



# Heathermount School – Newsletter

May 2025

## Welcome to our penultimate newsletter of the school year!

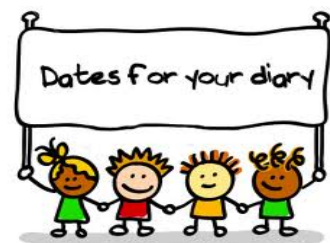
What another fun-packed term - the shortest one of the year. It's lovely to see what all the students have been up to this term - do look at our [Highlights of Term 5](#) news article and photo [Gallery](#).

### Staffing

We have been busy recruiting this term and are currently going through all the safer recruitment processes in order to have three new Teaching Assistants join us next term. In the office, we are pleased to have Charlotte who joined us earlier this term. She is splitting her time between our Admin and Family Partnership teams and has already been a great help.

### Fishing pond

Craig A and I spent a weekend down in Kent to get qualified to teach fishing in our new pond, and it was great for us to be able to have our first trial sessions with students this week. The outdoor classroom that will sit alongside the pond has arrived and the site team have the unenviable job of constructing and painting it - let's hope the instructions are better than the ones you get from Ikea!



#### Monday 2nd June

Start of Term 6 for students

#### Wednesday 4th June

Parents Coffee Afternoon: face to face in school 2:15pm

#### w/c 16 June

Royal Ascot Week - be aware of increased traffic

#### Thursday 19 June

Internet Safety Evening with Breck Foundation 6:00pm

#### Tuesday 1 July

Parent Forum on Mental Health 2:30pm

#### Thursday 10 July

Secondary end of Year Performance- Wizard of Oz 1:30pm

#### Friday 18th July

Heatherfest - whole school celebration with parents 10:00am to 2:00pm

#### Monday 21st July

Attendance Awards

#### Tuesday 22nd July

Last day of Term 6 for students

## D of E

Our D of E groups have embodied resilience and stamina with their expedition and a night camping out in the school grounds this term. They have done fantastically with their fundraising, raising a whopping £639 which will be split between both Cancer Research and Save the Children Charities. Thank you to all the staff who supported the training and overnight camping, particularly Dani who leads this important area of the school, ably supported by Richard.

## Parents

We trialled holding two parents' evenings this term in response to feedback from our parent coffee mornings (informal termly meetings with me alongside a cup of tea and biscuits held at varying times to enable as many parents as possible to attend). The feedback we received from the parents evening was positive and as such, next year we plan to do a virtual parents evening in winter and a face to face parents evening in the summer term.

We have lots on for parents next term:

- The date for the next **parent meeting** with me will be onsite on **4 June at 14:15**. Please sign up via [this link](#) so we have an idea of numbers for refreshments.
- We're delighted to invite you to our rescheduled **Internet Safety Evening on 19 June** with a guest speaker from the Breck foundation along with a fish and chip supper. **The event is from 18:00 with doors opening at 17.45.** Please let us know if you could attend via [this form](#).
- The therapy team will also be running a **Mental Health Parent forum on 1 July at 14:30**. For those who are unable to attend in person, we will be videoing the session and the link will be shared with you after the forum. Please complete [this questionnaire](#).

## Exams

Well done to all of our older students who have started their examinations this month. Exams will continue for a few weeks after half term and we all wish our students the very best of luck.

As we look to next term, we've got even more to be excited about - including some [fluffy new arrivals](#) hatching in June!

Thank you to our incredible staff and students for making this a fantastic term!

Enjoy the break, we look forward to seeing the students return for the final term on Monday 2 June 2025.

**David Stewart**  
**Headteacher**

**Wed 23rd July to Tues 2nd September**  
Summer holidays

**Wednesday 3rd September**  
Inset Day - School closed to students

**Thursday 4th September**  
2025/26 School year begins



Congratulations to all our stars of the week this term:

- o Tobias
- o Benjamin
- o Kady



Well done to all our students who had wow moments:

Foundation:

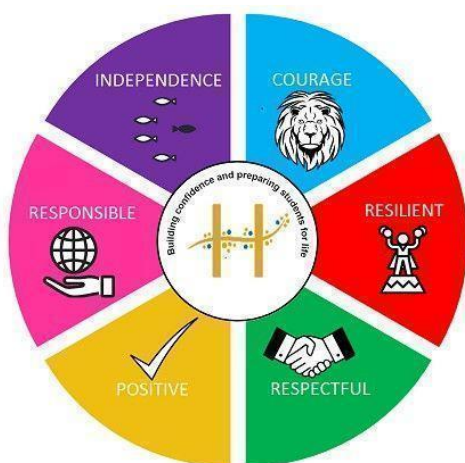
- o Christopher
- o Gianfranco
- o Marco
- o Harrison
- o George
- o Marco
- o Noah

Primary:

- o Charlie-Ray
- o Arthur
- o Billy-Joe
- o Jack
- o Sammy
- o Stanley
- o Ben

Secondary:

- o Tyler
- o Jamie
- o Leo



## Core Values

Each term, the whole school focuses on one of Heathermount's core values. At the end of term, staff nominate students who they feel have demonstrated the core value really well. An overall winner is then decided for foundation, primary and secondary. This term we have focused on **being Positive** and our cup winners are:

- **Foundation - George**

*For being incredible this term! He has consistently had a positive attitude towards school and his learning! We are so proud of how well he has settled into Heathermount.*

- **Primary - Paru**

For having a positive attitude towards her learning and putting a lot of effort into her lessons

- **Secondary - Dexter**

*For always having something positive to say. He enjoys the learning process and is positive even when he gets things wrong, taking it as a learning experience. He is happy and chirpy to all staff and students.*

## Whole school attendance 94.1%

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the fantastic overall attendance figures this academic year. Please continue to keep us informed of your child's absences. It is important to notify us **each day** your child is not in school.

***The greater the attendance in school = the greater the achievement***

## Is my child too ill for school?

Please follow the [NHS guidance](#) on when to send your child to school

## School Lunches

The [menus](#) for the summer term are on our website. We will start back on Week 3 after half term. Please remember to pay for your child's lunches via the Arbor parent portal or Arbor App. Any top up amount can be added to your child's account.