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Dear Parents & Carers

HEATHFIELD HONOURS EVENING - THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026

I am delighted to write to you to give notice of our annual Heathfield Honours evening (our annual prize giving event to celebrate the efforts and achievement of students) on Thursday 9 July 2026.

During the evening awards and certificates will be presented to a number of students in each year group. These include ‘Effort & Progress’ and ‘Excellence’ awards as well as the traditional Heathfield awards which are the Tony Russell, Gill Holtham, Paul Delderfield and Chris Gully Awards.

Award	Nomination	Selection
Effort & Progress Awards	Nominated by teachers for students who have made outstanding and sustained effort, either making or exceeding their expected progress, throughout the year in a number of subjects.	Teachers nominate two students from each classes in their subject. These nominations are collated and placed in rank order. The number of students receiving this award will vary depending upon the size of each year group.
Excellence Awards	Nominated by teachers for students who have reached the very highest academic achievement and very best attitude in their subject.	These are then quality assured for balance and equitable spread across subjects and the year group.

It is important to note that a nomination will not necessarily lead to an Effort & Progress Award, however, every student nominated by a teacher will receive a message from the College celebrating their nomination.

The **Tony Russell Award** is given for contributions made to the College as well as excelling in a number of fields including (but not limited to) academic subject areas, Sport or The Arts. There will be one winner per year group and the Head of Year will decide who the worthy recipient of this award is, based on nominations from all staff.



On the evening itself there will also be three stand-alone awards which are for an individual and are a very important part of the history of our College. **The Gill Holtham, Chris Gully and Paul Delderfield Awards** will be presented and their significance explained during the evening.

We are fortunate that the vast majority of students are active, hardworking and engaged learners and this will make the process very competitive. **If your child is fortunate enough to receive an award, you will be sent an invitation in June.**

The evening will begin at 6.30pm with drinks served prior to being seated by 7.15pm. The evening will aim to be finished by 9pm. This is a prestigious event, including a celebration of the College's activities and student achievement throughout the year.

Due to capacity not every student can be part of this celebratory event. This in no way detracts from the hard work and commitment many of our students show which we commend and recognise through other reward systems such as praises and end of term rewards and certificates. As stated, we will recognise all students who gain nominations but do not quite reach the level required in that year for an award. We would encourage them to keep working hard and enjoy their learning.

We are appreciative and proud of the commitment and attitude to learning shown by all of our students this year. We are delighted to be able to extend, on such a big scale, the recognition of this commitment which is a reflection of their own hard work and the support they receive from their teachers and parents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



MS C BARLOW
Headteacher