

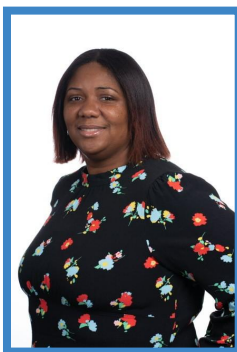
Heartlands Highlights

November 3rd 2025

Welcome back to all our students — we hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the half term break. This half term brings assessment periods for most year groups, and students have been issued with timetables and guidance on how best to prepare. All the information you need can be found on our website [HERE](#) for 7/8/9 and [HERE](#) for Yr10. Yr11 Mock information will be available in the coming weeks.

After two years of outstanding service including his invaluable support during our October 2024 Ofsted inspection Phillip Dominique has stepped aside as Chair of Governors to support **Jade Green**, our new Chair. We are delighted that Phillip will remain on the Local Governing Committee (LGC) as an active member.

Jade has been a dedicated member of the LGC for some time, frequently visiting the school and engaging with staff and students, something she looks forward to continuing and expanding over the coming years.



Key dates



- 26th November SEARCH day
- 16th December Culture Day
- 19th December: end of term students released from 12pm

★ [HERE](#) are the published term dates for 2024/2025
The 2025/26 dates are shown on the same page if you scroll down.



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.



There is government guidance to help you. Remember as children get older they are more likely to miss school.

[HERE](#) is the latest information from Olive, our new caterers and [HERE](#) for up to date menus.

SECONDARY UPDATE | EDITION 1

THE OLIVE MONTHLY

October 2025

The Olive Monthly

Welcome to the October edition of Olive Monthly! This month, we're celebrating Black History Month Festival of Light Theme day and launching exciting new drinks across our schools. Stay tuned for more!



Festival of Light Theme Day is coming up!
Join us in celebrating light, hope and togetherness with a special menu inspired by global traditions. A colourful, joyful day for all your school!



Black History Month kicks off this week!
We're celebrating with a special bespoke menu created just for the occasion. Interested in joining in? We've got ready-made menus.



Exciting new drinks are coming to your school!
Get ready to enjoy refreshing new juice flavours arriving soon at your school!

More info will follow

Join the Olive Family!
Remember to follow us on our Social Channels.
For any queries please contact: marketing@olivedining.co.uk

Fantastic teaching

At Heartlands we know that what happens in the classroom day in, day out makes the biggest difference to how much progress students make and how much they enjoy learning. We call our approach 'How we teach at Heartlands'.



All teachers use a range of strategies such as paired talk, cold call and mini whiteboards. We also share with students the rationale for from our website. these. We want to make sure that every child is actively engaged and participating in lessons. You can find out more on our website.

SEARCH Communication Team

We're delighted to introduce our new SEARCH Comms Team and Head Students! These fantastic young leaders will meet regularly to share ideas, discuss important school issues, and help shape positive changes across our community.

We're so proud of their enthusiasm and commitment, and we can't wait to see the difference they'll make this year!



Culture Day - 16/12/2025



We're very excited to celebrate the diversity within our school community on **Culture Day**! Students and staff are warmly invited to **wear traditional or representative clothing** to lessons all day on 16th December, and take part in the following activities during tutor time:

- Display traditional artefacts
- Share traditional (nut-free!) snacks

More info closer to the date; any questions to alba.garciapalomar@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk



We are here if you need us!

Our phone lines are very busy. If you need to call, we recommend doing so between 9.30–10.30am or 11.00–12.00pm. Where possible, please email office@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk instead — we'll ensure your message reaches the right person, and someone will get back to you within two school days where we can.

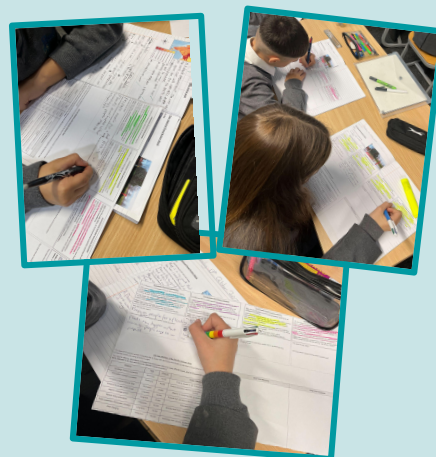
"Making Waves: Build a Career in Flood Defence"

This week students in Year 7-9 have undertaken a series of lessons in Geography in aid of National Flood Action week to raise the awareness of careers within this sector. Students were introduced to different roles that exist within this sector, their importance to society and the skills needed to fulfill these roles. This has given students a glimpse into a wide range of different roles they may consider in the future.

Also this week, some students in year 10 will visit Sky Studios to gain an understanding of how the media industry works and the different roles that exist within this huge media empire. Year 9 students will also get the opportunity to visit Hertfordshire University to see what Post-18 offers may suit them.

To learn more about careers opportunities please remember to check out our [weekly bulletin](#).

Careers in flood defence	
Flood defence planning jobs at the intersection of civil engineering, environmental science, and emergency management. Professionals in this sector work to protect communities, infrastructure, and the environment from flooding , both from rivers, coastal surges, and surface water. With climate change increasing flood risks, this sector is growing in importance .	
Skills Required include: • Civil engineering & hydrology knowledge • Flood modelling & GIS mapping • Risk assessment & emergency planning • Project management & stakeholder coordination • Policy understanding and environmental compliance	Careers include: • Flood defence engineer / Flood risk engineer • Flood and coastal risk management officer • Hydrologist • Emergency planner • Environmental consultant • Senior Civil Engineer - Flood defence
Think about climate change - What impact do you think it is having on these types of jobs and the pay available for them?	
Headlight: Flood Forecast Scientist Hi, I'm Samira. I'm a hydrologist working for the Environment Agency. Every morning, I check rainfall data and river levels from across the UK, using computer models. I predict when flooding might happen. When the ground is already saturated, even a small storm can cause rivers to overflow. My job is to use flood warnings to communities and engineers. I work closely with meteorologists and boat records. Sometimes, I go out into the field to measure water flow in small flood gauges. During severe seasons, I can be on-call - people rely on my data to stay safe. Skills: Data analysis, computer skills, teamwork, communication. Salary: Average £28,000-£30,000 per year (apprentice £10,000+).	Gold Engineer: Flood Defence Designer Hi, I'm Marcus, and I'm a civil engineer specialising in flood protection. I design structures like flood walls, drainage systems, and barriers. Last year, I worked on a flood embankment to protect homes near the River Trent. The job involves science and creativity - I have to think about how water moves, how strong materials are, and how to protect both people and wildlife. Sometimes, I'm in the office drawing up designs, other times I'm out on site checking progress or inspecting damage after a flood. Skills: I use problem solving, maths, physics, teamwork. Salary: Average £20,000-£30,000 per year. The senior £30,000+.
Why does this job matter?	Why does this job matter?
What could happen if hydrologists didn't monitor rainfall and rivers?	How might climate change affect Marcus' work in the future?



What students can not bring to school

This week, we will be speaking to students about items that are not allowed in school. These rules are in place to help keep everyone safe and maintain a positive learning environment. Consequences for bringing prohibited items vary depending on the nature of the item — from a simple confiscation (for example, hoodies or sweets) to more serious sanctions, including suspension or permanent exclusion, for dangerous items that pose a risk to students or staff.

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home by discussing the list of prohibited items with your child and encouraging them to make sensible choices.

Harmful Substances e.g. Drugs, Alcohol	Baseball Caps, Jewellery and Hoodies	Vapes, cigarettes and E cigarettes	Multi Packs, Sweets, Gum & Fizzy drinks	Harmful Objects; kives, sharp objects or items you intend to use to harm someone
Why? These are often illegal to purchase and possess. They can lead to serious health issues or death.	Why? They are a fashion item and not a part of our agreed uniform. In cold weather you may wear a woolen hat and scarf.	Why? These objects are not legal for students to buy and can cause injury	Why? Sweets are a distraction from learning and unpleasant to remove from furniture, floors and clothing. Crisps, chocolates and fizzy drinks do not comply with healthy eating.	Why? These objects are illegal and can lead to serious injury or death. Carrying them is a criminal offence.



Interhouse news!



Well done to our year 8's who demonstrated fantastic display of teamwork and communication as they competed in interhouse on the last SEARCH Day. Well done to Scorpiuz who finished the day on top.



Position	House	Points
1	Scorpiuz	278
2	Pegasus	240
3	Cygnus	210
4	Lacerta	189
5	Aquila	172

ARTISTS OF THE WEEK!



NEHAA - 9ACS



SAMEEHA - 7LCE



CONOR - 9LAE



JUAYL - 7CAS



NAJAH - 8ALL

Wow! There are a few artists to highlight this week! Well done to everyone for sharing your fantastic work - we love to see it!



PE Dept

Haringey Borough 5 a-side Football Competition

News!

This week HHS football teams from all year groups competed in their respective Haringey 5-a-side competitions. Our teams at all age groups performed brilliantly, with the sides pictured below bringing home silverware...



Yr.7 Girls Champions



Yr.8 Boys Champions



Yr.11 Boys Runners Up

