

HEADLINES

Term 6
July 2026



MAIN SCHOOL KEY DATES

Friday, 4 September

Start of Term 1 for Year 7 and Year 13

Monday, 7 September

Start of Term 1 for rest of students

Friday, 11 September

School photos for Years 7, 9, 11 & 12

Thursday, 24 September

Main School Open Evening

Thursday, 22 October

Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday, 23 October

Last Day of Term 1

Pride . Ambition . Community

Head's Message

It has been a joy over the last week to celebrate and recognise the vast number of ways in which our students have achieved and succeeded this year. I very much enjoyed hosting Honours Awards Evening last week and am appreciative of the many parents who attended to help us celebrate the students' success, alongside the work of the staff who support and nurture them to their success.

Within this edition are so many more examples, students who have represented themselves and the school in exceptional ways across a wide range of areas, sporting, in the arts, in their academic study, I am especially grateful to the huge majority of students who are working hard every day and making good choices. We see you and are proud of you all.

I would especially like to thank all parents and the wider community who so strongly support what we do here, who work with us to overcome any difficulties and help us to better understand, challenge and grow these amazing, vibrant young people. The College is incredibly successful, but we do not take that for granted and we are very aware that we could not do it without such a wide body of support - thank you for all that you do - we are grateful for such positive teamwork.

Wishing you all a very happy, enjoyable and hopefully restful summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.



YEAR 7 - Mr Richardson

Year 7 students have enjoyed a fabulous Term 6 and a fitting end to a really successful first year at Heathfield, they can be very proud of their contribution to the college this year.

They have shown interest and focus in lessons, and increasing confidence and independence. Subject Feedback evening was a fantastic opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and celebrate their work this year, we all enjoyed seeing the display of their work under the canopy as a testament to the quality of their efforts. We are really grateful for the vast number of appointments and conversations which took place, as well as the collective support shown for these young people.



Congratulations to the Year 7 Honours Winners who were fortunate enough to take part in their first Annual Awards Evening, and particularly commendation to those who also received nominations. There are many Year 7 students who have done exceptionally well this year and who have been rewarded for their effort, progress, excellence and improvement across their wide range of experiences.

This term has also provided a range of exciting opportunities. Year 7 were commended for their engagement in Heathfield Networks as they start their journey of discovery about careers and the skills of employability. Our visiting companies and business were impressed by them. Students also embraced the spirit of teamwork and healthy competition during Sports Day and House Competition Day. And finally, they have thrown themselves into Enrichment Week and whether onsite or on adventures elsewhere they will have gained valuable experiences and grown friendships and confidence that will be valuable next term. Congratulations Year 7, have a fabulous summer!

YEAR 8 - Mr Holden

Year 8 students have enjoyed a successful and rewarding Term 6, continuing to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience, and a positive attitude towards their learning. They have remained focused in lessons, and shown increasing confidence and independence.

This term has also provided a range of exciting enrichment opportunities. Students embraced the spirit of teamwork and healthy competition during Sports Day and House Competition Day, showing excellent sportsmanship and supporting one another throughout the events. Year 8 have also benefited from the Careers Networking Event, where they engaged confidently with visiting professionals, asked thoughtful questions, and began to explore future careers and the importance of making a good first impression.

Overall, Year 8 have represented themselves and the school exceptionally well over this term. As we approach the end of the school year, students are now looking forward to Enrichment Week or Year 8 camp.

I am really proud of what Year 8 has achieved this year and I look forward to seeing them thrive next year when they start their GCSE option choices.

I hope you all have a restful summer!



YEAR 9 - Mrs Woodland

Year 9 have had a productive and rewarding term, demonstrating resilience, commitment and our school values across a wide range of opportunities.

A significant focus this term has been preparing for their intensive subject mock examinations. Students have approached their revision and assessments with maturity and determination, developing valuable study skills and gaining experience that will support them as they progress in to Year 10.



We are also delighted to congratulate those students who have been selected as our new Peer Mentors. They will be supported with training sessions which will be used to support younger students and make a positive contribution to our community.

Our Year 9 Values Leaders have continued to be excellent role models by supporting our Year 6 transition programme. They welcomed new students, answered questions, and helped ensure that our new pupils felt confident and excited about joining our school.

A small group of Year 9 students have also continued their fantastic work with the Young at Heart project, spending time with elderly residents living with dementia. Through conversation, crafts, and shared activities, they have brought companionship and joy while developing their own confidence, empathy, and understanding of the importance of community service.

Finally, congratulations to the students who have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition and programme.

YEAR 10 - Ms Krouwel

As we come to the end of another successful year, our Year 10 students have completed the intensive phase of their GCSE courses. Their focus will now shift towards their extended GCSE option subjects alongside their core curriculum studies, allowing them to further develop their knowledge and skills as they prepare for Year 11 exams.

During PSHE lessons this term, students have begun exploring post-16 pathways and college applications using the Careers East Sussex website. This important work has helped students start considering their future education and career options. The programme will continue in September, providing further guidance and support as students begin making decisions about their next steps and submitting applications.

The recent spell of hot weather unfortunately impacted some of the planned taster days. However, there will be additional opportunities available during Term 1, ensuring that students can still gain valuable experiences and insights into a range of subjects and potential career pathways.

We would also like to congratulate our boys' football team on reaching the County Shield Final. Although they narrowly missed out on victory, the team demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience, and team spirit throughout the competition. They represented the school with great character and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

I very much look forward to working with the year group in their final compulsory academic year here next year. I also want to congratulate all those students who were successful in their application to become prefect and won an award at honours celebration evening.

YEAR 11 - Ms Adams

As the echo of the final song at prom fades and the shirt-signing ink dries, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible story Year 11 have written for themselves this year.

When we started this journey together in Year 7, we talked about two non-negotiables: integrity and kindness. In a world that often measures success purely by numbers on a page, we focused on character alongside academic achievement. I have seen that kindness in so many quiet moments—in the signing of shirts, the lifting up of a classmate who was struggling, and the genuine, unprompted joy you all showed for each other at prom. You have proven that ambition and empathy can beautifully coexist.



This "last day" isn't a closing chapter; it's a launchpad. The resilience and innovation you have shown over the last five years are the exact traits that will redefine whatever space you walk into next. You have shown that you possess a unique spark—a drive to look at a challenge and find a completely new way to solve it. I have no doubt you will carry this brilliant energy into your next steps.

Thank you, Year 11, for making this year group a place of safety, intellect, and massive heart. We wish you the absolute best of luck in the future, and we cannot wait to welcome many of you back to our Sixth Form.

Go and change the world in your own unique way!

Signing off for the final time.

Term 1 Key Dates for Year Groups

Year 10 Key Dates

Thursday, 10 September

Theatre Trip - The Play that Goes Wrong

Monday, 28 September

Geography Trip, Eastbourne

Year 11 Key Dates

Thursday, 11 September

Progression Event, Claverham

Monday, 28 September

Geography Trip, Eastbourne

Sixth Form Key Dates

Friday, 11 September

Year 12 Independent Study Conference - University of Sussex

SIXTH FORM - Ms White

Year 13 Ball

At the start of July we celebrated with Year 13 at the annual Year 13 Ball. It was a fantastic evening with students spending time with friends and staff recognising their time with us. We wish them all the best for the future and ask them to keep in touch with us!



Oxford Trip

A group of Year 12 students visited the University of Oxford as part of their exploration into progression. The group are part of our MEDROX group for students who are considering applications to Oxford, Cambridge or other competitive degrees.



Year 12 Help at Networking Event

A group of Year 12 students supported at the Year 7 and 8 Network Event at College this term. They offered support with students in talking to local employers and providers whilst also explaining to students about their Sixth Form experiences. Thank you to all who volunteered their time!



Term 5 Wider Curriculum

These pages offer a vibrant look at the enriching wider curriculum experiences our students have taken part in last term – showcasing the activities that bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

POETRY BY HEART

Poetry by Heart Competition



SpeakersTrust

Speak and Be Heard

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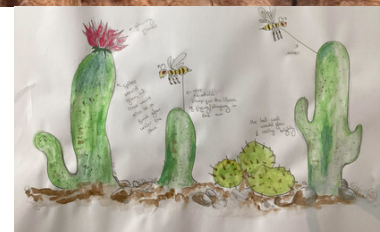
Speak Out Challenge



Year 12 Trip to The Globe



Year 11 Oxford University STEM trip



Glow Wild 2026

Click on each image to learn more about each event
or read more College updates on our Facebook page [here](#).

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 students travelled to Buxted Park Hotel for their prom, where they enjoyed a meal and lots of dancing on the dance floor.



Heathfield Networks

Our yearly Heathfield Networks event took place on 1st July in which we had over 15 businesses visit us and take the opportunity to talk to students about the pathways into their careers, what they enjoy about their jobs and more. It was great to see Year 7 and Year 8 engaging so well during the event.

Students who were initially apprehensive were able to overcome any anxieties and get involved with speaking to our visitors. It was fantastic to receive feedback about how students were able to expand beyond the task set, asking sensible and relevant questions relating to the careers of those they were networking with.

We received positive feedback from every session and our visitors were impressed with the mature attitude that was taken towards the task and how calm and polite our students were during their session.



Heathfield Honours

The annual celebration of Honours Awards took place on 9 July. It was a wonderful, positive evening with a packed hall that celebrated the effort, progress and achievement of students in all year groups. A warm welcome from Roger Enock Chair of Governors preceded an evening of musical talent and student achievement.



Sports Day

2026 Heathfield Sports Day was once again a brilliant day filled with competitive action and excellent sporting behaviours from those watching on. Almost 240 students ventured to Lewes athletics track and coped brilliantly in the warm conditions, as athletes competed for medals on the track and field events. Batemans were overall winners, with some excellent individual and team displays across each year group.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Overall
Bateman	192	229	168	193	782
Cade	189	157	183	145	674
Heffle	223	135	189	173	720
Tower	170	213	238	91	712



Winner!



Batemans

One record was broken on the day; Henry Baldwin breaking the Year 7 high jump record, last set in 2013. Henry jumped an incredible 1.52m!!!





Houses

This year's House Competition Day was a massive success, with students from all four houses showing incredible enthusiasm and teamwork across a variety of field, academic, and general knowledge challenges. It was a closely fought battle throughout the day, seeing different houses triumph in different events as they developed their collaboration, literacy, and problem-solving skills. Well done to Batemans for being overall winners!



Winner!



Batemans





Alumni News

Alumni Inspire the Next Generation

On Wednesday 2nd July, we welcomed around 30 former students back to college for an inspiring Progression Event designed to help current students explore the many opportunities available after sixth form.

Our alumni, who left Heathfield as recently as last summer and as far back as 2012, generously gave up their time to share their experiences and advice. They spoke honestly about the different routes they had taken, demonstrating that there is no single pathway to success. Their journeys included university study, higher and degree apprenticeships, gap year travel and entering employment directly after college.



Students heard about an impressive range of careers and subjects, including studying Mathematics and Law at university, working at McLaren Racing, engineering apprenticeships, careers with Network Rail, acting, art foundation courses and many more. The breadth of experiences on offer gave students valuable insight into the exciting possibilities that lie beyond sixth form.

Following the presentations, Year 12 students took part in a networking session where they had the opportunity to speak with even more alumni. This allowed students to develop their communication and networking skills while asking questions about university life, apprenticeships, career choices and the challenges and successes our former students have experienced since leaving Heathfield.

The event was a fantastic example of the strength of the Heathfield community, with former students returning to support and inspire those following in their footsteps. We are incredibly grateful to all of our alumni for giving their time so generously and for sharing their experiences so openly. Their advice and encouragement will undoubtedly help our current students make informed and confident decisions about their own futures.





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