

# Heartlands Highlights

## December 15th 2025



### Key dates



- **16 Dec** Culture Day
  - **19th Dec** Last day of term
- ★ [HERE](#) are the published term dates for 2025/2026

### Warm wishes from HHS

As we come to the end of term and prepare to close the doors for the winter break, I would like to take a moment to wish all our families a very happy Christmas to those who celebrate, and a peaceful and restful holiday to you all.

As we leave 2025 behind, it is natural to reflect on a year that has brought both highs and lows. There has been much to celebrate within our school community, alongside challenges that we have faced together with resilience, care and determination. Looking ahead to 2026, we do so with hope for a kinder, more stable year.

We are also very mindful that the winter holiday can be a difficult time for many families and young people. Please know that you are not alone. On the final page of this bulletin, you will find details of support and avenues for help should you need them at any point over the break.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to welcoming students back in the new year!

## Fantastic Winter Concert!!

The winter concert was a joyful and memorable celebration that brought our school community together in a warm, festive atmosphere. Students from across the secondary school performed a wonderful variety of musical pieces, showcasing their talent, confidence, and enthusiasm. From cheerful holiday songs to beautifully performed instrumental pieces, each performance was greeted with loud applause and smiles from the audience.

The concert reflected the hard work and dedication of the students and staff, who had clearly spent many weeks preparing. Overall, the winter concert was a happy and uplifting event that spread holiday cheer and highlighted our SEARCH Values.



**Our amazing performers!**



**Performance by KS4 band Rose Thorns...**



**Heartland Sings Performance!**

## Parent Governor

Heartlands High School has a vacancy for one Parent Governor to join the Local Governing Committee and applications are invited for the role. Applicants must either be a parent or a person who has parental responsibilities of a child registered at the school. Check the latest news section on the website for full information.

## STEM Skills Fair @ Science Museum

Students got the opportunity to meet employers, get involved in careers-based discussions, and develop their STEM skills at the Fair.



## Science Club



Students have been enjoying the range of activities in Science club this half term!



## Interhouse news!



A massive well done to all the Houses for competing in their House assemblies. Getting students together from across the years is always a powerful moment to unit in their Houses. Here are some spans of the mannequin challenge. Well done to **Pegasus** who won overall with the most points.





## Playgrounds

We are extremely proud of the way the vast majority of our students conduct themselves around the playground at break and lunchtime. Students move calmly and sensibly around the playground and buildings, queue respectfully at the wagons, café and restaurant, use appropriate voice levels, and show excellent awareness of others — particularly our younger year groups. This mature and considerate behaviour helps create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.


Occasionally, however, we do notice small instances where students rush towards situations in the playground, forming large groups. While often well-intentioned, this behaviour can lead to accidents and unsafe spaces for both students and staff.

To ensure our playground remains safe for all, we are reminding students of their responsibility to remain calm and avoid rushing towards incidents. If something occurs in the playground, students should move away and allow staff to manage the situation.

From today, any student who is seen rushing towards an incident or attempting to create a gathering will be supported with clear consequences to reinforce safe behaviour. These may include:

- A Heads detention
- A letter home explaining the unsafe playground behaviour
- A lunchtime playground restriction for one week, during which the student will attend late detention away from the playground

We appreciate the continued support of our parents and carers as we work together to maintain a safe, calm and positive playground environment for all students.



## Winter break contacts

As we move into the winter holiday, we would like to remind families that school staff, including the safeguarding team, will not be able to respond to emails or other communications during the holiday period. Staff will return to school on Monday 5 January, and messages will be responded to as soon as possible after this date.

If you or your child require urgent help during the holidays, please do not wait for a school response. In an emergency, always dial 999 for immediate assistance.

We thank you for your understanding and wish all our families a safe and restful break.

# Year 10 & 11 Curriculum Rewards

A huge well done to all the students who have received **Curriculum Rewards for Effort and Progress**. This achievement reflects your hard work, determination, and positive attitude towards learning. We are incredibly proud of the commitment you have shown, and it's fantastic to see your progress being recognised.

Keep up the great work, your effort truly makes a difference, and we look forward to seeing even more success from you this year!

Well done!!

Curriculum Rewards	Year 10		Year 11	
	Effort	Progress	Effort	Progress
English	Marin	Omer	Aliyah	Ranvir
English Literature	Taylor	Lyubomir	Zaina	Seth
Maths	Bilal	Ahlaysia-Kiera	Ilham	Elena
Statistics	Jude	Lina	Alejandro	Freya
Science	Xanté	Sana	Fidel	Irena-Maria
Triple Science	Khrystyna	Alfie	Robert	Adam
Geography	Sinai	Mehereen	Lucy	Felix
History	Malaika	Eren	Malachy	Marina
Business Studies	Wiktor	Isla	Enes	Malachy
Citizenship	Xanté	Oliver	Ella	Aliyah
Sociology	Ruweyda	Amelia	Salma	Beren
Religious Studies	Abdulaahi	Princess	Curtis	Dunyea
French	Arlo	Arlo	Arvi	Oscar
Spanish	Dilara	Laila	Lucas	Iva
Product Design	Kaitlin	Kaser		
Engineering	Ibrahim	Atakan	Lucy	Prince
Food	Xante	Eliana	Tye	Ivy
Computing	Zakaria	Khrystyna	Yusuf	Oussama
PE	Reya L	Zakaria	Vanousheh	Alejandro
GCSE P.E.	Izaak	Wiktor	Noah	Aaron
Sports Studies	Zaid	Oscar	Eren	Emil
Art	Liliana	Theo	Selver	Bianca
Drama	Marika	Una	Rosalie	Melek
Photography	Ayush	Khrystyna	Saron	Seth
Music	Jacob	Giacomo	Aedan	Achilles
EAL	Senay	Angel	Yodit	Youssef

Life as a parent/carer often means balancing many demands; work, childcare, health and wellbeing of children, budgeting, school costs, etc. When finances tighten (rising bills, unexpected costs, illness), food-banks can provide an important safety-net. In Haringey, local services emphasise that food banks are there for crisis situations, short-term relief, helping you carry on and plan next steps.





As a parent/carer, this relief can ease immediate pressure so you can focus on your children's well-being (meals, school readiness, emotional security) rather than just trying to keep going.

If you're struggling to afford food or essentials, local food banks can offer short-term support for you and your family. Please see a list of the local food banks.

### 1. Haringey Foodbank

 Selby Centre, Selby Road, N17 8JL

 Tues 2–4 pm | Thurs 4:30–6:30 pm | Sat 11 am–1 pm


 07460 519019

Provides 3-day emergency food parcels and essential items. Referrals may be needed.

 <https://theharingeyfoodbank.wordpress.com/>

### 2. Holy Trinity Foodbank (Stroud Green)

 Holy Trinity Church, Stapleton Hall Rd, N4 4RR

 Sundays 1:30–3:30 pm

Offers emergency food and support for local families.

 <https://www.holytrinityfoodbank.org.uk/>

### 3. Hornsey Foodbank

 Union Church, Weston Park, N8 9PX

 Thursdays 10 am–12 pm

Community-run foodbank supporting over 1,000 people weekly.

 <https://www.hornseyfoodbank.com/>

### 4. Gospel Centre Foodbank

 Wightman Rd, N8 0LT

 Fridays 2–4 pm

Free food parcels, toiletries, and welfare advice.

 <https://www.gospelcentre.co.uk/foodbank.html>

### 5. Haringey Community Food Network (HCFN)

Coordinates community kitchens, foodbanks, and growers across the borough.

 <https://www.hcfn.org.uk/>

## How to Access Food Bank Support

1. Recognise the need: If you're struggling to afford food or essentials, you're eligible to seek help.
2. Check details: Look up your nearest food bank's opening times, location, and whether a voucher or referral is needed.
3. Bring what's needed: Some services may ask for proof of address; others won't.
4. Ask for family items: Mention if you need baby food, milk, nappies, or toiletries.
5. Plan ahead: Combine food bank help with benefit checks, free school meal applications, or budgeting advice.
6. No stigma: Food banks exist to support families—help is given with respect and understanding.