



Whitefriars School Secondary Section

# NEWSLETTER

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## Schools for Success

“Heathland and Whitefriars are SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS” says Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.



Heathland School and Whitefriars School have been celebrated under a new programme set up by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to recognise exceptional schools in the capital.

Schools for Success celebrates schools that are achieving academic success with all their pupils, in particular disadvantaged or vulnerable students. Only around 100 eligible schools are invited to join the programme.

Heathland and Whitefriars, working in partnership as the Heathland Whitefriars Federation since 2012 have been recognised in the Schools for Success Awards, because of the exceptional progress achieved by all groups of pupils regardless of their starting points.

Ms Caswell, said: ‘I am proud and delighted that both of our amazing schools have been recognised for the work we do to support our learners in achieving excellence in their learning.’

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: **“Congratulations to Heathland School and Whitefriars School for their outstanding achievements and for the hard work**



Article 13: Your right to have information..

### Value of the month



## Tolerance

- Accepting ourselves
- Accepting others

of their pupils and teaching staff.

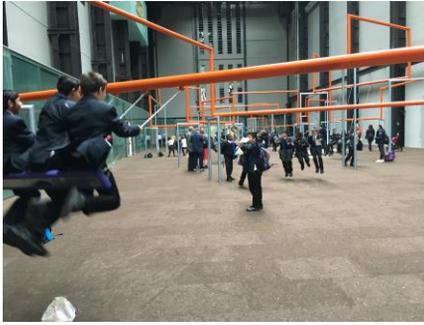
London has some of the best schools in the country, and Schools for Success shows the huge difference good quality teaching can make to pupils who started off behind in their studies. By sharing best practice with other schools across the capital, we can help every young Londoner reach their full potential, and ensure no child is left behind.”



Heathland and Whitefriars have been asked, as schools for success, to share their good practice so that other schools can learn from their successful approaches.



## TATE Galleries



Year 7 spent the day visiting both Tate galleries in London; gaining a valuable insight into what they might encounter in an Art gallery. During their visit they also spent time reviewing specific artists and their work.

## Natural History Museum



Year 8 visited the Natural History Museum and learnt about what the world used to be like and how it has developed. The dinosaur exhibition was particularly fascinating.

## Wetlands Centre



Year 9 have visited the London Wetlands Centre and enjoyed exploring the urban oasis for wildlife and people.



Article 29: Your right to be the best that you can be.

## Textiles



Year 9's are learning about wearable electronics in textiles. Students are making a wristband with built in LED lights.

## Dance



As part of the PE curriculum our students have been learning to dance in our state of the art design studio. They have already produced and performed some wonderful pieces.

## Cross Country



Pupils who attend the cross country club with Mr Watson represented the school at Sir Roger Bannister's Athletics Track on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the Harrow Schools Cross Country Championship. All of the pupils performed well in tough conditions and have learned a lot from that experience that will inform their learning for the next time they participate in January 2018. Well done to everybody!



## School Video

Please visit our school website to view our new school video



Article 125: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs.



## Clay



Students are being introduced to the characteristics of clay by manipulating and playing with the material. They have been exploring the way it behaves whilst having fun!

## Trade Game



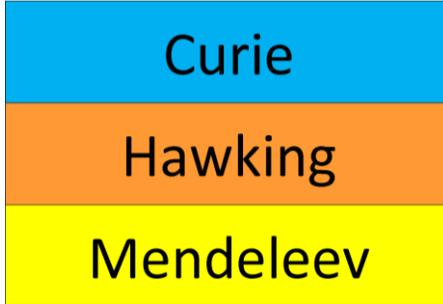
In Geography year 9 have been deciding the extent to which world trade is fair by playing the trade game. Everyone represented a different country and traded in their different contexts.

## Self Portraits



All of students produce self-portraits using the gridding method. Every student has their portrait framed and displayed on our walls.

## Inter-House Events



This term students have participated in three inter-house events. Students have designed a bookmark based on one of the school values, played in the inter-house football qualifiers and the best two maths students from each form are participating in "Inter house countdown". Results will be published in next month's newsletter.

## Diary Dates...

30<sup>th</sup> October ~ Staff Training Day  
 31<sup>st</sup> October ~ Students return to school  
 29<sup>th</sup> November~ ~ Parents' Evening  
 30<sup>th</sup> November ~ Parents' Evening  
 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November ~ Book Fair



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## Science



Year 8 students are testing foods for proteins and carbohydrates. and investigating gravity, magnetism and electrostatic forces.

Year 7 are working through the topics of cells and particle theory. They will soon be exploding their volcanoes that they have created in art.

Year 9 students have just finished studying the various organ systems of the human body and are now learning about atoms, elements and compounds.