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supporting individual excellence



Zoë Cozens, Headteacher

“Heathcote is a friendly, inclusive and good school!”

This is how our Ofsted Inspectors, who were here on 22nd and 23rd of June, described our school.

We are extremely proud of achieving nine Outstanding judgements:

- How we care, guide and support our students : Outstanding.
- The progress made by students who are vulnerable Outstanding
- How we keep our students safe: Outstanding.
- The way the school is led: Outstanding.
- Ensure our students know how to lead healthy lifestyles: Outstanding.
- Ensure students contribute to school and the community: Outstanding.
- The work we do with parents and carers: Outstanding.
- The work we do to help students learn and look after their well-being: Outstanding.
- How we safeguard our community: Outstanding.



The full Ofsted report has been sent home to parents.

Thanks to all our staff and students who have worked so hard in this busy and successful year. I hope you enjoy a well earned break. School starts for students on Tuesday 6th September.

We are looking forward to results day, when we hear how our exam classes have done. We will also be here for Sixth Form Enrolment on;

Thursday 25th August 10.30 - 2.30

Friday 26th August 10.30 - 2.30

Tuesday 30th August 10.30 - 2.30



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Small Change Group

This term the Small Change group raised over one hundred pounds for charity. This included making collections after assemblies and after the Y11 Presentation Evening. They have decided to donate the money to the following charities:-

£25.00 to Christian Aid to buy 16 ducks for farms in Bangladesh

£50.00 to Save the Children for the East Africa drought appeal.

This will enable Save the Children to provide drinking water for 800 people

£28.00 to Barnados in support of Mr. Duffin who is having his head shaved for charity.





Aim Higher News



Aim Higher activities enable students to think about and experience Further and Higher education. We have had many events this year!

Year 8s and 9s went to Imperial College to try some science skills and activities. Students from Year 10 attended Saturday morning master-classes at Queen Mary University and University of East London, sampling subjects like Criminology, Fashion and Engineering as well as English, Maths, Political History and Science.

31 Year 10 and 12 students worked with undergraduates in the Aim Higher



Associates scheme from London Metropolitan University, City University and Middlesex University, who told them about Further and Higher education, advising about subject choices and student life. They arranged a visit to two of the universities to see the campuses for themselves.



Here is what two of the students said about the day:

We visited City University first and toured the Seminar Rooms and the Lecture Theatres which I found interesting. In the Lecture Room we had a presentation about the way University works and I found it helpful. We looked in the different student accommodation dorms, classes and buildings. We went to the Lecture Rooms

and saw Canteens, Libraries and Study Rooms.

Another 40 year 10s went to Sussex University, visiting the campus and working with Sussex Student ambassadors.

Here are reports from two students who took part in that visit:

Fun, amazing and very helpful for my future education. My visit to Sussex University was marvellous. I have learnt so many new things that I never knew about University.

These include: the difference between undergraduate, graduate and post graduate, what a dissertation is and much more. I also had an opportunity to ask many questions which really helped me. We also had the opportunity to go in one of the flats and see how students live. There were different sizes and prices of flats. The students said a bit about how they live and how they take care of their money and their finances.

The place was truly fascinating and it really did make me wish that one day it would be me standing there, taking younger students on a tour. I did learn a lot as well, as I had no idea how it would be in the University; it is pretty much completely different from School and College for that matter. In addition, this University also had a Library full of rare books, that was probably the best thing that really caught my eyes as I am a reader in my heart.



Year 6 visit

On Wednesday 6th July, Year 6 students spent the day with us at Heathcote. These are the students who will be joining us in September, as our new Year 7s.

They attended an assembly, had tours of the school, tried the school meals at lunchtime and sampled some lessons. They were able to try out lessons in English, IT, History, Music, Drama, Science, PE and Food Technology.

We look forward to seeing them all again in September.

Dates for Your Diary

Information for parents:

We have already planned many events for next year, and some of the key dates are given below. Please remember that the Bank Holiday for May 2012 has been changed to allow celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and will be on 4th and 5th June.

Autumn term	Tuesday 6th September –Friday 16th December
Half term holiday	Monday 24th October- Friday 28th October
Spring Term	Tuesday 3rd January-Friday 29th March
Half term holiday	Monday 13th February- Friday 17th February
Summer term	Monday 16th April- Friday 20th July
Half term holiday	Monday 4th June- Friday 8th June
National Poetry Day	6th October
Jeans for Genes day	7th October
Teacher Training Day	21st October
Year 7 Tutor evening	13th October

Don't forget that you can find important information on the website: www.heathcoteschool.com. Information about your son/daughter's progress can be accessed through our e-portal system. Parents can attend Headteacher's surgery on a Monday after school from 4.30-5.30, to discuss any concerns, contact reception for an appointment.

Chellington Residential

Fourteen year 7 & 8 students were selected to take part in a week residential to Bedfordshire's 'Chellington Centre', based in a converted church. The visit was a huge success with all students being a credit to Heathcote School. Students engaged in a campfire, explored the local country park, took part in team building games and visited a local farm. A big thank you to the teaching staff who led the trip: Mrs Smith, Miss Lewis and Mr Lapping.



MFL News

This year the department has organised four educational visits to cater for pupils in KS3 as well as KS4. In April, a group of year 9 students went on a four-day visit to the Rhine Valley. This was followed by Year 7 and Year 8 pupils' visit to Aachen. Then on the 20th of May, the Boulogne Trip to the Sea-life centre for pupils in Years 7 and 8 took place. The Paris trip took place from the 29th of June to the 2nd of July.

Meanwhile, take some time and read about two students' views on the Boulogne Trip.



I loved Nausicca. I especially loved seeing the seals playing outside and a massive fish playing in a suspended diamond shaped tank. Also I thought the jelly fish were fascinating because of the different sizes, shapes and colours.

I loved my visit to Boulogne and I would definitely go again. All in all a great experience.

By Amber Grange 7/5

I really enjoyed the touch tank. I managed to touch a ray which felt smooth and another one which felt gritty like sand. I also saw what might be a crocodile or an alligator.



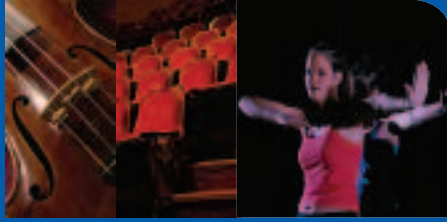
I got some very nice bracelets for myself and my friends and some delicious ice-cream at the shopping centre.

Overall, it was a perfect day trip.

By Emma Curzon 7/5



Music/ Drama/ Art



A 'wiz' of a Wonderland

A huge well done to the cast of 'Alice in Wonderland' who performed so well in their staging of the play. The year 7 Drama Group rehearsed over a matter of weeks, most evenings, after school. Their dedication to the project was impressive from the start. The costumes were fabulous, many thanks to all the parents who helped out with these and with make-up. These allowed the audience's imaginations to escape into Wonderland. A bigger thanks goes to the four Year 10 students and Ms Hill for their excellent work on the characters' make up.



Heathcote Learning Support Manager receives national recognition.

Mrs Wallace was very much less than pleased when she was asked to leave Breakfast Club and come into staff briefing on Monday morning. Her mood mellowed when she realised that she had been called

there to receive a certificate for winning The Pearsons Teaching Award, a national award

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recognising her work. A parent, who wished to recognise the contribution Mrs Wallace had made to her child's progress at Heathcote, had nominated her. I am sure many parents and carers reading this will endorse the nomination and will be thinking 'I wish I'd thought of making that nomination.' Well done Mrs Wallace. Oh and by the way, Mrs Witham and Ms Bahra made sure all the students still got their breakfast.

Summer Concert

Our hugely talented students delighted their audience on Tuesday 5th July with their summer concert. There were performances by individuals and groups including Glee Club. Three Steel Bands added their excellent performances to make the evening complete.



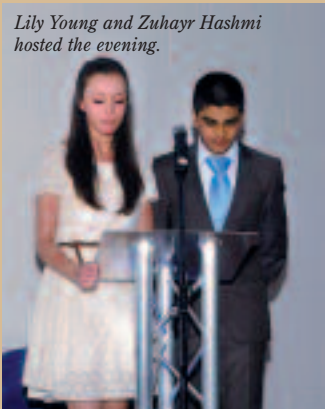
Achievement Evening

On Thursday 12th May we held our celebration for the Year 11 students who come to an end of their time at Heathcote this term.

In a packed hall, students were invited to collect their progress files and special awards were given for a variety of achievements. Everyone looked splendid in their smart clothes. Entertainment was provided by the steel pans and a number of musical items were put on for the evening's entertainment. Lily Young and Zuhayr Hashmi did a great job as comperes for the evening. A speech about the achievements and memories of the group was given by Bethany Tyzack and Randy Bondjanga. The final note of thanks was given by Yacine Hasnaoui.

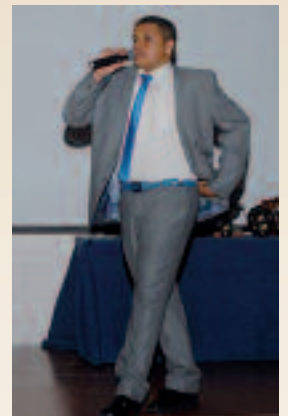
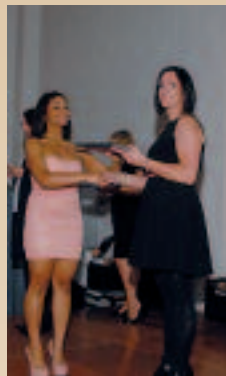
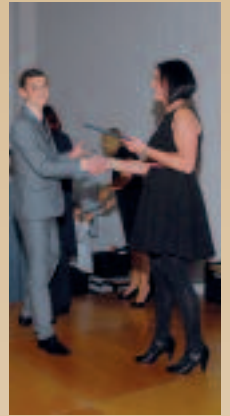
We wish all our Year 11s luck, and look forward to seeing many of them in the sixth Form.

Lily Young and Zuhayr Hashmi hosted the evening.



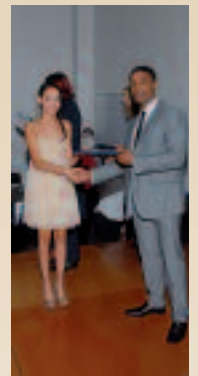
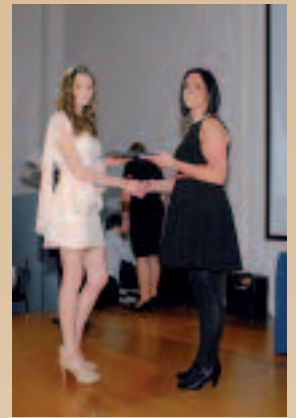


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The Food Challenge for the COPE group

Could you feed 4 people a two-course meal on £6? One of the Year 10 COPE groups has demonstrated this is possible. Each of the students researched possible dishes, including recipes from their family, found the prices of the ingredients and then created a shopping list and hopefully went out and did the shopping, rather than handing the list to the parents. On Friday the 17th June, they spent 3 hours making the dishes.



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Golden Spoon Award

George Wisbey-Broom won The School Food Trust **Let's Get Cooking Golden Spoon Award 2011.**

George was nominated by Mrs Gabriel for the great work he has done in supporting her in running the very busy Heathcote School Cooking club over the last five years. George attended the Cooking in Schools Extravaganza at 61 Whitehall with Mrs Gabriel where he received his Award and Prize from Baroness Walmsley.



Rhine Valley Trip

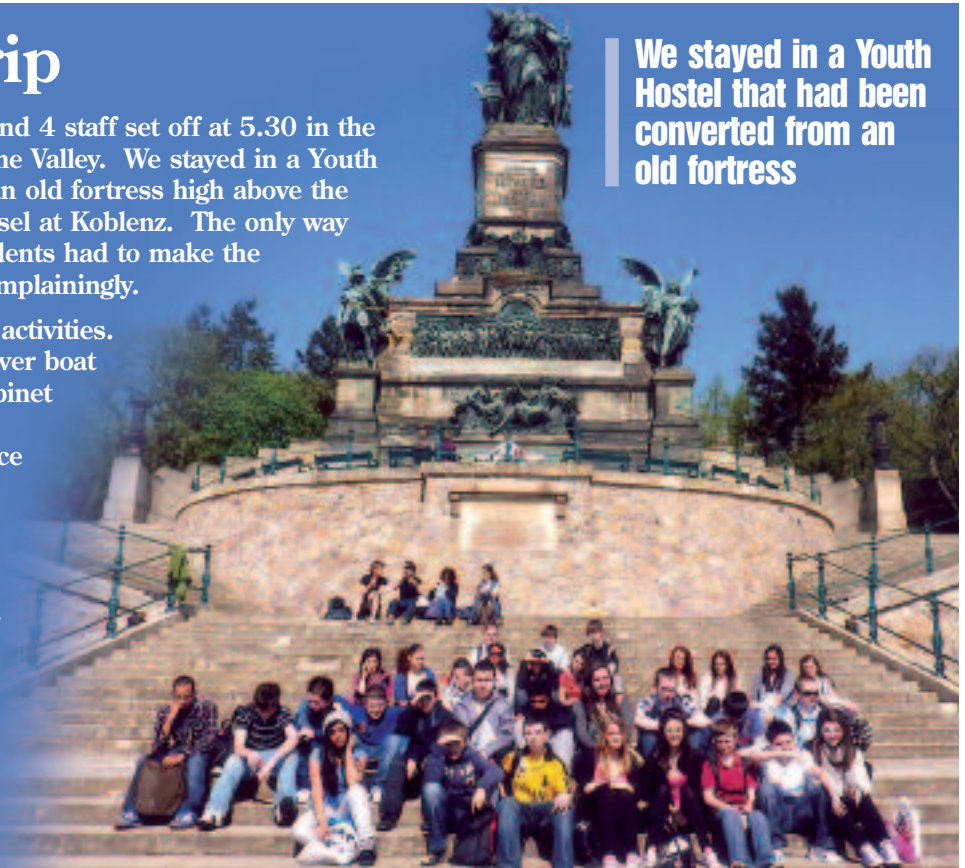
On 5th April 33 excited Y9 students and 4 staff set off at 5.30 in the morning for a four day visit to the Rhine Valley. We stayed in a Youth Hostel that had been converted from an old fortress high above the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Mosel at Koblenz. The only way up to the fortress was on foot and students had to make the ascent every day, which they did uncomplainingly.

During our stay we enjoyed a range of activities. We visited Castle Marksburg, took a river boat along the Rhine, visited the Musikkabinet at Rudesheim, took a cable car up to Neiderwalddenkmal, saw the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel at Deutsches Eck and went shopping in Koblenz town centre.

Wherever we went we received compliments on the good behaviour of the students who were all excellent international ambassadors for Heathcote School.

Our visit was made even better because of the glorious weather we had every day.

We stayed in a Youth Hostel that had been converted from an old fortress





G&T Corner

With summer on our heels (despite what the weather is doing!) it is time to think about keeping our minds busy – you don't want to get bored with all of that time away from school!

Here is a summer reading list for years 7 – 11 that you might enjoy. In the English Department area on the Heathcote website, there are lots of activities you can do with your books.



Booklist for summer reading 2011:

How to survive summer camp	Jacqueline Wilson
Starseeker	Tim Bowler
Death defying	Pepper Roux
Skulduggery Pleasant	Geraldine McGaughrean
Stolen	Derek Landy
Finding Violet Park	Lucy Christopher
Tulip touch	Jenny Valentine
Tulip touch	Anne Fine
Diary of a wimpy kid	Jeff Kenney
Cross my heart and hope to spy	Ally Carter
Golden goal	Dan Freedman
Dork diaries	Renee Rachel Russell
Billionaire boy	David Walliams
Hush hush	Becca Fitzpatrick
Diary of a wimpy vampire	Tim Collins
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian
Scorpia rising	Anthony Horowitz
Shadow wave	Robert Muchamore
Small blue thing	S.C.Ransom
Caddy's world	Hilary McKay
One man and his boy	Eva Ibbotson
Sisters red	Jackson Pearse
Evermore	Alison Noel
Boys don't cry	Malorie Blackman
Lily alone	Jacqueline Wilson
Beast Quest	Adam Blade
Awakened	P.C & Kristin Cast
Spooks	Joseph Delaney
Mr Stink	David Walliams
Time riders	Alex Scarrow
Horrible Histories	Terry Deary
Horrible Science	Nick Arnold
Birth of a killer	Darren Shan
Cherry Crush	Cathy Cassidy

Have a wonderful, safe and SMART summer!
Ms. Elgie

Pathways to Law:

University College London and London School of Economics. Congratulations to Jordan Lacrete who has been accepted onto this excellent scheme. It means she will have help and support with advice and the chance of work experience placements as she goes through sixth form and University, in her pursuit of a career in law.

Jordan was one of 115 students who were accepted onto the scheme, which had more than 320 applicants.



The Design and Technology Department welcomed sixty students from Chingford C of E Primary School for a set of 'taster lessons' to give the students an idea of just how interesting and exciting secondary school is. They each made an Acrylic pencil holder using a variety of tools and equipment

including the Line Bender to shape their product.

The students were full of ideas, completing a research task and producing their own design solutions. There was a lot of positive discussion during the lesson and the students really seemed to enjoy the experience, taking home their made product as a memento of their visit to Heathcote School.



On the 21st June 9.1 visited the BFI Southbank, Waterloo to watch the screening of their recently produced 'Highlighting Heroes' Olympic themed short films on the big screen. The students had taken part in an exciting 10-week project where they had the opportunity to make and edit their own films through Creative Partnerships and a New Direction. Students also had the opportunity to watch short films produced by students from other school across London and it was a really enjoyable experience.



Arts Mark Award

Congratulations to the Year 9 students who submitted work for Arts Award Bronze, and were successful in passing the award.

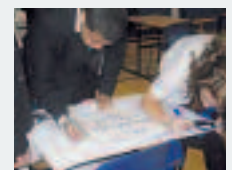


Shirt signing

Our Year 11s had a chance to say their farewells and keep some happy



memories of school before they left. Students came together for a shirt-signing, and took the opportunity of wishing each other good luck for the future. They also had the chance to remind themselves what they looked like in their Year 7 photos, much to their embarrassment!



Paris 2011

When we went to Paris we woke up pretty early to get to the coach on time. The coach trip was fun. I listened to music the whole way. We caught some breakfast on the ferry and carried on to the Hotel and sorted out our room. The Hotel itself was nice and so were the rooms. On the first day we didn't do anything because it was late.

On the second day we went to a 'Hands On' Science Museum.



On the third day we visited the famous Sacre Coeur church. The Church, at the top of the hill, was interesting. There was also an event going on and it turned out a man broke the 'World Record' on a roller skate jump.

On the last proper day we visited the Eiffel



Tower, which was amazing. We went up to the top and the sights were superb. Then we went to the Notre-Dame and that was great too. We went on a sight seeing coach tour in the evening. It was brilliant.



I've been on the Year 7 French Tour, the Year 8 German Trip and I personally think this was the best trip and worth going on – 5 stars.

by Peter Dagley Yr 9

Further Sports News

Girls and Boys Active Transition Days

Girls and Boys Active Transition Days were held earlier this year at Peter May Sports Ground.

Year six students from our local feeder schools, who are due to start in September, got a chance to meet our current year seven students.

They participated alongside each other in various sporting activities. The students got a chance to take part in skipping, boxing, dance and martial art. They had the opportunity to make new friends from their prospective school.



Get Set Challenge

A group of 60 students took part in an Olympics Enterprise Challenge as part of The Get Set programme in schools.



Each team needed to work collectively as a group and work together to develop and present a successful case study to host a training camp for an Olympic Team.

Students needed to consider all aspects of their bid including budgets, safety, facilities and requirements as well as the needs of Olympians and Paralympians. They then worked together to produce a key presentation to highlight their sales pitch for the bid.

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Students presented their work and ideas to the whole group promoting their own takes on the bids.



Sports News



PE News

'Flames' project

Eight year 8 students have been participating in a 'Flames' project within our local primary schools. Heathcote students have led various Olympic themed activities from practical sessions on Olympic sports to theory sessions of the Olympic mascots and the Olympic values to raise awareness and in preparation for 2012.



Football

The Year 9 boys' football team were invited to work with Tottenham Hotspur Football Club at their training ground in Chigwell, where they had two days coaching with the teams' coaches.



Karate

Congratulations once again to Jamaal Otto who was awarded 3 Gold Medals at the British Championships for Karate.



London Youth Games

Congratulations are also due to the numerous students, boys and girls who are representing Waltham Forest in the London Youth Games.

The organisers have commented that they have not had 5 students from the same school, in the same year group, before now.

Mini Marathon

Our students have had success in the Waltham Forest Mini Marathon. George Pussord, Lucy Hoey and Oliver Tyzack have been very successful running in this event. Charlie Weston was very successful in the East London Mini-Marathon, and was selected to take part in the mini-Marathon which is part of London Marathon.

Cricket

Elliott Bellefontaine has been selected to play for a local adult cricket team, a real achievement for a 14 year old. Well done.



Year 11 Sports Leaders

Our Year 11 Sports Leaders finished up their Awards working with Whitehall Primary school.

New after school clubs

We have three new and very popular after school clubs running at the moment: the Wii-fit Dance Club, Rounders and SAQ (speed, agility and quickness).

Achievement Award

'Make the most of your time, because it is the one thing that you would never be able to get back' Katie Mitchell, Year 10, gave this bit of advice to all new entrants to

the Competition.

The Young Enterprise Group competed against a cohort of 6th Formers in the London North finals of the Young Enterprise Competition and managed to walk away with an Achievement Award for the way they conducted their business.

Practice Silver

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition 23rd -24th May 2011

Bright and early on Monday 23rd May a group of Year 12 students embarked on a practice Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to South Downs. Once there, the students had to navigate to their campsite, cook their own dinner and clean up after themselves – all key life skills. The students were taken out of their comfort zone by the terrain they had to navigate and found this an insightful experience. Many thanks to the staff who put in the time and effort, to give the students this experience.



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