



# Heathfield Highlights

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## Message from the Headteacher, Caroline Barlow

<https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/welcome-220121.mp4>



## Virtual Travel

Whilst many of us are sitting at home feeling miserable about not being able to travel, Jake Vosloss in Year 7 has taken the initiative and is walking a virtual journey from the bottom to the top of Kruger National Park in South Africa! Good for you, Jake! Good tips for virtual travelling include: revisiting places you have already been through photos and stories or picking a place you want to go and exploring it via Google Street Map or online videos. We can go anywhere we choose in our minds!



## Year 12 Artists Excel

Students have been working on the development of their ideas. This is a notoriously tricky part of our schemes of work as every student is doing something completely different. It requires them to find their artists and source ways of exploring their ideas, while drawing out key techniques and concepts from the artists they have selected. In school we would work with individuals, demonstrating ideas and possible avenues of exploration, but on Teams it's much harder. Students have really pushed themselves to grasp this concept and they are all doing fantastically.



## Making the News:

Journalists at [The Heathfield Vine](#) are still writing in lockdown and publishing their thoughts on the current circumstances. Next issue focuses on our companionship with our pets: Please [Email in your ideas or photos](#). Meanwhile: See our students in recent regional and national news items in [Heathfield In The News](#)



## Valuable Volunteers

Thanks to some amazing members of our community, we now have a trained body of volunteers to run our Lateral Flow Tests, for staff in the first instance. This team of heroes are set to become experts in testing staff in the next week. As the picture develops, this may then evolve into testing for students on their return to College.



## Heathfield Leaders National Recognition

A Massive Well Done to Martha Marsden, Tom Oxley, Harry Oxley and Helena Permaul for gaining their leadership qualifications with the National Educational body SSAT. This benchmarks their skills against student leaders all over the country and has led to our students receiving Three GOLD Awards and one Silver. Well done to all!

Student  
Leadership  
Accreditation



## Students Ace House Quiz

The Heads of House were delighted and would like to give a HUGE well done/ shout out to the HUNDREDS of students who participated in the weekly quiz last week. It was pretty impressive! Some even took it twice to try and improve from the first time!

House events continue in lockdown so watch out for the next opportunity.

## Wellbeing

Miss Burgess launched the latest Wellbeing package and encouraged us all to experience the #powerofnature and actively try plan to get some exposure to the natural world each day. Support and ideas on the Firefly page:

<https://heathfieldcc.fireflycloud.net/parents-1>

Plus THOUGHT FOR THE DAY series continued with Rev Caldwell: [https://youtu.be/gN\\_DpjSS5oA](https://youtu.be/gN_DpjSS5oA)

## Staff Highlights

What a time to be a trainee teacher!

When I joined Heathfield's History department as a trainee last October, I little suspected that I would be learning to record commentaries, setting quizzes with the ferocity of a Richard Osman and presenting live lessons over Teams. Thankfully, I have benefitted from the experience of a great department, who have made my learning curve a lot less steep. What has impressed me most? Well, apart from the dedication of my colleagues, the strong engagement of Heathfield students. It is not just that they have produced some excellent work but also helped me learn skills that I will carry into my classroom career once this awful epidemic is over.

Ms Kean

Friends and colleagues smiling behind masks as we pass each other in empty corridors. Students in hoodies on the computer screen with their dogs on their laps.

Parents waving and sending good wishes from their kitchen tables on parents' evening.

We are all still here; we are all still together - apart, but only for now.

Mrs Flynn

## Poetry by Heart - competition open now!

We entered the Poetry by Heart national poetry recital competition last year for the first time and were delighted to have winners in both [KS3 \(Oliver Puttock\)](#) and [KS5 \(Laurel Hart\)](#). These two fine performances are now available to view online. Despite the constraints of Covid, the competition IS still running this year. If you're interested in participating, go to the Poetry by Heart website <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/> Poems are grouped by date and by age group. If you would like to enter this year, please email Ms Savage in the first instance to discuss your poem choices. As the competition is judged on video submissions, we will be able to compete, even at a distance.