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Introducing Heathcote BBC News Team

Firstly, allow us to introduce ourselves. We are the Heathcote news team. Over the next 5 months we are going to work really hard to produce a news report for the BBC, so all eyes on the Heathcote website on March 15th 2012.



Form as it provides excellent teaching and a great environment to learn in."

The whole Heathcote BBC News team was impressed with what they saw and any of those who weren't considering applying to the Heathcote Sixth Form, certainly are now.

Sixth Form Report

We took our first tour of the Heathcote Sixth Form on the 24th November 2011, we were amazed when we first walked in, by the great design and cleanliness of the whole building. We walked around to every classroom and realised the amount of potential that the Sixth Form had to offer! From music, to hair dressing, everything was there and ready for 250 A* - C students. When we interviewed a teacher who teaches in the Sixth Form, called Ms. Elgie, she said: "I love the new facilities, and it's really great to have the opportunity to work with older

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students - some who have stayed with us and some who are new to us. Either way, it's a real treat." Ela Beyaz, a student at the Sixth Form, told us: "It's really good, it's a huge jump from GCSE, it's good to go to a Sixth Form where you know all the teachers and the teachers know you. This means that they know your potential, whereas if one were to go to a completely different Sixth Form, you would be entirely new to the teachers and the students. Overall I really like Heathcote Sixth



A Message from the Head

Dear Parent/Carer
It has been a very exciting term for Heathcote School. The new Sixth form is open and we are now teaching students in a range of subjects. We have been very excited about the Olympics news, too. It has also been a busy term, and I wish staff and students a very good break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our families,

Zoë Cozens

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, we went dotty for Pudsey Bear. To show our support for the Children in Need charity, students and staff wore spotty items of clothing and painted their faces spotty too.

We collected change from the students at break and lunch-time and were delighted to raise £403.78 to send to the BBC in support of their appeal.



supporting individual excellence





The Big Six

London Borough of Waltham Forest is putting on a series of events: "The Big Six."

The first event is a Winter Wonderland, on December 10-11th, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December 2011, 10am-5pm in Coronation Gardens, Oliver Road, Leyton.

In January (2nd) there will be two fireworks displays to celebrate the New Year, at Marsh Lane Playing Fields, Marsh Lane, Leyton E10 and The Highams Park, The Charter Road, Woodford Green.

On 19th May, there will be a "Party on the Pitch" at Leyton Orient's ground in Brisbane Road. The date had still to be confirmed for "Urban Symphony."

The Festival of Sport will take place on 4th-5th August; and Forest Film Festival is from 31st August until 2nd September.

More details about events can be found on the Waltham Forest website: <http://www.walthamforestbigsix.co.uk/events/>



Jack Petchey Awards - Autumn Term 2011

Joshua Gable 11/4

Joshua represented the school by taking part in the Rotary Chef and Future Chef competitions, gaining confidence in him self as a person and gaining skills for his GCSE catering course. This term Joshua has gained more confidence by supporting the after school cooking club and supported younger students with their practical work.

Joshua wants his prize of £200 to go towards buying materials and equipment to continue to support the cooking club.

Elizabeth Smith 10/1

Reason for award: Elizabeth has made a huge contribution to the morning reading team. Her dedication and consistency with

volunteering her time freely is second to none. She listens with enthusiasm to younger students, encouraging them with kind words. Elizabeth will be using the prize of £200 to buy games and books for the students to use in before School Reading Club.

Daniel Gowan 11/6

Reason for award: Daniel was entered early for GCSE Mathematics and achieved a Grade A. Daniel puts in 100% effort into his class work and homework. He has an excellent attitude, is always polite and willing to help his Maths teacher. With his £200 prize Daniel would like to buy some Active Studio Soft ware to support the teaching of across the school.

Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

This year saw another successful day raising money for the Jeans for Genes charity.

Students and staff wore their favourite pair of jeans on the day, as part of our annual campaign to raise funds.



Jeans for Genes aims to provide funding for the care and support of children with genetic disorders, as well as to fund research into genetics and the development of effective treatments and cures.

This year Heathcote School raised a whopping £726.50! Well done students and staff at Heathcote School!



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 3rd January	New term begins
Wednesday 11th January	6th Form Open Evening
Thursday 26th January	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 1st February	Options Evening
Thursday 9th February	Year 8 Parents Evening
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February	Half term holiday
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February	Study Support
Thursday 23rd February	6th Form Parents Evening
Thursday 8th March	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd March	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 30th March	School Closed, Training day
Friday 30th March to Monday 16th April	Easter Holiday

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The CoPE group outdid themselves and managed to host a successful 'Café Style' Coffee Morning on 14 October 2011. After several hours of hard work: with Elliot Tillyard icing about 100 cakes; Jack Stonestreet and Luke Duddell selling tickets during their break and lunch time; and David Reilly managing the door, the group managed to raise a grand total of £270.85 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Without the dedication of the entire group, the morning would not have been such huge success.



Poppy Day

Just to let everyone know that we managed to collect **£234.32** in school for this year's Poppy Appeal.

This was a great result and very well done.

Thanks to all the staff and pupils for their kind donations.

Geography: Epping Forest Field Studies Centre

Year 11 geography GCSE students attended a fieldtrip in October to the Epping Forest Field Studies Centre. The students collected data on river characteristics and investigated how a river can change as it moves downstream. This work was collected as part of their controlled assessment. They employed a variety of geographical skills throughout the trip and used a range of new equipment, some even got into the river itself to collect their data!



Kristian Medina and Jack Waller said:

'This was a very successful trip, we learnt many skills, for example water depth measurement. We use equipment that we had never seen before, like a clinometer and ranging poles to measure the gradient. Overall we enjoyed the trip and enjoyed working as a team.'



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Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 11th January 2012
6.00 – 8.30pm

At 6.45pm and 7.45pm Zoë Cozens, Headteacher, will talk with parents about our track record of academic success, excellent pastoral care and our vision for the future as we develop our Sixth Form.

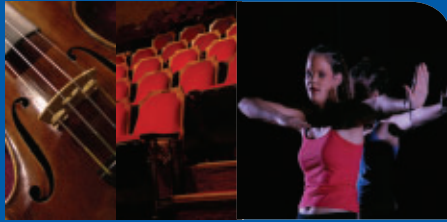
"Heathcote Secondary is a friendly, inclusive and good school. Students feel very safe within the School's spacious, attractive and well-maintained accommodation."

"Teachers ensure a calm and purposeful learning environment through good classroom management and well-planned lessons"
Ofsted 2011





Music/ Drama/ Art



The Woman in Black FORTUNE THEATRE

On Tuesday 22nd November our A Level class went to see the famous ghost story by Susan Hill called **The Woman in Black**.

This play, which has been running for over 30 years now, is staged at The Fortune Theatre just off Covent Garden and is the perfect environment for a ghost story. With spectacular acting and special effects the whole audience experienced the tale of Mrs Drablow's ghostly sister and the horrors that unfold at Eel Marsh House. The performances from the two actors were superb and using narration as one of the main tools the story flowed along swiftly to an edge of your seat climax.

Everyone will have the opportunity to experience this play as it is soon to be released as a major film at the cinema, but only see it if you are of strong mind!

Keep watch behind you.

Ms Rowton/Ms Hill



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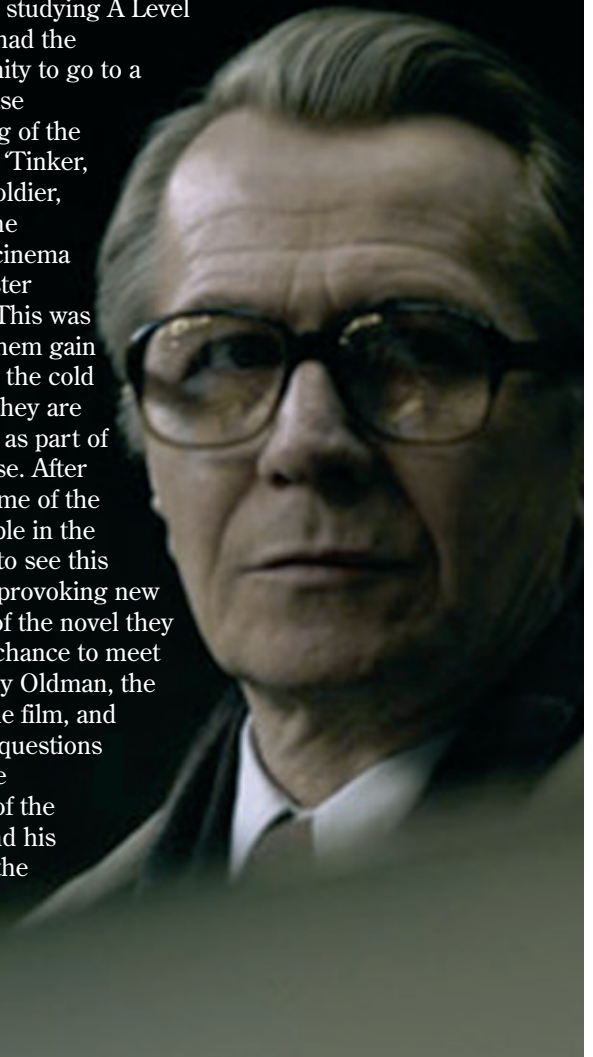
Year 12 SOAS

On 7th November, a group of year 12 History students visited the School of Oriental and African Studies, part of the University of London. A History master class was given by a lecturer from the university on 'Global Cities' and we were involved in group activities as a follow up. We also got a tour of the buildings, led by a student ambassador, which was a great learning experience and a very enjoyable day for all!



Year 12 Meet Gary Oldman

Students studying A Level History had the opportunity to go to a pre-release screening of the new film 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy' at the Empire cinema in Leicester Square. This was to help them gain a feel for the cold war era they are studying as part of the course. After being some of the first people in the country to see this thought provoking new version of the novel they had the chance to meet with Gary Oldman, the star of the film, and ask him questions about the making of the movie and his work in the industry.



A taste of Oxford

A small group of year 11s were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit Oxford for the day to experience the subjects that they are considering studying at university. The activities varied from making DNA chains to being given a tour of the 'Harry Potter-esque' dining hall. The students were inspired by the atmosphere and being surrounded by such academic history; but even more so, valued the information given in regards to how to plan for applying to university (see the Aim Higher article) now.

Both Oxford and Cambridge, as well as many other universities, are now regularly hosting programmes for students as young as year 10 to experience university in order to inform them of the application and funding processes.

For more information, visit the websites:

www.ox.ac.uk

www.cam.ac.uk

www.find-universities.com/united-kingdom/?gclid=CMWw8quawCFwhtAodIHsx1A

Ready to Shine

The Year 11 CoPE students are again this year hosting a Christmas Party for our neighbours at the Coney Borrows elderly people's luncheon club. To raise funds to pay towards the cost of the party, the boys have been cleaning staff cars.

Ms Smith who had her car washed said:

"It was gleaming. Much better than when I have it done in my local garage."

Well done to Year 11.

There will be a report of how the event went in our next newsletter.

Photography Field Trip

In July 2011 30 year 7 (now year 8) students in Humanities were selected to take part in a local fieldtrip during which they learnt how to take photographs of their local area. Students looked at contrasting surroundings such as urban and rural or ancient and modern. They also tried out techniques like using natural features to frame their photographs.

10 students were then chosen to be entered into the national Colliers Green Focus Photography Competition that aims to incorporate photography into the geography national curriculum. Three of our Heathcote were shortlisted and invited to attend an awards ceremony at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London.

They attended the reception, where the winners of this year's competition were announced.

The three students were: Ross Simmons, Tomas Sawyer and Daniel Hancock. Their photographs had been chosen for a shortlist of 25 from over two thousand entries from schools across the UK.

Daniel Hancock's photograph of a graffiti on a bridge in Chingford was chosen as a runner up and Daniel received a Sony digital camera and a framed copy of his photograph as a prize.

We are very proud of the achievements of the boys and can see promising careers in photography as an option for all of them.



Daniel receiving his award at the RIBA reception.





Aim higher... for YOUR Future!

Although it may seem as though the school year has only just begun – and, in fact, it actually only just did – but it is already time to start thinking about your future. Regardless of what year you are in, if you are thinking about going to university in the future, the time to plan for that is NOW! Here are some helpful tips to get you on the pathway to a bright and successful future:

GCSEs: They are not just important for your 6th form and college applications – they are the only official grades you have when applying to university, so they count BIG TIME.

✓Talk to your teachers about your predicted grades and find out what you can do to ensure that you achieve them.

✓Revise, revise, revise. These grades really matter, so why take a chance? Make sure you are revising all of your subjects regularly rather than leaving it for the night before the exam. You can revise on your own, or with friends – the more the merrier, I say.

✓Practise makes perfect! Use the internet (BBCbitesize and mymaths are always good sites to start with) or get some past papers from your teachers and time yourself at home. The more often you work under exam-conditions, the easier it will be when the actual exam is upon you.

A Levels: Finally! YOU can choose what you want to study. However, these choices can seriously impact what courses you can study at university...

Universities will expect you to have taken four AS-levels, with three of the four subjects taken on to A2.

✓Think about the reasons to study the subjects at a higher level:

- Were you good at and enjoyed the subject in the past?
- Will you need this subject to enter a particular career or course?
- Did you not have the opportunity to study the subject but think it will suit your strengths?

✓Subjects that will give you the most options*:

- Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- English (Literature) • Physics

- Biology
- Geography
- Languages (Classical and Modern)
- Chemistry
- History

If you plan to study Music or Art at university, you will have to have taken these subjects at A level.

If you already have an idea of a future career, or know which courses you would like to study at university, your subject choices will already be set.

University: If you are planning on taking this route, believe it or not, you can begin working towards a successful application NOW!

In addition to your GCSE grades and your A level choices, you can be making yourself into the 'ULTIMATE UNIVERSITY CANDIDATE' as we speak (or as you read – in fact, if you are reading this, you are already on your way...):

✓Academic Standards: University entrance grades are highly competitive (some unis will accept nothing less than A*A*A at A level for some of their programmes!) so any work you do now to prepare will help. You can begin by not only studying for your GCSEs or A level classes, but extra-curricular reading as well; universities will be interested in what you have read outside of what your teachers made you read in class.

✓Personal Statements: On your UCAS form (university application) you will attach a 4000-character-long statement, persuading the universities of your choice that you are the right candidate for them. This should be a long-term project, not an after-thought.

- Start collecting ideas and keep a record of the activities that you are participating in that you can include.
- You could be writing drafts as early as year 12 and get your teachers to read them for you.

Speak to Ms. Elgie in H50 if you have any questions about your GCSE options, 6th form or college choices as well as any questions you have about applying to university.

Have a wonderful, safe and SMART summer!

Ms. Elgie

Science



Chingford Junior School Visit

Chingford C of E Junior School came to experience a Science lesson at Heathcote School on Organs. They had a great time carrying out a fish dissection to compare human organs with



fish organs. They all left with smiles and looking forward to their next Heathcote lesson.



Student Finance

All the A levels and BTEC level 3 students had 2 presentations on the 'Going to University in 2012' and getting to grips with the financial implications of studying at university. Both the University of East London and the Student Finance services spoke about:

- Tuition fees
- Living cost loans
- Non Repayable grants
- Repayment of loans
- The National Scholarship programme
- Other Bursaries and Scholarships



All of the students appreciated the talks given and came out of them much more knowledgeable.

It was interesting to note that many of the students were not put off by the amount it was going to cost them to continue their studies. However many were interested in staying in London to keep the costs down.



Sports News



London 2012 Young Leaders Project

On Friday 11th November the London 2012 young leader's project was introduced and delivered in Heathcote School. The aim was to prove that one person's waste is another one's treasure. The project will demonstrate that there is value and life in recycled sports equipment. The year 12 students were trained by Gary Richardson from 'Sports Into Schools' in retail, sales and project delivery.

After this they will be expected to collect recycled sports equipment at the school with the aim of selling the clothing and equipment at the school and Walthamstow Town Centre market. The proceeds will then be re-distributed to a selected community sports club in Waltham Forest. A team of volunteers (from Heathcote) will be involved in the planning and delivery of the project.

The project supports the Olympic values in a number of ways;

1. Excellence – to raise as much money as possible to provide equipment to a local club
2. Friendship – team building and meeting new people
3. Determination – to sell all the collected goods
4. Inspiration – an athlete supporter will address the volunteers and possibly the school
5. Equality – prove that despite financial differences, people can support each other by donations

After the delivery of the project Donna Kellog, former GB Olympic badminton player, presented all the sixth formers involved with a certificate and challenged them to a game. She wasn't beaten!



One Movement – Olympic Taster Day

On Thursday 23rd September 2011, 25 Heathcote students attended the One Movement Event at Walthamstow Pool and Track with another 1600 school pupils from across the borough. The event, One Movement, is part of the celebrations marking the upcoming Olympic Games. The purpose of the event was to increase participation of local clubs within Waltham Forest by offering free taster sessions in Hockey, Athletics, Judo, Karate, Diving, Boccia and many more. As part of this event the clubs are

also offering free membership for 6 weeks for any students who wish to take up a new sport. The students enjoyed the day and some have also decided to take up a new sport outside of school.



Basketball Olympic Taster Event

During the summer holidays a handful of students from the school's Basketball Teams were privileged enough to visit the Basketball venue in the Olympic Park and watch a



number of games between China, Australia, Serbia, Croatia, France and, of course, Team GB. Students were particularly amazed by the performance of NBA player Tony Parker who wowed them with his performance playing for France against Team GB and also former Chingford School student, Daniel Clark, representing Team GB. The students were interviewed by the BBC about their views on the venue and the day itself with the footage being shown on the evening news. To top the



day they had the chance to meet Chelsea Footballer Branislav Ivanovic. Everyone found the day very enjoyable and students have gained a few tactics for when they play in the National League in the forthcoming season.

Heathcote Hearing Impaired Students Held in High esteem as they were Hot on the Heels of all the other competitors!

Heathcote deaf students were triumphant last week at the interschool's disability athletics championships. This annual event at Lee Valley High Performance Athletics Centre was well attended by teams of students from nearly 20 schools from Waltham Forest, Enfield, Haringey and Redbridge. In their blue and white tops, the Heathcote team of 8 hearing impaired students proudly represented our school in all of the various tournament events.

On arrival the students took the opportunity for a quick lunch and warm up as the teams had to wait for professional athletes, who were using the state of the art facilities to train for the Olympics, to finish! During the action packed afternoon, the atmosphere in the stadium was electric as teams cheered on their competitors in both track and field events. Competing in



just two events each, all of our Heathcote students were highly successful and gained at least one bronze, silver or gold medal. A truly outstanding performance was given from Zen Ali (8.4) who came away with gold in both the 60m and 200m U15 boys Deaf races. Charlie Clark (7.6) also did us proud in the 60m Hurdles U15 boys race, not only winning gold but causing one of the officials to comment on his excellent hurdling technique! A very close battle was fought by Charlotte Webb (9.5) in the U15 girls Javelin. With each throw getting longer and longer the whole team were delighted when she eventually won silver for Heathcote! The Heathcote team showed exemplary team spirit, effort and sportsmanship and thoroughly deserve the haul of medals!



Sports News



PE News

Congratulations to all those who represented Heathcote at the annual Waltham Forest Borough Cross Country Championships. We had the most successful competition to date with some notable performances from Jack Waller in Year 11 who won his race, finishing a good distance ahead of the rest of the field. Jack has represented the school every year since joining the school. Well Done Jack!

Our Football Teams have again fared well in the borough league and cup. Four teams were entered into the Essex schools competitions all having narrow losses, apart from last years semi-finalists' our current year 10's, who march on having beaten Brittons of Rainham 6-0 in the last round.

Congratulations to Elliot Bellafontaine in year 10 for his outstanding commitment to the Waltham Forest representative football team. Being ever-present throughout the years culminated in Elliot receiving a one off award from the borough manager Mr Wood from Kelmscott school. Elliot is currently on trial with Norwich City F.C. We wish him well with his goalkeeping exploits.

Four Other Talented Individuals have been signed by Leyton Orient F.C. on schoolboy forms; Ben Smith and Lorrell Dawkins in year 10, Daniel Happe in year 8 and Dante Mcintosh in year 7. Ben Smith is also representing Essex Schools at u15, to further his experiences in last years



county side. In addition we have one year 9 student Connor Barbour Phillips who is currently on a similar contract at Tottenham Hotspur.

Other boys also on trial are Kai Law (yr10) at Norwich City, Sam Aylott (yr11) at Reading, Simon Omope (yr12) at Brentford with Billy Evans (yr7) at Tottenham Hotspurs' development centre.

The following boys are representing the Waltham Forest borough representative team:- Billy Evans, Jesse Gibbons-Smith, Kian Richardson, Tommy Andrews,

Billy Happe in year 7; Esat Santi, Tyler Kirby, Daniel Happe, Sonny Athey, Joe O'Connor in year 8 and Cieron Octave, Ben Smith, Danilo Matos, Adam Tabbini and Elliot Bellafontaine in year 10.

Our Girls Netball Teams

have shown a far greater level of commitment in borough competitions this year and performances will improve as the girls settle into regular competitive games.



Good luck to all of our School Basketball Teams,

especially the yr 10 girls and Yr 11 Boys teams who are defending their borough titles alongside competing in the National Competition. Our Yr 11 Boys had a narrow defeat last year to an established Basketball school from East London – Rokeby in the latter stages of the tournament.

Three of our Current 6th Form Students are undertaking a Level 2 FA Football Coaching Qualification at Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. This has been a new addition to our ongoing relationship with the local premier league outfit.

In addition four 6th form BTEC students have passed their EBBA Basketball qualification after attending a three day course over the half term holidays.

Our 6th Form Football Team has had a fabulous first two games beating both Leyton 6th form and Highams Park.

Congratulations to our newest football squad representing Heathcote.

One individual That Deserves an Accolade is Jamaal Otto. Jamaal represented England in the World Junior Karate championships in



Malaysia held in October. Jamaal is disappointed with his 7th place finish after winning the British Championships, and insists his high standards should have enabled him to achieve a 3rd place finish. It is evident through conversations with Jamaal that he is an exceptional athlete who shows discipline, desire, belief and motivation to become the best he can be. This makes him an inspirational role model for both students and the Heathcote community.

Jeffrey Bryant is another young Karate practitioner who is travelling abroad. Jeffrey, a year 9 student is competing in some championships and exhibitions in California as we go to press. Good luck Jeffrey, hopefully another champion in our midst.

In Addition if there is anybody who could sponsor a school team with kit, match balls etc. this would be gratefully received. The school has become so successful in participation levels in sport that equipment constantly needs replacing due to ongoing wear and tear. We do as much as we can with budget but any help

would always be accepted very gratefully.

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The aim of Heathcote School & Science College is to provide an excellent education in a safe, supportive learning environment, where people are valued and make positive contributions to the school community and where students go on to become responsible, independent members of society.