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## New Building Commences

On 14th October 2010, a historic moment occurred at Heathcote. Following a long period of planning and consulting, working with architects and education consultants, work began on our new Sixth Form Centre. The diggers came onto the site to dig the first hole, ready to clear the site and begin work.

As time has gone on we have been seeing diggers and cranes operating each day, and have been able to see the growth of our new building.

We are all very excited about the future and look forward to September 2010 when we welcome the first sixth formers to use the building.

### The diggers came onto the site to dig the first hole



Piling work in progress  
11th November 2010



### A Message from the Head



Dear Parent/Carer  
Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year to all our students, their  
families, staff and our supporters.

Zoë Cozens



### Heathcote Christmas Card

Congratulations to Alicia Lartey who won the overall prize for the Year 7 Christmas Card competition, and to Elysa Bishop who won the Year 8 prize.

Elysa's card is printed here, along with our Christmas wishes to you all.

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LEARNING

International  
School Award  
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Using the Olympic  
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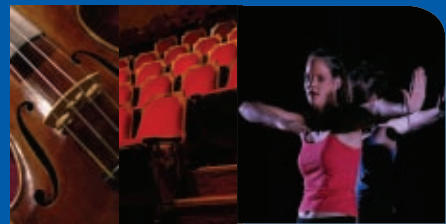
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## Dates for Your Diary

December 17th	Term ends
January 4th	New term begins
January 13th	Year 8 parents evening
January 27th	Year 11 parents evening
January 28th	Year 11 mock interview day
February 21st - February 22nd	Study Support days
February 21st- February 25th	Half term break
March 10th	Year 9 parents evening
March 31st	Year 10 parents evening
April 12th	Term ends

## Music/ Drama/ Art



## DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

### Heathcote School Dance Company

Building on the success of the previous 2 years, the PE department has now set up the 'Heathcote for the school to perform School Dance Company.' Girls were asked to audition for a place and all those that attended were successful. They represented the school on Monday 29th November at Sadler's Wells in the 'Roar' production where various dance companies from across London performed. This opportunity to perform was a great honour,



especially at such a big venue where last year's Dance project was hugely successful.



### GCSE Dancers Audition

Congratulations to the GCSE dance girls; Jazzmin Perry, Jandira Camuimbra and Sashine Skeen who were all successful in gaining a place at the youth dance company 'shuffle' based at 'The Place.'

## Panasonic UK: The KWN News Team

Each year Panasonic Sponsor a global project to enable students to experience the world of Journalism and Film. Students compete for a place in the global competition to produce a short film investigating the theme of



Sustainability/Communication or Citizenship. The winning teams travel to Japan for the Prestigious awards ceremony and the opportunity to work alongside students from across the world in different film making activities and tasks.

The team must first enter the UK competition competing against schools across the country to produce their own 4 minute film. The first day for the Southern schools was hosted at Heathcote on the October 5.th This was an editorial day, organised by the Panasonic Team. Year 9 Heathcote students were given the opportunity to work with students from other schools and meet the BBC journalist Ian Cameron, film maker Paul Press and representatives of Panasonic.

We now have to produce our four minute film ready for submission on the 22nd February 2010. The committed team will be working independently after school to plan and organise the film, design shots and create interviews needed to make what is, hopefully, an amazing final entry. The theme will be the Olympics

The Heathcote Team: Hannah Sheridan, Jake Carruthers, Sarah Elbir, Ben May- Parrot, Harry Mansbridge, Sarah- Jane Elderton, Charlie Acton, Cameron Thompson, Hannah Tyzack

## Sadler's Wells Letter

Dear Ms Cozens,

As a Governor, I felt compelled to write stating how impressed and proud my family and I were with the pupils who danced at Sadler's Wells on Monday 29th November.

Nine schools from around London took part and many of the other pupils were older than ours. Yet our pupils more than held their own and were excellent ambassadors for Heathcote.

As well as the dancing, my Granddaughters thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and whole Sadler's Wells experience. This is exactly the type of wider educational experience that will help prepare them all for a broad and satisfying future life.

Having been a Governor for many years, I know how much effort goes into such a trip. I thanked Ms Armitage on the night and asked her to pass this on to the other staff. However, I am writing because I feel that it is important to record how much it is appreciated when your staff perform way above the call of duty.

Regards,  
Phil Brown.



# Poems in the Corridor

Our theme for the week in our first week back was Literacy. Ms Cozens spoke in assemblies about Literacy and, particularly poetry. She spoke about the way Poems on the Underground celebrates poetry on the tube and launched a competition for “Poems in the Corridor” here at Heathcote. Poems rolled in and have been on display this term.

Congratulations to the winner: John Heath for his poem 'I Made A Vow', and the runners-up: Rashan Cummings who wrote 'My Mother', Rhainna Leslie whose untitled poem was about the three little pigs and Rebekah Cullan for 'Fireworks Night'. Their poems are here for you to see the amazing standard they reached.



## Fireworks Night

*A dark, cold misty night until  
the fireworks come up!  
BOOM! BLAST!  
On fireworks night.*

*Like a rainbow of colours that burst,  
Sparkling wheel of light in the sky,  
Wow, Look, Amazing, they're  
Brilliant!!!  
On fireworks night.*

*We gather round to watch  
the wonderful gaze of colour,  
the fireworks, they are ending  
but wait until next year the  
Fabulous fireworks will be out again  
ON FIREWORKS NIGHT!*

## Three Little Pigs

*Once upon a tree  
There were some pigs-three,  
They then left their family  
To be what they wanted to be.*

*They wanted to go,  
To roam the picturesque plains,  
They wanted to go,  
To play their glorious games.*

*Lazy, childish,  
Hardworking at that,  
One who works, one who plays,  
One who likes to chat*

*They thought they were great,  
They thought they were the best,  
They thought they were better,  
Than all of the rest.*

*First house of straw,  
Second of wood,  
A last third of brick,  
Just as it should*

*Suddenly it happened,  
The cunning wolf arrived,  
With a sense of mischief,  
Deep in it's eyes*

*Just at that moment,  
A thought came to his head,  
As he bounced on the roof,  
He surprisingly said,*

*“They're not that great,  
And they're not great builders.  
If they worked for me,  
They'd get 0 guilders.”*

*For the inscrutable wolf,  
It didn't go so well,  
Just at that moment,  
Down the chimney he fell.*

*Hilarious for the pigs,  
Funny for me,  
The wolf did an Irish dance,  
So the flames could flee.*

*So that's the story,  
Of the three little pigs,  
However, don't worry,  
Just hold onto your wigs.*

## My Mother

*Who is this beautiful woman red  
highlights, pouted lips, long faced,  
piercing eyes. Scanning at your  
brain. She talks with an echo in  
your mind. Invading any thoughts  
you might of expressed. Her voice  
blocks any sound waves from  
entering the invisible circumference  
around you. She lives in a kingdom  
you would call a home.*

*Her head always perched high. Her  
tongue ready to release passionate  
strong words. Facial expressions  
you're unable to copy yourself. But  
printed in your mind. Her shadow  
crowns your own. Her rules are the  
law you think everyone should  
follow.*

*I remember the days this beautiful  
woman wiped the tears that  
streamed down my eyes. Praised me  
when I achieved greatness. Held my  
hand when I was fearless.*

*Dressed me up on my 1st day of  
primary school. Walking hand in  
hand with me. Both skipping along  
the road. Slightly reaching out  
destination. Her teeth shining bright  
white. What was left of mine crying  
out for the limelight, the beautiful  
women had. But I ended up looking  
like a little monkey the beautiful  
women and I laughed at.*

*This unknown god I worshipped.  
Watched and guided me as I got  
dressed for my first day in secondary  
school. Waving goodbye by the front  
door as I left. Blowing a kiss with a  
proud smile overpowering her face.*

*The days I will always cherish and  
remember. But who is this beautiful  
god I worship? Her pride over  
showers my own. This queen I  
worship. I know who she is. The  
queen I call my MOTHER!*

## I Made A Vow

*I made a vow to no one but you  
I pledge my love to you  
Forever to be true  
I'll take care of you  
And treat you right*

*I'll hug and kiss you and  
Give you shelter in the night  
I will protect you and  
Shelter you from anyone  
That wants to hurt you*

*I will help you and  
I will listen to your problems  
And help you solve them too.*

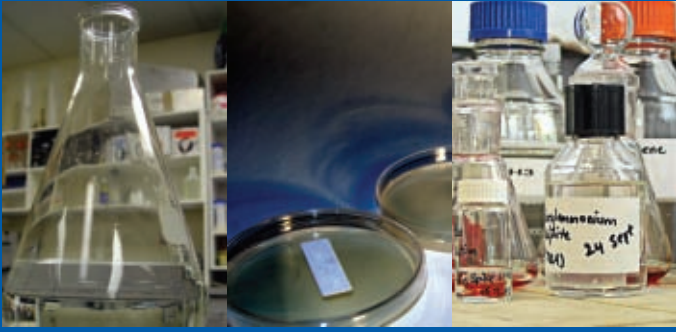
*I will take your side  
Even if you're wrong  
Just to prove to you  
That my love is strong for you*

*I will plant you flowers  
And make them grow  
And they will be a  
Symbol of our love*

*And that only we will know  
And I hope you know that  
My love for you is  
Very strong and true*



## Science



### Jeans for Genes Day at Heathcote

Heathcote School had a fantastic day raising money for the Jeans for Genes Day appeal on October 8th. Students and staff brought in £1 to wear jeans to school to raise a total of £963.66 for the charity.

This money will go towards helping children and their families that suffer from genetic disorders.

Well done Heathcote!



### Day at Natural History Museum

Year 10 Triple Science Students were treated to a day at the Natural History Museum, where students had a wonderful time visiting the Wildlife Photography of the Year exhibition. Students said they enjoyed seeing the animals in different and unusual habitats, and found the exhibit interesting and inspiring!

Students also visited the new Darwin Cocoon, where they could find out more about the work that scientists do at the Museum and to watch them in action.

Students were also set challenges in various treasure hunts around the museum.

A rich and rewarding day!



### A Special Visitor

Just before Halloween, as part of Year 7 Descriptive Writing Task, we had a visitor to Class 7.4-6, a Mexican Red-kneed Tarantula called Houdini (she has a habit of escaping!).

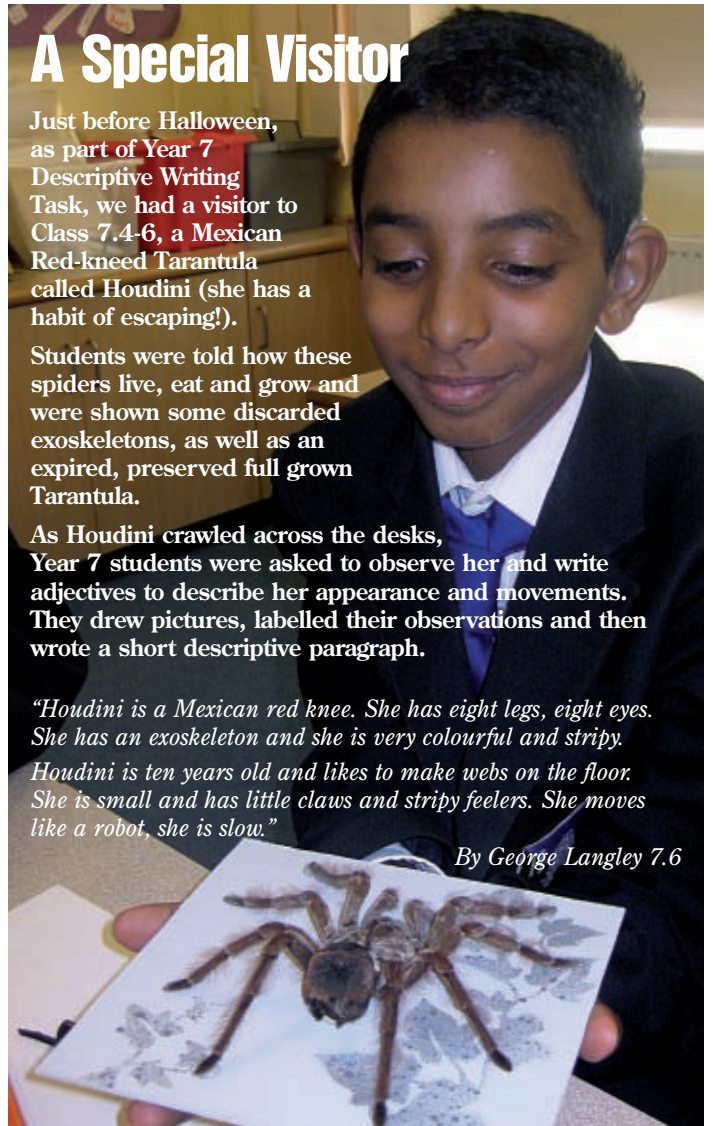
Students were told how these spiders live, eat and grow and were shown some discarded exoskeletons, as well as an expired, preserved full grown Tarantula.

As Houdini crawled across the desks, Year 7 students were asked to observe her and write adjectives to describe her appearance and movements. They drew pictures, labelled their observations and then wrote a short descriptive paragraph.

*"Houdini is a Mexican red knee. She has eight legs, eight eyes. She has an exoskeleton and she is very colourful and stripy.*

*Houdini is ten years old and likes to make webs on the floor. She is small and has little claws and stripy feelers. She moves like a robot, she is slow."*

*By George Langley 7.6*



### The Party Planners

Students from the Year 11 CoPE group have met with two of the lead members of the Coney Burrows Lunch Club to plan a Christmas party. The Coney Members are keen to come into Heathcote again following the successful Tea Party the CoPE group ran in July. The students are inviting 25 members of the club to come into school on Friday the 3rd December. To raise money towards the event the students have defied the weather, have wrapped up warmly, and gone outside to wash staff cars. Their efforts were rewarded with steaming hot chocolate and a slice, or 2, (Esat and George) of Mrs Wallace's Lemon Drizzle Cake.

Staff and students have been asked to provide items of non-perishable food and small gift so that we can give each guest a small hamper to take home. See the next issue of the news sheet to find out detail of how the party went on the day.



## Year 12 visit to Gilwell Park

Year 12 started the year with a team building day at Gilwell Park.

The group had a splashing time raft building and conquered their fear of heights on Jacobs ladder.



## Suntrap visit for Year 8 Girls

A group of year 8 girls attended Suntrap for team building and survival skills.



The day included an assault course, problem solving, team building activities and shelter building.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE) students organised the Macmillan Coffee Morning and ensured that it was a great success. They baked cakes which they sold to students and staff with tea, coffee and soft drinks. The grand total of £301 was raised.



The café-style Coffee Morning created an opportunity for students and staff to mingle and support this worthwhile charity. A big thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the success of the morning.



**The Heathcote group chose to support Age Concern**

## Trust Youth 30th June 2010

Last year our Small Change group took part in a National young peoples charity event called 'Trust Youth'. Students had to choose a charity and then carry out a small project and a big project to raise money for that charity. The Heathcote group chose to support Age Concern. They organized a Black History Treasure Trail as their small project and then went on to organize Heathcote's Got Talent as their big project, raising a total of £100 for Age Concern.

The group was invited to a celebration event in Covent Garden where they gave a presentation about their activities. They won a special award for the best Awareness Raising activity for their Black History Treasure Trail. Organisers were so impressed by the presentation given by Hannah Solinute and Hannah Elsdon that they invited the pair to appear at the launch event on 28th September to encourage other schools to take part in similar campaigns.



# Lets Get Cooking

Congratulations to the Heathcote Lets Get Cooking Club who met all the requirements for running a healthy cooking club and have won the Lets Get cooking 2009 accreditation.

Pictured here are some of the Lets Get Cooking Club members making Mince Pies.



## Oxford Trip

On October 11th a group of ambitious, year 10 students were given the opportunity to sample the experience of being a student at Oxford University.

The group of eight, alongside Year 10 Learning Manager, Ms Samuels, had a guided tour of Merton and King's colleges and also had the chance to visit Lincoln and Brasenose. At Lincoln, they had a lecture about the planet Jupiter.

They had lunch in the dining room of Christchurch, which was used as the setting for Hogwarts dining hall in the Harry Potter films.



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## One-to-One

As part of our Intervention programme, we have had the chance to set up some one-to-one sessions for students to support their Maths and English. We ran the programme very successfully last year, and are delighted to say that we are offering this support to even more students this year.



## Be Safe Evening

On October 20th we held our Be Safe Evening. Staff and visitors were available to give help and advice about Cycle Safety, Road Safety, Cyber Safety and Personal Safety. It was a very successful and informative event.



## Key stage Four Information Evening

We welcomed parents and students from Year 9s, 10 and 11 to an information evening on 23rd September. Among the presentations about the way students should approach their courses there were items on: staying healthy, revision and revision skills, how attendance affects attainment, the different exam boards, and how the points system is used to measure progress.



## Licence to Cook

Another group of Heathcote students has completed the "Licence to Cook" award. On Wednesday 10th November they were rewarded for their good work with certificates showing which of the two levels they had completed.

Well done on this achievement.



## Heathcote School Earns STAR Bronze Award from TFL



Heathcote School has just been awarded the STAR award for sustainable travel at the Sustainable (Bronze) Level at an Award Presentation at the Emirates stadium. This is a fantastic achievement for the school which has been working hard to reduce the impact of unsustainable travel to the school from students and staff with its Travel Plan.

### encouraging more students to walk to school, bicycle training for Year 7s, and encouraging car share among staff.

Heathcote School was recognised in making progress in reducing the number of cars bringing students to school, encouraging more students to walk to school, bicycle training for Year 7s, and encouraging car share among staff. Well done Heathcote!

## Ventura Project

On Monday 1st November 2010 a group of Year 9 students attended a design workshop which provided them with the opportunity to work with a professional designer and a trainer from the Design Museum. Their task was to develop their product designs for the Ventura project they are involved in with the aim of designing a product for under £10.00 that could be sold in the Design Museum shop. Working in groups, with different roles assigned, students refined their ideas through a rapid ideas generation task, discussion with the designers and a final presentation of their ideas at the end of the session. The whole experience was assessed by a member of the University of Warwick to ensure the quality of delivery and selected students were given the opportunity to feedback their thoughts regarding the whole experience at the end.



All of the outside visitors were very impressed with both the innovative nature of our students and their commitment to the project. They felt that we have a very talented group of students who were a pleasure to work with. Mr Dolan would like to add that the students were a credit to the school and themselves in the way they worked and the maturity they showed throughout.

The Design Ventura project ends this month with our internal winning group pitching their ideas on the 7th December to the Deutsche Bank committee so lets keep our fingers crossed that we win!



## Heathcote welcome colleagues from Denmark

Heathcote was very happy to welcome three colleagues from Denmark. The visitors were from the local authority of Århus, which is the second largest city in Denmark. It was the second visit to Waltham Forest by Danish colleagues. Another group came in September last year.

The objective of the visit was to find out if some of our inclusion practices and policies could help them become a more inclusive system.

Coming, as they do, from a country with only 5 million Danes, and a local authority with about 300,000 people, it is quite obvious that their culture and sheer statistical background is quite different from ours. However, they did explain that their situation is comparable to ours with a diverse community and a commitment to equality for all.

The visitors were very impressed at the calm atmosphere of the school and were pleased to speak to students and staff. They particularly liked the Nurture Room. As a part of the visit they joined the year 10 assembly which appropriately was on the theme of 'Linguistic Diversity'. That afternoon we were celebrating the achievements of Heathcote students in GCSEs in Turkish, Urdu, Greek and Portuguese.

## A History of the World in 100 Objects

Year 10 British Museum, July 19th 2010

After watching the fabulous local history documentary, based on Station Road, produced by our Y10 GCSE Historians, the British Museum invited them to visit and trial a new education trail to be launched in the Museum. The trail is based on the BBC programme A History of the World in 100 Objects.



Students were given a hypothesis about what makes us human and the sent out into the museum itself to find evidence to support their theory. They then put together a presentation which they delivered to the whole group and representatives from the museum and the Education department of University of East London.

The students had a great time and everyone was impressed by their independent learning skills.



The winning hypothesis, put forward by Georgina Hart and Lucy Parsons, was 'Our appreciation of aesthetics and art is what makes us human'. They tied with Dionne Atkins-Lindo, Jordan Lacrete and Alice Alderton, who put forward the theory that 'It is the ability to make tools and innovate that makes us human'.



## Black History Month 2010

Black History Month is always an important celebration for the Humanities Department and students in Y7, Y8 and Y9 studied topics on the theme of Black History Month in their history lessons.

Following the success of the Black History Trail last year the Small Change group organized a similar trail for this year and students in Y7, Y8 and Y9 took part. Students had to navigate their way around the school to search for clues to answer a Black History quiz. This year's winners were Kaleigh Parish, J'nae Tuitt and Jamila Sinclair, all from 8/1.

## Alumni

Heathcote is keen to start an official Alumni club. This would be for all students or staff who have been members of the Heathcote community. We hope this club would enable ex-students or staff to stay in touch, to share news of each other's successes and to keep you informed of the latest school news.

If you would like to be involved in setting up an Alumni group and arranging some informal events, please contact the school and ask for Jason Bookatz, the Deputy Head.

## Information for Parents

Just a reminder that you can find information about school events by checking your child's planner and by visiting the website:

[www.heathcoteschool.com](http://www.heathcoteschool.com).

The Headteacher's surgery takes place every Monday from 4.30-5.30.

## Sports News



**Congratulations for some individual sporting achievements in recent months.**

### Karate:

Yr 10 student Jamaal Otto has been selected to represent England in Karate after successfully progressing through some gruelling testing and competition. Good luck in the forthcoming international championships.



Connor has been training with Tottenham Hotspurs Academy and has subsequently been signed to the club for the foreseeable future.

Congratulations Connor and keep up the excellent work.

### Year 7 Diving:

We have also just become aware of Yr 7 pupil Lauren Carter who has been competing and recording some great results in her diving this year whilst representing a local club. Well done Lauren and keep us informed of your progress.

**Some of our school teams are also progressing very well:**

### Football:

Yr 11 Football team progressed to the latter stages of the Essex Cup until they were knocked out by Lister School in Newham.

Yr 9 Football team are still going strong on all fronts, having not lost a game in the first half of the season. The yr 9s are waiting to hear there next Essex cup opponents either Davenant or Shenfield!



### U15s Basketball:

For the first time ever we have a Basketball team in the U15s England Basketball National Conference league. We are awaiting our first of six matches to be played by Feb 2011. We will keep you posted on the team's achievements.



### Gilwell Park Visit:

Heathcote finally have their new sixth form students. To start their year they all attended a team building day to Gilwell Park resulting in some challenging and rather wet activities. Needless to say it was not only students getting a bit wet!

## Tottenham MATE Project

On the 4th November, selected pupils took the opportunity to join the MATE project run by Tottenham Hotspur Football club. The pupils were able to experience different uses of sporting equipment and ask questions. They were consulted about what other opportunities would they like the borough to provide them. They also got to meet Heurleho Gomes the number one Tottenham Hotspur goal keeper.



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