

Heartlands Highlights

11th September 2026

It has been wonderful to welcome all our students back this week. They have made a fantastic start, arriving on time, looking smart and showing the high standards we expect from the very first day.

We are looking forward to what promises to be a great year at Heartlands. We are starting the year on a real high following some of our best ever GCSE results, and we are already feeling very optimistic about what this year's Year 11 can achieve. They have made a strong start, and we are excited to see them build on this throughout the year.

As ever, we know that the success of our students relies on strong communication between school and home. We really value the support and partnership of our parents and carers. We know that our phone lines can be particularly busy, especially at the start of term, so if you need to contact us, please do use **office@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk**. Our team will respond as soon as they can, and we will always do our best to make sure your questions or concerns are followed up.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a successful and exciting year together.

Attendance

"All students are striving for 100% attendance and punctuality"

Please share this vision at home to support your child's success.

Safeguarding Spotlight:

Looking after our students

Safeguarding and wellbeing remain at the heart of our school community.

Find out more on the last page

Key dates



- Half Term Holiday **Monday 26 October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026**
- School Holiday **Monday 21st December 2025 – Friday 1st January 2027**
- [HERE](#) are the published term dates for 2026/2027

Year 11!

From 8th September, students will attend after school revision sessions: Tuesdays (English) and Thursdays (Option X) from 3:10–4:10pm. From 14th September, students will also have Exam Practice every Monday from (2:30–3:30pm) and will finish school at 3:30pm on Mondays.



Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings, 9am - 10:15am

Please see the dates for the Year Group Coffee Morning's below:

7 - 16th September

8 - 22nd September

9 - 30th September

10 - 6th October

11 - 15th October

This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to come into Heartlands High School and learn about how they can best support their children. Your child's Head of Year will cover important topics such as the behaviour policy, rewards, your child's school day, homework, Heartland's ethos, the curriculum and specific year group topics.

Your child's Head of Year will provide your child with a letter, please scan the QR code on this letter and sign up for the Coffee Morning.



Parent contacts: Heads of Year

If you would like to contact your child's Head of Year, please see contact information below:

7 -max.lowe-bird@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk

8 -alasdair.haines@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk

9 -beth.squire@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk

10 -vanessa.philip@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk

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Uniform

We have plenty of well kept uniform ready for collection. We ask for a donation to our hardship fund for any uniform taken.

Our hardship fund is used to help students and families who need help with school supplies/shoes etc which our pre loved dept can not provide.

Please reach out to office@ if you would like to take advantage of our preloved stock or donate any clothes in excellent condition.



Place2Talk – Year 7

Place2Talk is available to support students with their wellbeing and emotional health.

For **Year 7 students who are under 12**, parental consent is required to access the service. The information sheet can be found [here](#), and the parental withdrawal form can be completed [here](#).

Students aged **12 and over can self-consent**.

If you have any questions about Place2Talk, please contact **Jackie Leon, Place2Be School Project Manager** by emailing the school and we can put you in touch.

SEARCH Day 1 Thursday 17th September

We are really looking forward to our first SEARCH Day of the year on Thursday!

Here is the plan:

Year 7: PSHE and PE Interhouse - students should bring their PE kits to school.

Year 8:

8I, 8S and 8E: Science and Information, Advice and Guidance sessions.

8A & 8R: Geography field work trips to Trent Park and Alexandra Palace

8C & 8H : History trip to the Maritime Museum

Year 9:

9T, 9O, 9C & 9H: PSHE and Duke of Edinburgh training

9S & 9E: French trip to the French Institute

9A & 9R: Citizenship Trip to the Royal Courts of Justice

Year 10: All students in their 10X learning groups

Year 11: English theatre performance and PSHE in school.



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Music Lessons at Heartlands

For those interested in taking music lessons, don't forget to sign up! Music lessons will begin from next week and includes the following instruments: Voice, Piano, Guitar, Drums, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Violin, Steel Pans. You can sign up through the following link: [Music Lessons signup form](#)



Be aware Fixed penalty notices for term time holidays



Please make sure you know our term dates.

We do not authorise any holiday during term time following government guidance.

We refer to Haringey to issue a penalty notice if a child has been recorded as absent for 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) within 10 school weeks, and one or more of the following applies:

- the child is absent from school and the school have not authorised the absence
- the child is absent without permission for a holiday
- the child arrived late after the register was taken

In some cases, if we believe a penalty notice would be appropriate, we may issue one at our discretion before the above conditions are met.

We can issue 2 penalty notices per child, per parent within a rolling 3-year period. If the conditions are met for a 3rd penalty notice within 3 years, we may consider prosecution in the Magistrates Court, application to the Family Proceedings Court for an Education Supervision Order.

Home Learning at Heartlands



Home learning is an important part of every student's education at Heartlands High School. It reinforces and extends classroom learning, while helping students develop essential skills such as independence, organisation and effective study habits.

Home learning is most effective when school, students and families work together. We therefore ask parents and carers to support consistent routines at home and regularly check the **Dynamic Progress Report (DPR)** with their child. By working in partnership, we can help students take greater responsibility for their learning, develop positive habits and make the best possible progress.

Key Stage	Subject	Home Learning Expectation
KS3 – Years 7, 8 & 9	English	1 hour per week
	Mathematics	1 hour per week
	Science	20 minutes, 3 times per week (1 hour total)
	Languages	30 minutes per week
	Humanities (History & Geography) and Social Sciences (Religious Studies & Citizenship)	1 hour every fortnight
	Design & Technology, Performing Arts and Computing	1 hour every fortnight
KS4 – Years 10 & 11	English	90 minutes per week
	Mathematics	90 minutes per week
	Science	90 minutes per week
	Citizenship GCSE	1 hour every fortnight
	All other GCSE subjects	1 hour per subject per week

What support is available in school?

Students are welcome to use our **Home Learning Club in the Library every day**, both **before school (8:00am–8:25am)** and **after school (3:00pm–4:00pm)**. Students can also go to **S3.6 every lunchtime** to complete their home learning. Students can also speak to or email their teachers before the due date if they need support.

Positon	House	Points
1	Aquila	3795
2	Lacerta	3435
3	Cygnus	3405
4	<u>Scorpiuz</u>	3380
5	Pegasus	3120

Enrichment Club timetable														
Clubs before school (in Red) 7:30 - 8:20am				Lunch Clubs (in Blue) 12:50-1:20pm				Clubs after school (in Black) 3:10 - 4:10pm						
Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
Club	Hours	Staff & room	Club	Hours	Staff & room	Club	Hours	Staff & room	Club	Hours	Staff & room	Club	Hours	Staff & room
Badminton	All	Mrs Dennis 93.3	Art Club	All	Mrs Backhouse Aurthurine	Badminton	All	Mrs Mull Sports hall	Alpha Challenge	7.5.9	Mrs Chen S4 Sports hall	Running	All	Mrs Mull Dwelling house
ESL Club	All	Mrs Dennis 93.3	Badminton	All	Mrs Sports Hall	Badminton	All	Mrs Sports hall	Badminton	All	Mrs Sports hall	Badminton	All	Mrs Sports hall
Volley ball	All	Mrs Singleton 93.3	ESL Club	All	Mrs Dennis 93.3	ESL Club	All	Mrs Dennis 93.3	ESL Club	All	Mrs Dennis 93.3	ESL Club	All	Mrs Dennis 93.3
Steel Pan ensemble	All	Judith Russell Music suite	Football and Judo club	All	Mrs Finch HS 5	Robotics	All	Mrs Venturini SS 11	Quadrant Club (New A)	All	Mrs Smith D2.20	Netball Club	All	Mrs Dyma HS 8
Home learning	All	Mrs Venturini 92.7	Art Club	7.5.9	Mrs Lines Noble 8	Gymnastics Club	All	Mrs Ali F4.10	K32 Contemporary dance	7.5.9	Mrs Gwynne D4 Sports D4.10	Uganda Public Club	All	Mrs Gwynne F4.10
Science Club	7.5	Mrs Venturini 93.3	Year 7 Festival	7	Year 7 Festival	Art Club	All	Mrs Chikoko HS 8	K42 Contemporary dance	15.11	Mrs Gwynne D4 Sports D4.10	Chess	All	Mrs Gwynne D4 Sports D4.10
Badminton	All	Mrs Sports Sport hall	Basketball	7.5.9	Mrs Sports Sports Hall	Year 7 Festival	7	Mrs Singleton Sports hall	Badminton	All	Ms Owen Sports hall	Basketball	7.5.9	Mrs Owen Sports hall
Netball	7.5.9	Mrs Muller HS 8 Sports	Basketball	10-11	Mrs Muller HS 8 Sports (4:10-5:10)	Gym Festival	All	Mrs Ali Sports hall	Year 7 Festival	6	Mrs James Mugale	K32 Street dance	7.5.9	Mrs Owen Sports hall (4:10)
Gym club	All	Mrs Backhouse Aurthurine	ESL home learning	All	Mrs Venturini 92.7	Chess	All	Library	Manga Club	All	Mrs Indabany Library	K32 Street dance	15.11	Mrs Owen Sports hall (4:10)
						ESL Home learning	All	Mrs Venturini 92.7	ESL Home learning	All	Mrs Venturini 92.7	Senior Festival	15.11	Mrs Roberts Sports hall
						Heartlands singers	All	Mrs Dennis 93.3	Singer/Songwriter club	All	Mrs Owen Music	ESL Home learning	All	Mrs Venturini 92.7

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Check the [timetable](#) for club times, locations and staff. We look forward to seeing you there!



Safeguarding:

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to Heartlands and begin a new academic year together.

As we settle into the new term, safeguarding and wellbeing remain at the heart of everything we do. We want every student to feel safe, supported and confident that there is always someone they can speak to if they are worried about themselves or someone else.

Students are encouraged to speak to a trusted member of staff, visit the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team, or use My Voice -

<https://form.thesafeguardingcompany.com/7a16b6e2-f049-40ee-9e1b-1cac47fd6c3> if they would prefer to share a concern electronically.

The start of a new school year is also an opportunity for a fresh start — building positive relationships, developing good routines and ensuring that every young person feels that they belong within our Heartlands community.

We look forward to working alongside our students, families and staff throughout the year to keep Heartlands a safe, inclusive and supportive place for everyone.