

Heartlands Highlights

23rd Feb 2026

Keeping Our Community Safe: Our Commitment to a Secure School

At our school, we view our halls and classrooms as a sanctuary, a place where students can focus entirely on their growth and learning without fear.

A Zero-Tolerance Approach

To maintain the calm and focused environment our students deserve, we have a clear and unwavering stance on school safety. We take immediate and decisive action regarding the possession of any prohibited items or objects intended to cause harm. While such incidents are incredibly rare at our school, our "zero-compromise" policy is what helps keep it that way.

We encourage all parents to review our [Prohibited Items list](#) on the school website to ensure we are all on the same page and we can all support each other to keep banned items out of school.

Key dates



- **4th March** Yr11 progress eve
 - **10th March** Yr9 Options eve
 - **19th March** Yr8 progress eve
 - **27h March** Early finish at 12pm for Easter Holidays
- ★ [HERE](#) are the published term dates for 2025/26 **2026/27 calander dates are published and can be seen via the same link!**

Safeguarding Spotlight:

We Are Here for You

The recent news stories about events in schools have been difficult to understand. If you or your child have been affected by recent events in the media, please remember that our **Safeguarding Team** is always available to offer support or signpost you to the right resources. Please email the office@ to get in touch.

If you are worried about a student, please use [THIS ONLINE PLATFORM](#) to pass on a concern anonymously.

Year 11!

Year 11 will be getting their mock results on 25th February! This is an exciting time for them. The mock results will be available online for parents on the same day! We will send support and information about this via email on the same day.

SEARCH Days

Our most recent SEARCH Day saw over 500 students take part in a wide range of enriching experiences. Students visited exciting destinations including the Science Museum, Kew Gardens, the Golden Hinde, the Charles Dickens Museum, the Royal Courts of Justice, Sky Studios, Tower Bridge, the Huguenot Museum, and attended a Macbeth theatre performance.

In addition, students took part in university visits to Kingston and Ravensbourne, explored opportunities at Waltham Forest and LSA College. SEARCH days are a great opportunity

Future SEARCH Days

- ★ 17th March
- ★ 23rd April
- ★ 25th June



Lock Down Drill

Tuesday, Feb 24th

Just as we practice fire drills to prepare for the unexpected, we will be conducting a **live lockdown practice** in the afternoon of **February 24th**.

- **What happens?** A tannoy announcement will signal the start. Students and staff will remain in classrooms and sit quietly until a second announcement signals the end of the drill.
- **Minimising Anxiety:** We are not looking to startle anyone. Staff will speak with students beforehand to explain the "why" behind the exercise, ensuring they feel informed and empowered rather than anxious.
- **The Goal:** Calm, fast, and instinctive responses. We want safety procedures to be second nature for every member of our community.

