Heartlands High School

Heartlands Highlights

23rd October 2026

Establishing good homework habits early is an important part of every young person's education. Homework is not simply about completing tasks; it builds discipline, independence and personal responsibility, while helping pupils develop the revision habits they will need to succeed in their GCSEs and beyond.

Regular homework provides opportunities to practise what has been learned in lessons, strengthen understanding and identify gaps in knowledge before they become barriers to progress. Just as importantly, it establishes routines that make independent study a normal part of school life rather than something pupils only focus on when exams approach.

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting these habits. A consistent routine, a quiet space to work and regular conversations about homework can make a real difference. Encouraging your child to take ownership of their learning now will help them develop the confidence and resilience they need as they move through school, sixth form, college and beyond.

We work hard to make our homework expectations as straightforward as possible to navigate. Following valuable feedback from parents and carers, we recognised that our guidance could be clearer, so we have redesigned it to make expectations and support easier to understand.

Our updated homework guidance is now available on the school website and in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to read it on page 6 and help us establish strong habits from the outset.

Attendance:

Year 8 had 99% attendance on 21.10.26. Incredible achievement, well done to all students and a massive thank you to Y8 families support excellent attendance at home!

Safeguarding Spotlight

📱 **Staying Safe** As the evenings get darker, remember to stay alert, keep valuables out of sight and travel safely. See next page for more safety advice.

Key dates

- Half Term Holiday **Monday 26 October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026**
- PLD Day (No school)-**Monday 2nd November 2026**
- Culture Day – **20th November**
- School Holiday **Monday 21st December 2025 – Friday 1st January 2027**
- **HERE** are the published term dates for 2026/2027

Staying Safe in Our Local Area

As the darker evenings begin, we want to remind our students to think carefully about their safety when travelling to and from school and when spending time in the local area.

📱 Keep your phone safe

Phones, headphones and other valuables can attract unwanted attention.

- Avoid walking along with your phone constantly visible, particularly around busy roads, stations and bus stops.
- If you need to use your phone, try to step into a shop or another safe, busy place.
- Be aware of people approaching on bikes, e-bikes or scooters.
- Avoid wearing headphones so loudly that you cannot hear what is happening around you.

👀 Stay aware of your surroundings

Where possible, travel with friends and use **busy, well-lit routes**. Avoid shortcuts through isolated areas, particularly as it gets darker.

If something does not feel right, trust your instincts. Move towards a busy area, shop, station or trusted adult rather than continuing on your journey.

🚫 If someone tries to take your belongings

Your safety is more important than your phone, bag or other possessions. **Do not put yourself at further risk by trying to fight for an item.** Move to a safe place and ask for help.

In an emergency or if you are in immediate danger, call **999**. Non-emergency incidents can be reported to the police via **101**.

💬 Tell Someone

Students should always tell a trusted adult if they have experienced something worrying in the local area — even if they think it is “not serious enough”.

Speak to a member of the **Safeguarding Team**, another trusted member of staff or use **My Voice**.

Stay alert. Stay together. Keep valuables out of sight. Get help if something doesn’t feel right.

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Year 11

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams
Students should have received a revision timetable template and the CGP *How to Revise* guide. Flashcards and essential exam equipment will be provided in November. The mock exam timetable and revision resources are available on the Year 11 examinations page.

Sixth Form and College Open Evenings
Students are expected to attend their usual after-school revision sessions before attending open evenings. If an interview takes place before 17:00, evidence must be provided to Ms Lloyd Bond or Mr Matthews at least 24 hours in advance.

Year 11 Progress Challenge
Students are challenged to improve their grades in at least 50% of their subjects in the December mock exams compared with their end-of-Year 10 results. Rewards include **£10 off the prom ticket or a £10 Amazon gift card**, a one-week queue-jump lunch pass, and a certificate, achievement badge and letter home celebrating their progress.

Duke of Edinburgh

Y10 students took part in their Duke of Edinburgh award expedition at the beginning of October. We had amazing weather by day and students were incredibly resilient on a chilly night! We were so impressed with the range of meals students cooked - we had burgers, chilli and a stir fry and students navigated their hikes incredibly well. We ended the evening with a campfire with hot chocolate and smores. Well done to all those students who took part and thank you to all parents/carers who supported their children through the award.

Duke of Edinburgh is now LIVE on ParentPay for Year 9 students to sign up!





Year 10 AFA 1 GCSE assessments

Please click the link to view the Year 10 AFA 1 examination timetable. A reminder that students can also download a revision timetable and access past examination papers using this link.

This is a really important time for Yr 10 who will receive their first set of predictions after these exams. Please support students at home by encouraging early and consistent revision.

Interhouse news! Year 8 SEARCH Day

Positon	House	Points
1	Lacerta	250
2	Aquila	238
3	Cygnus	209
4	Scorpiuz	204
5	Pegasus	203

Well done to all year 8 students who competed for their house during SEARCH day. A fantastic display of skill, effort and teamwork allround. Only 6 points separating 3rd to 5th place. A very close competition!






Open Events

As we come to the end of the transition Open School events thank you to all the student helpers and tour guides who have helped show visitors around.

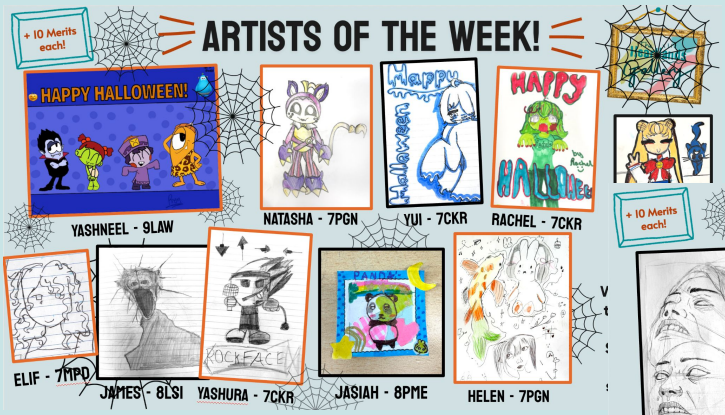
There was amazing feedback from all who visited and we had almost 1500 people through our doors in the last 3 weeks!



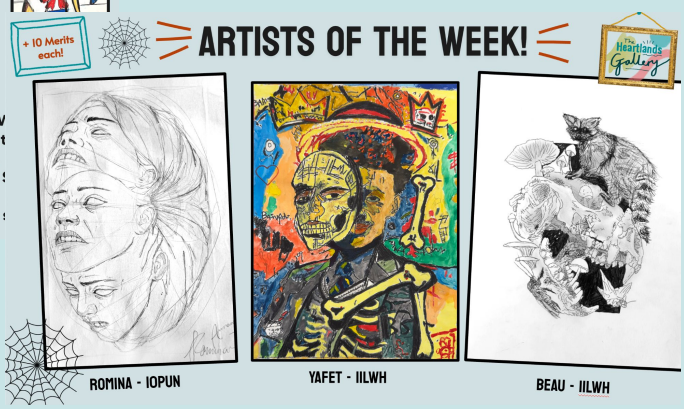
Winter Concert

The winter concert will be happening on the 26th November. Tickets will be available to sign up for soon! And we will hold auditions after the Half Term break. We are looking forward to showcasing the hard work of our pupils in music!









PE Dept News!

The Year 8 boys have been exploring the Haka in their PE lessons, developing teamwork, coordination, rhythm and confidence through synchronised movements. Students have worked together to create and perform their own routines based on the Maori Haka of New Zealand.

Also the Heartlands Girls Football teams in both Year 8 & Year 10 are the 5 a side champions of Haringey!







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ALL NEW Homework guidance!

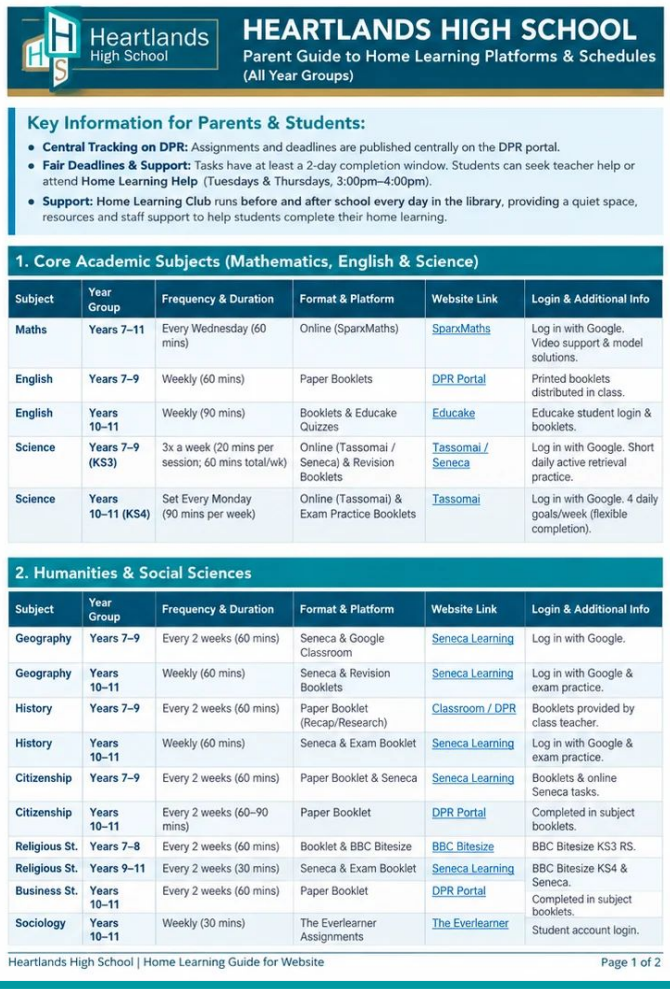
Your feedback recently in coffee mornings and in our annual survey you really wanted to have all the homework information in one place! And here it is!

Hopefully this is helpful: we have combined all year groups onto one sheet to help families with multiple students at HHS. An all interactive version is coming soon with live links: please watch this space. Until then students are very well aware of the platforms and have links to them from our website home page where they logon!

Click the link below to view the full Home Learning Platform Guide. The image attached is just a preview, so please click the link to access the complete guide.

[View the Heartlands Home Learning Platform Guide here]

Thank you!



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Parent Guide to Home Learning Platforms & Schedules (All Year Groups)

Key Information for Parents & Students:

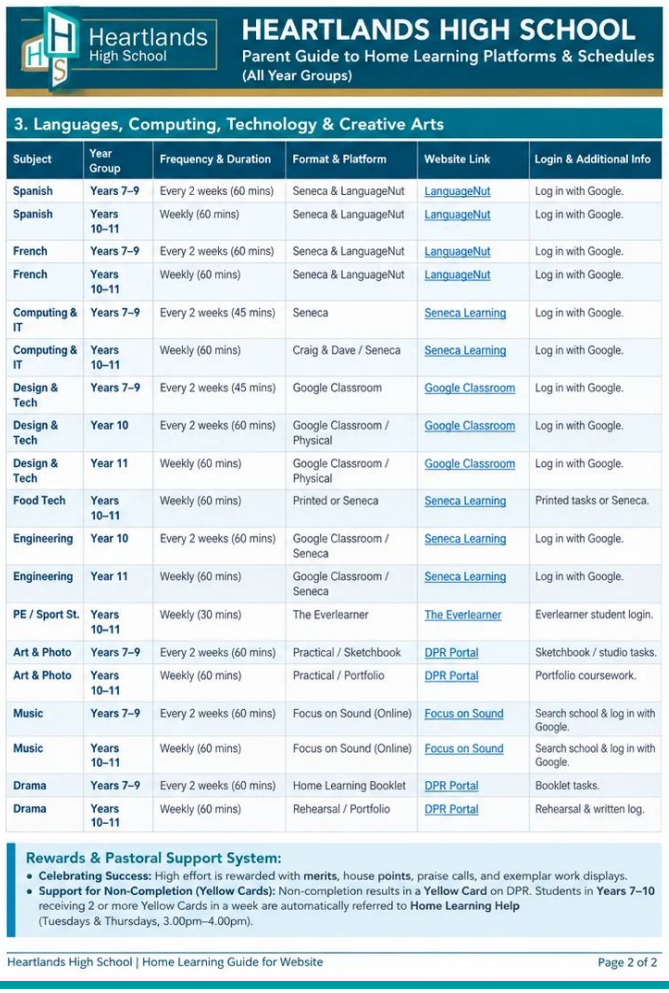
- **Central Tracking on DPR:** Assignments and deadlines are published centrally on the DPR portal.
- **Fair Deadlines & Support:** Tasks have at least a 2-day completion window. Students can seek teacher help or attend **Home Learning Help** (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:00pm–4:00pm).
- **Support:** Home Learning Club runs **before and after school every day in the library**, providing a quiet space, resources and staff support to help students complete their home learning.

1. Core Academic Subjects (Mathematics, English & Science)

Subject	Year Group	Frequency & Duration	Format & Platform	Website Link	Login & Additional Info
Maths	Years 7–11	Every Wednesday (60 mins)	Online (SparxMaths)	SparxMaths	Log in with Google. Video support & model solutions.
English	Years 7–9	Weekly (60 mins)	Paper Booklets	DPR Portal	Printed booklets distributed in class.
English	Years 10–11	Weekly (90 mins)	Booklets & Educake Quizzes	Educake	Educake student login & booklets.
Science	Years 7–9 (KS3)	3x a week (20 mins per session; 60 mins total/wk)	Online (Tassomai / Seneca) & Revision Booklets	Tassomai / Seneca	Log in with Google. Short daily active retrieval practice.
Science	Years 10–11 (KS4)	Set Every Monday (90 mins per week)	Online (Tassomai) & Exam Practice Booklets	Tassomai	Log in with Google. 4 daily goals/week (flexible completion).

2. Humanities & Social Sciences

Subject	Year Group	Frequency & Duration	Format & Platform	Website Link	Login & Additional Info
Geography	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Seneca & Google Classroom	Seneca Learning	Log in with Google.
Geography	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Seneca & Revision Booklets	Seneca Learning	Log in with Google & exam practice.
History	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Paper Booklet (Recap/Research)	Classroom / DPR	Booklets provided by class teacher.
History	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Seneca & Exam Booklet	Seneca Learning	Log in with Google & exam practice.
Citizenship	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Paper Booklet & Seneca	Seneca Learning	Booklets & online Seneca tasks.
Citizenship	Years 10–11	Every 2 weeks (60–90 mins)	Paper Booklet	DPR Portal	Completed in subject booklets.
Religious St.	Years 7–8	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Booklet & BBC Bitesize	BBC Bitesize	BBC Bitesize KS3 RS.
Religious St.	Years 9–11	Every 2 weeks (30 mins)	Seneca & Exam Booklet	Seneca Learning	BBC Bitesize KS4 & Seneca.
Business St.	Years 10–11	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Paper Booklet	DPR Portal	Completed in subject booklets.
Sociology	Years 10–11	Weekly (30 mins)	The Everlearner Assignments	The Everlearner	Student account login.



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3. Languages, Computing, Technology & Creative Arts

Subject	Year Group	Frequency & Duration	Format & Platform	Website Link	Login & Additional Info
Spanish	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Seneca & LanguageNut	LanguageNut	Log in with Google.
Spanish	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Seneca & LanguageNut	LanguageNut	Log in with Google.
French	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Seneca & LanguageNut	LanguageNut	Log in with Google.
French	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Seneca & LanguageNut	LanguageNut	Log in with Google.
Computing & IT	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (45 mins)	Seneca	Seneca Learning	Log in with Google.
Computing & IT	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Craig & Dave / Seneca	Seneca Learning	Log in with Google.
Design & Tech	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (45 mins)	Google Classroom	Google Classroom	Log in with Google.
Design & Tech	Year 10	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Google Classroom / Physical	Google Classroom	Log in with Google.
Design & Tech	Year 11	Weekly (60 mins)	Google Classroom / Physical	Google Classroom	Log in with Google.
Food Tech	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Printed or Seneca	Seneca Learning	Printed tasks or Seneca.
Engineering	Year 10	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Google Classroom / Seneca	Seneca Learning	Log in with Google.
Engineering	Year 11	Weekly (60 mins)	Google Classroom / Seneca	Seneca Learning	Log in with Google.
PE / Sport St.	Years 10–11	Weekly (30 mins)	The Everlearner	The Everlearner	Everlearner student login.
Art & Photo	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Practical / Sketchbook	DPR Portal	Sketchbook / studio tasks.
Art & Photo	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Practical / Portfolio	DPR Portal	Portfolio coursework.
Music	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Focus on Sound (Online)	Focus on Sound	Search school & log in with Google.
Music	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Focus on Sound (Online)	Focus on Sound	Search school & log in with Google.
Drama	Years 7–9	Every 2 weeks (60 mins)	Home Learning Booklet	DPR Portal	Booklet tasks.
Drama	Years 10–11	Weekly (60 mins)	Rehearsal / Portfolio	DPR Portal	Rehearsal & written log.

Rewards & Pastoral Support System:

- **Celebrating Success:** High effort is rewarded with **merits**, house **points**, praise calls, and exemplar work displays.
- **Support for Non-Completion (Yellow Cards):** Non-completion results in a **Yellow Card** on DPR. Students in **Years 7–10** receiving 2 or more Yellow Cards in a week are automatically referred to **Home Learning Help** (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3.00pm–4.00pm).

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CULTURE DAY

Friday 20 November 2026

Celebrate your culture. Share your heritage. Discover others!

SHOW & TELL
TUTOR TIME

Bring **ONE** of the following to share with your tutor group:

1. SPOKEN WORD
Perform a poem celebrating your culture, language or heritage.

OR

2. CULTURAL ARTEFACT
Bring an object that represents your culture or heritage.

Your artefact must:
- ✓ Be appropriate for school.
- ✓ Fit inside your school bag.
- ✓ Not be valuable, fragile or precious.

Not sure? Bring a photo instead!

All students who take part will be entered into a **VOUCHER DRAW!**

Check your emails for more information.

A TASTE OF CULTURE
TUTOR TIME

Bring a **traditional nut-free snack** to share with your tutor group.



Snacks must be nut-free and clearly labelled with ingredients (especially for allergies).

DRESS TO REPRESENT YOUR CULTURE!

Lessons will run as normal, but you can wear cultural clothing instead of your school uniform!

WHAT CAN I WEAR?

- Traditional cultural clothing, such as saris, kilts, kurtas, kimonos or dashikis.
- Clothing representing your heritage, city or country, including national team jerseys.
- School-appropriate adaptations of traditional outfits.
- Cultural accessories, including scarves, flags, jewellery and hats, provided they are safe and your face remains visible.

WHAT CAN'T I WEAR?

- Clothing displaying offensive, discriminatory or inappropriate words or symbols in any language.
- Outfits promoting violence, hatred or exclusion.
- Overly revealing clothing or anything that obscures your face.
- Hoodies.
- Accessories that could pose a safety risk, such as excessively long earrings or sharp objects.



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TUESDAY
MORNING
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