to the audience about the key drivers in her success which were a relentless drive towards her goals as well as recognising the gradual steps to get there. Thanks once again must go to the Heathfield and Waldron Rotary Club who again kindly sponsored the event.



Team of the year winners, the U-14 Cricket County Champions



Leadership Award Winners



Freya Voss Award Winner & Elise Lovell

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CHARLES DICKENS' 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

On the morning of 5th December, the whole of Year 10 enjoyed a pre-Christmas treat in the form of Quantum Theatre's performance of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. Featuring only three actors and an impressive set that they construct in about thirty minutes from the contents of their transit van, the theatre company performed a fast-paced, festive feat by sticking closely to the original text of this universal and timeless Christmas tale.

They also gave our students some top tips on learning quotations from the novella so they are well-prepared to dazzle the English Literature examiners in summer 2021!



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GREAT RESULTS FOR SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE TEAM

Saul Jenkins, Leila Warren, Rachel Sparrow and Eleanor Dawson competed as a team for the Annual Senior Maths Challenge, held at Bexhill College. The competition was tough with nine schools attending. Our students did exceptionally well, placing fourth overall.

Well done to everyone who took part. This result demonstrates the quality, dedication and hard work these students put in. We look forward to seeing more students engage with the maths team event again next year.



ARE MY CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Free School Meals, Pupil Premium funding and registering for Free School Meals can not only save you money but help support the College for all pupils. Please click on the following link to find out if your child is entitled:

<http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/parents/letters&information>

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ACTION YOUR POTENTIAL - NEURO-NINJA TOOL-KIT WORKSHOP 3



Seminar 3: Through Anxiety & Beyond For Students & Their Parents & Carers

Heathfield Community College Wednesday 15 January 2020 6 – 7pm

Part of Action Your Potential's - Neuro-Ninja Tool-Kit

Parents and carers [sign up here.](#)



Our innovative brain science seminars continue on Wednesday 8 January 2020 from 6:00 - 7:00pm. [Do sign up at the link.](#) These seminars are open to all parents, carers and students who attend Heathfield Community College or Heathfield primary schools.

In this seminar we will look deeply into social anxiety, what it is and how we can respond differently to it and also explore how we can build our well-being from the ground up every day by managing our daily thought traffic with cognitive and emotional agility. Some of our anxious thinking can become habitual and both upsetting and debilitating. In this seminar we explore how we can respond with agility and compassion rather than react with distress.

Andrew Wright

Action Your Potential on behalf of Heathfield and Wealden Schools



A265 Broad Oak & Burwash Weald

**A265 Broad Oak - Kerbing
13-24 January 2020
Possible Delays**

**A265 Burwash Weald - Resurfacing
3-11 February 2020
Road Closed
8pm - 6am**

**A265 Broad Oak - Resurfacing
26 Feb - 20 March 2020
Road Closed
8pm - 6am**

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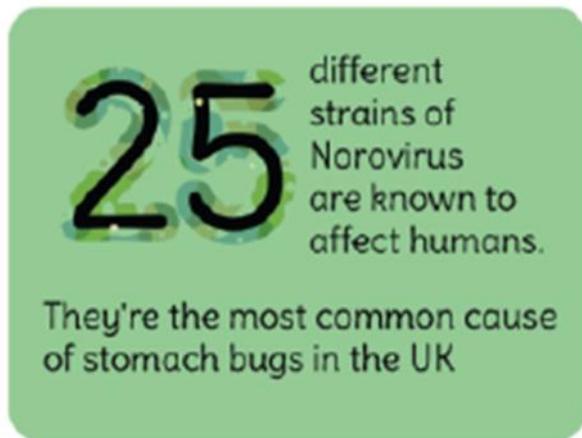
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NOROVIRUS AWARENESS

At this time of year there are lots of bugs and viruses around. Please remind your children to wash their hands thoroughly when using the toilets and throughout the day to avoid spreading germs and viruses to other people. Please see below advice to reduce the spread and treat symptoms.

Diarrhoea & vomiting in children

There is no specific cure for stomach bug such as Norovirus. There are some tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms



If your child already has a serious illness or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice.

Visit: [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)

ON-LINE SAFETY

PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN AND YOURSELVES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: SOME HINTS & TIPS

- 1. Have you set up parental controls on your children's devices?** Some advice on this can be found here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>. Advice on how to do this with different operating systems can be found on the College Online Safety website page: http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=445362
- 2. Start a conversation about communicating safely online.** A new device (as a present) enables young people to gain access to new communities through online gaming and social media. Start a conversation with your child about how they use online technology and what it means to them. You can use this as a way to remind them of some key strategies for safer internet use, for example:
 - a. Be careful with what they share, including images, videos and personal information.
 - b. Take control of who sees what they post by using privacy settings.
 - c. Be mindful of who they are chatting to and gaming with - do they really know and trust them? If not, don't share personal details or agree to meet them in other online spaces
- 3. Remind young people how to report anything worrying.** Our work in College reminds them to speak to their identified trusted adult immediately if they have any concerns. Also:
 - a. Remind them that they can make a report to CEOP if something has happened to them online or they're worried about what a friend is doing online. The CEOP report it button can be found on the College Online Safety website page: http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=445362
 - b. Remind them that concerns about anything but especially cyber bullying can be discussed with Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

For Parents:

[The Internet of Things: 9 ways of making your connected home more secure:](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=85b71ed798-TUK%20GLOBAL%20DECEMBER%202019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-85b71ed798-63321721)
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[Seasonal Netiquette: 5 new parenting rules for screen time and tech when families gather:](https://parentinfo.org/article/seasonal-netiquette-5-new-parenting-rules?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=85b71ed798-TUK%20GLOBAL%20DECEMBER%202019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-85b71ed798-63321721)
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Words of the Term

Each term, meaning full term and not half-term, every tutor will be introducing new words to students. Across all subjects in the curriculum, teachers will be using these terms and encouraging student use of them.

We know how important having a varied vocabulary is for students both to help communicate ideas within the classroom and achieve academic success but also being effective communicators outside of school when wanting to show the best of themselves in an interview.

It will help make a difference if you are able to work with the College in encouraging students to build their vocabulary so, in Heathfield Headlines, we will share with you one of the Words of the Term each fortnight with a very brief activity idea to help consolidate the word within your child's vocabulary.

Manipulation

Noun

Controlling someone/something for your advantage or using your hands to mould/change something

Synonyms: deceive, hoodwink, manoeuvre.

Activity:

Have a discussion with your child about whether they feel any politicians have tried to **manipulate** voters in the recent election. Can they think of any examples.

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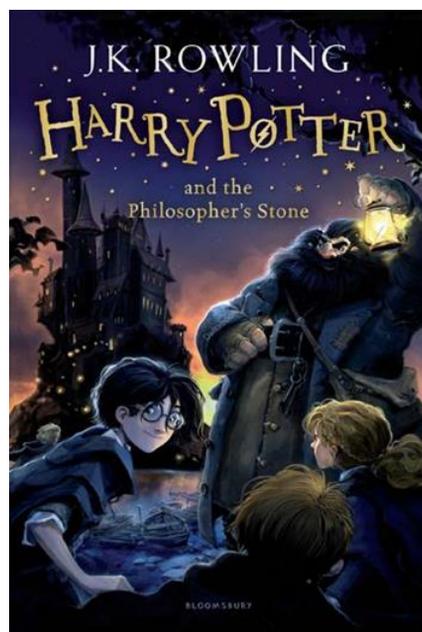
READING RECOMMENDATIONS

A little over 20 years ago, the world was introduced to JK Rowling's Harry Potter series.

It was a phenomenon for many years but in 2019 there are many young people who have not experienced the pleasure of reading this masterful series. There is a reason why it was so successful and those who haven't tried it yet shouldn't miss out!

The Philosopher's Stone is the first in the series and introduces us to the characters in a world where magic meets realism.

Harry is an orphan brought up, but unloved, by his aunt and uncle. Life is pretty miserable until Harry discovers his true identity as a wizard at the age of 11. He is given a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He has a year full of adventure and we discover that Harry is, unbeknown to him, somewhat of a hero in the wizarding world



Cultural Calendar

TUTOR TIME AND ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 2

By sharing the topics that your son/daughter will be studying as part of their wider curriculum, we hope this will stimulate conversations about the ideas and issues raised.

Assembly themes during term 2:

- Remembrance
- Internal Men's day
- Anti-bullying week
- Wellbeing
- International Volunteer Day
- Declaration of Human Rights
- Christmas Celebration

Students also follow themes during tutor time to enable them to explore issues further and engage in meaningful discussion. Term 2 covers the following topics:

- Resilience
- Revision Techniques and planning (Years 10/11)
- Anti-bullying week
- Wellbeing
- Advent
- Christmas

ON-LINE SAFETY

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that one to one messaging AND group chats online are increasingly being used as evidence by the police in court cases?

Everything you type or photograph to put online can never be truly deleted. Saying something negative about someone else in a group chat IS Cyber bullying. People who do this are making it really easy to find the evidence of what they have done.

If you make comments about other people, whether you mean it or not, how do you know the other person won't take it the wrong way if you can't see them?

After all, it is not how you mean it but how the other person takes it that makes it bullying,



Events & Notices



TEACH
Kent & Sussex

Great teachers are never forgotten.

Teachers transform lives and make futures brighter.

Why not train to become one?

Find out more at one of our Get into Teaching information evenings. Upcoming events (all of which start at 7 pm) are:

- *Wednesday, 8 January 2020 in the Sixth Form Centre at Bennett Memorial School, TN4 9SH*
- *Tuesday, 21 January 2020 at Claremont Primary School, TN2 5EB*

Training will take place within our partnership of West Kent and East Sussex primary & secondary schools. Trained teachers gain a PGCE: the internationally recognised qualification of trained teachers. Our partnership has extensive expertise in training teachers and has a 100% employment rate. For secondary trainees a wide range of subjects is available.

Generous bursaries & scholarships (up to £30k) are available to support you.

For further details see: www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk & twitter: @TeachKandS

Please contact Carol Hughes or Hilary Sutton by telephone on 01892 521595 for an informal discussion or email contact@teachkentandsussex.org.uk to register your interest. We can offer school experience days to support your application.

Our schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All trainee teacher posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check

Events and Notices

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES

If your son or daughter needs to take any medication during the College day you should inform Mrs Millis in the Student Support Office at jmillis@heathfieldcc.co.uk or telephone 01435 866066 Ext 1203. Students should not keep the medicine with them during the school day. You will also need to complete the parental consent form that can be found on the College website at <http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/parents/letters&information/administrationofmedicine>.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Millis.

TOP UP EQUIPMENT, BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND HELP THE COLLEGE!

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

We have now
raised
£1,366.52

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.

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.

So you can you up, weekly shop, book holidays or buy Christmas presents AND at no extra cost to yourself raise money for the College.



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Website

ON-LINE SAFETY: CODE OF CONTACT



Online Safety Code of Conduct

Students Will:

	Keep ALL passwords private	
	Immediately change your password if anyone finds it out	
	Respect other people's work	
	Respect other people's opinions and beliefs, even if you disagree	
	Respect the College's and other people's equipment	
	Tell a teacher or use the "report abuse" button if you are ever made to feel scared or uncomfortable	
	Always keep your own and other people's information private eg name, address, school, pets, close up photos or videos	
	Only reply to messages from people you know	
	Always give credit to the source of other people's work if you have used it in your own work	

Students will NOT:

	Tell anyone your network password	
	Reply to nasty messages. (Instead: tell an adult or use the "report abuse" button AND keep it as evidence)	
	Show other people photos or videos of yourself, friends or family OR do "live streaming" without asking an adult first	
	Agree to meet an online friend without checking with an adult first	
	Be rude, offensive, bully or harass other people eg on Instagram	
	Use a mobile / portable device in a lesson for anything other than a learning activity set by the teacher	
	Electronically publish personal details or photos or videos that identify other people eg name, address, school, pets, close up photos	
	Access, read, alter or delete the work of other people	
	Search for, create, share or view inappropriate material	
	Play non educational games over the college network	
	Attempt to install executable files, programs or viruses on the network	
	Attempt to access the operational files of the network	

Events and Notices

Data Protection Privacy Notice

The College has an annual obligation under the Data Protection Act to communicate with parents/carers about the data that we hold about them and their children and how you can gain access to that data should you wish to do so. This Privacy Notice can be found on the College website on the policies page. The parent version of this document can be found by clicking the link [HERE](#)

If you have not yet responded to the request to check, confirm and submit your Data Collection Sheet, using the Parentlite app, please would you do so. Should you require support in performing this task please contact cthompson@heathfieldcc.co.uk or 01435 866066 Ext 1232.

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 12 Students...

Are you looking for part time work?

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

College Cleaners

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Frequency:

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Monday to Friday

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Diary Dates

Monday 6 January 2020	INSET Day	
Tuesday 7 January 2020	Start of Term 3	
Wednesday 8 January 2020	Ashden Less CO2 Programme Workshop	Heathfield Community College
Thursday 9 January 2020	Year 11 Parents's Evening & Revision Talks	
Monday 13 January 2020	Year 8 Harry Potter Trip	
	Open Morning	It is essential to book for this Open Morning
Wednesday 15 January 2020	Neuro Ninja Hero Course Workshop 3	6:00-7:00pm
Thursday 16 January 2020	Year 9 Student Intervention Evening	



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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.

