

Heathermount School – Newsletter

October 2025

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year!

After another busy and action packed rather long term, I am delighted to share with you some of the amazing learning experiences that our young people have been busy with. Do have a look at our [Highlights of Term 1 news article](#) and [photo Gallery](#).

Wear it pink day

Thank you all for your generous donations! We raised an amazing **£431.64** for Breast Cancer Now which has beaten last year's total of £403! We were blown away by the amount of money we have raised!

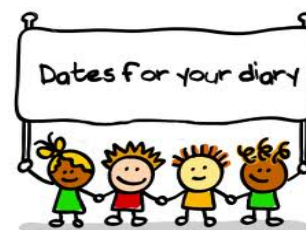


Halloween

Another great dress up today! Please enjoy looking at the [Halloween photo gallery](#) on the website and thank you all for supporting your children with their wonderful outfits.

Duke of Edinburgh

We've got a new cohort for the D of E bronze award this year and they've already had two offsite trips. These will continue throughout the year culminating in a camping trip during the



Monday 27 to Friday 31 October
October half term

Monday 3 November
Start of Term 2 for students

Thursday 13 November
Cavendish Presents! Interactive evening
London or online 5pm

Friday 14 November
Children in Need dress-up

Tuesday 18 November
Online Parents Evening 4:30pm - 8pm

Thursday 20 November
Parent talk - Family Nutrition
5:45pm - 7pm

Tuesday 25 November
Parent coffee morning 9:15am to 10am

Thursday 11 December
Primary Nativity performance 1:30pm

Thursday 16 December
Secondary Christmas Play 1:30pm

Wednesday 17 December
Last day at school for students

Thursday 18 December
INSET day - Staff Training

summer term. Thank you to Dani and Richard for organising this and for the partnership work with the area D of E co-ordinator.

Parents coffee afternoon

We had our first parent coffee afternoon last week where 11 parents came in for an update on the school - minutes were shared with those that were unable to attend. We will be rotating the timings on a termly basis. Our next one is on 25th November at 9:15am.

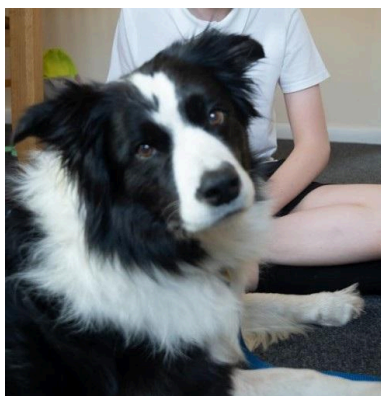
Staffing

We have been interviewing for a new science teacher and just this week have offered the role to a candidate. We are busy going through due diligence and can hopefully share their name with you at the start of the new term.

We also have some TA interviews in the pipeline, so will hopefully be fully staffed very soon.

The interview for the new Headteacher will be taking place in the coming weeks and as soon as we have any news, I will share that with you. It's anticipated that the new Headteacher will start at the beginning of the summer term 2026.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our therapy dog - Bertie and his owner Rose last week, Bertie is retiring from Pets as Therapy. We sent them off with some toys for Bertie and a lovely bunch of flowers for Rose. Priya has been interviewing for a new therapy dog this week so hopefully it won't be too long before we have another joining us. Watch this space.



Sport

Matt has introduced a staff vs students badminton tournament this term which has been very popular. We're looking forward to finding out the winner after half term!

Congratulations to Lochlan who achieved his 1st Dan Black belt in Karate earlier this term, which is an amazing achievement and has come after many years of training and commitment.

Friday 19 December
INSET day - Staff Training

Mon 22 December to Fri 2 January
Christmas holidays

Monday 5 January
Start of term 3 for students



Congratulations to all our stars of the week this term:

- o Alex S
- o Stanley C
- o Alex G
- o Ben M-B

Wow Moments

Well done to all our students who had wow moments:

Foundation:

- o Marco
- o Noah D
- o Harrison
- o Noah K-T
- o Theo
- o Olivia
- o Acer
- o Ishaan
- o Montana

Primary:

- o Pieter-Brian
- o Jacob /y
- o Mylo
- o Billy-Joe
- o Christopher
- o Charlie-Ray
- o Jack
- o Nathaniel
- o Noah W
- o Robin
- o Arthur
- o Joseph



- o Noah W
- o Ethan A
- o Jake
- o Joseph
- o Lauren
- o Luke
- o George C
- o Buddie
- o Alice
- o George V
- o Max
- o Jasper
- o Zachary

Calming pods

We were excited to take delivery of our new pods, where students can go to calm. We are busy furnishing them to create a lovely relaxing environment for our students and finalising the protocol around how they are going to be used and monitored.



Secondary:

- o Jacob Pl
- o Lochlan
- o Colbie
- o Toby Br
- o Jamie
- o Alex S
- o Isaac M
- o Tobias
- o Stanley
- o Isla
- o Cian
- o Bailey
- o Taim
- o Ben H
- o Ben M-B
- o Brody
- o Finley
- o Tyler
- o Sammy
- o Paru
- o Georgina
- o Sebastian
- o Swaroop
- o Lucas
- o Tom
- o Carter

Art room

We're excited for Megan and the students to be moving into our new 'state of the art' art room after half term. This will be the first area completed on phase 1 of the building project. Meetings are taking place after half term with the project manager to agree timings for the remaining work in phase 1 to be completed before the start of September 2026.

Finally, after an almost 8 week term, both the children and staff are pretty exhausted and we all need a break. Do have a lovely restful week off and we look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 3 November.

David Stewart
Headteacher



Is my child too ill for school?

Please follow the NHS guidance on when to send your child to school
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Executive Functioning and Neurodiversity: Cracking the Code Together

Join the first-ever 'Cavendish Presents...' - an interactive evening that brings together educators, parents, and professionals to explore neurodiversity and executive functioning: the brain's control centre for planning, organisation, and emotional regulation.

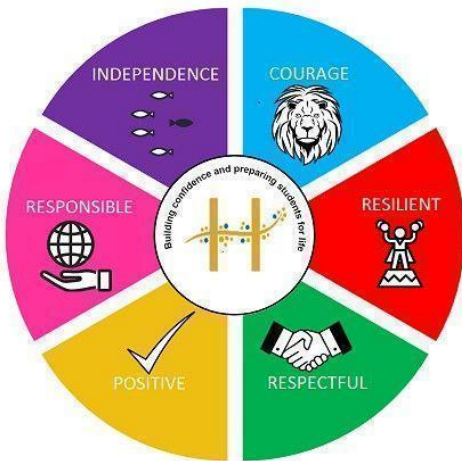


RSVP:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOLWeJUCEP7PgzkviJ2xz99b-Sk7YZ0rwdk_1s1adqWqdntA/viewform

Free to attend - all welcome. 13th November 2025, 5pm. Attend in person at Cavendish Education Head Office, 58 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AJ. Or, online: Link will be emailed to you a few days before the event. See documents attached for more information.

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 **Responsible** and our cup winners are:

- **Foundation - Ishaan**

Ishaan for consistently showing responsibility in everything you do - big or small and setting a fantastic example for others.

- **Primary - Jake**

Jake for always being responsible in everything you do, showing maturity and working hard, offering to help others if they need it. Also, for listening when staff are talking, and immediately doing what is asked responding well to feedback about your work.

- **Secondary - Stanley W**

For taking responsibility for yourself and others and for always being careful to obey the rules and follow instructions

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 of each day your child is not in school.

The greater the attendance in school = the greater the achievement

School Lunches

The [menus](#) for the Autumn term are on our website. The Week 1 menu will be on offer the first week back 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.