

10 July 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

As we approach Enrichment Week, we signpost here some key information points for next week and also for the end of term. Thank you as always for your ongoing positive communication and support.

Information for Key Dates:

- **Monday 13 July**

We will be announcing the 2025 - 2026 House Cup winner in tutor time.

The House cup points are calculated from many areas across the College year including Praise Points, Attendance, House Competitions, Sports and House Competition Day, engagement in The Wider Curriculum, Reading Awards and Tutor time quizzes. All students have played their part in adding to the total.

Students from the winning house will be able to go on the inflatables during lessons 2 to 4. Students with excellent attendance will also go on the inflatables for one of these hours. Students with improved attendance will have a celebratory event during lesson 5, this will take place in the Main Hall with Mr Pollard and Mrs Dupasquier.

Important: *All students should arrive at College in their College PE Kit. Students should ensure they have a water bottle that they can take around with them, have sun cream on and wear a hat if they would like. Further instructions will be given to them in the morning.*

- **Tuesday 14 July - Friday 17 July: Enrichment Week**

You will have received final information about the activities your child is involved in but if there are any questions please email edupasquier@heathfieldcc.co.uk.

- **Monday 20 July - Take Your Child to Work Day**

On Monday 20 July students are participating in an experience of the workplace by shadowing a parent, carer or family member as part of the 'Take Your Child to Work Day' initiative and so not expected in College.

For students who are not participating in this initiative we will expect to welcome them into College on Monday 20 July, they will start their day as normal with their tutor before having lessons in core subjects as well as careers and employability sessions during the day.



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Calling All Green Thumbs: Horticulture & Gardening Expertise Needed!

We are looking to expand our on-site alternative provision by introducing hands-on gardening and horticulture sessions for some of our students. To make this happen, we are reaching out to our community for support.

Do you, or does anyone you know, have expertise in gardening, landscaping, or horticulture? We are looking for individuals with the skills to deliver engaging, practical sessions - whether you are a passionate hobbyist looking to **volunteer** your time, or a local **business owner** interested in a potential professional delivery partnership. Your expertise could help our students cultivate vital life skills, build confidence, and connect with nature.

How you can help:

- **Volunteering:** Share your passion and mentor students on-site.
- **Business Partnerships:** Deliver structured sessions as part of your commercial services.
- **Networking:** Pass this message on to any green-fingered experts in your local network!

If you are interested or want to learn more about what we do, please reach out by contacting office@heathfieldcc.co.uk. We would love to hear from you!

Celebrating Reading

National Literacy Trust data has celebrated an increase in the national levels of reading for young people, to 36%. However, Heathfield data shows 83% of our students read for pleasure. We are also running a competition in conjunction with the library in Heathfield High Street to encourage even more Year 7 and 8 students to read this summer.

English teachers will offer students a *Library Scavenger Hunt* sheet in lessons this week. Part A needs to be completed in the School Library and Part B needs to be completed in Heathfield Library. Please do all you can to support. Reading and literacy supports success in all learning and is well known to be great for mental health.

Photographs on the School Website and Social Media

Due to advice from the National Security Centre, we will no longer be showing front facing, identifiable images of our students. We are developing guidance in line with their advice for any future image sharing and we will be redrafting the consent for images that can be signed at the start of the year. The safety of our students is of paramount importance and we feel there are many ways we can still effectively celebrate their many achievements without this aspect.

This will also impact the images shared from *Enrichment Week* and we will be in touch separately to explain how this will be managed.

Uniform for 2026

We have indicated the direction of travel for this in previous letters dated [8 May and 26 June](#). The aim is to further reduce cost to parents while still protecting students from inequality and peer pressure.

Important: Years 8-11 will be able to wear their existing Heathfield uniform items until they grow out of them. Branded items not listed below cannot be passed to siblings in Year 7.

Broadbridges and SOHCC are aware of the changes and their requirement to supply to the new Year 7. SOHCC have been equipped with suitable non branded items to provide at comparable prices to pre-loved.

Below is a summary of the key changes which may inform any purchases you wish to make now; however, we will repeat this advice again in the next few weeks.

Main school uniform:

- Heathfield branded blazer
- Heathfield branded polo shirt
- Black skirts or trousers compliant with the uniform policy: no elastic or alternative version will be acceptable, acceptable versions are widely sold in most major retailers
- Black cotton blend jumper (optional)
- Plain black or dark grey socks, plain black tights
- School shoes as per the stated policy: *no branding or logos will be allowed*

PE Kit:

- Heathfield branded PE short sleeved top
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms - *no branding/logos of any kind allowed.*
- Plain black sports fabric leggings - *no branding/logos of any kind allowed.*
- Plain black skorts - *no branding/logos of any kind allowed.*
- Plain black $\frac{3}{4}$ zip jumper - *no branding/logos of any kind allowed.*
- Plain black socks

Checks in September: Uniform will be part of the daily checks upon entry to College every day and will be expected to be corrected if items that are non-uniform are being worn. This will include shoes which should be in line with expectations, black and non-branded.

Raising Funds for Supporters of Heathfield Community College: LAST FEW WEEKS

Please support the customer vote campaign running in Tesco stores locally. This runs until the end of July and will raise funds to allow SOHCC to further support low-cost uniform and equipment to parents. The stores participating are:

- Heathfield Station Road Express Express TN21 8LB
- Uckfield Superstore TN22 1BA
- Uckfield Browns Lane Express Express TN22 1UN

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend, thank you for your continued support. It is always appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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