

HAYES SCHOOL Newsletter

24 - 25



Message from the Head of School



With the recent hot weather making its presence felt across the country, there's been no shortage of sunhats, water bottles and fans around the school. Despite the unusual warmth in classrooms, students and staff have been in good spirits, although the field is looking somewhat less happy and worse for wear.

At the end of last week our students revisited their academic tutoring targets with tutors and other staff on Thursday afternoon. Students will have celebrated success, reflected on challenges and considered ways in which they can develop as learners and young people next academic year. I sincerely hope that they will live by this saying 'If the plan doesn't work, change the plan, not the goal.'

Our **Year 10 Geographers** have certainly been making the most of the good weather on their recent fieldwork trips to the **Isle of Sheppey**. Students worked with energy and focus as they explored both coastal processes and human geography topics firsthand. Students returned with excellent data, a healthy dose of sea air and plenty of inspiration for their coursework!

This week the school was alive with creativity as we hosted our annual **Art and Photography Show**, showcasing stunning work from across our examination groups in Art, Textiles and Photography. The sheer quality and originality of the students' pieces from bold prints to intricate pencil studies, from textiles to photography, from clay work to 3D design, the quality and creativity on display were genuinely impressive. I am always in awe of the students' sketchbooks which demonstrate extensive research, hard work and practice of key techniques while their coursework and exam pieces, on all scales, highlight their creativity and personal responses to key themes.

Hot on the heels of the Art Show, our musicians and vocalists took to the stage. The hall was again packed out for our **Summer Music Concert**, where we were treated to a joyful and eclectic mix of performances – from wind band to jazz band and vocal ensembles.

It was also great to see so many of our returning alumni get involved with the choir in what is a time-honoured tradition at our summer event. Well done to all involved!

I am pleased to report that the public examination season has now come to an end and I would like to thank the exams team, invigilators, teaching assistants and pastoral teams for their hard work in recent weeks providing support and encouragement to students, as well as our students for their exceptional conduct.

Best wishes go with our students who are completing their **Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition** this weekend. I have no doubt they will embrace the weather and terrain with gusto and demonstrate great perseverance and teamwork – not to mention excellent map-reading skills, as they achieve this much sought after award.

Transition has also been high on our agenda this term. Our incoming **Year 7 students** joined us for their transition day, exploring the site, meeting key staff, and getting a taste of what life at secondary school will be like. We were also delighted to welcome their parents and carers to our **Welcome Evening**, where the excitement and anticipation for September was clear to see. Similarly, our **Year 12 Transition Days** helped to prepare the next cohort of sixth formers for life in the Sixth Form with taster sessions in chosen subjects and a chance to experience Sixth Form life for the day – a big step that we know they are ready to embrace.

Last Friday's **Staff Professional Development Day** focused on refining our approach to **adaptive teaching** – ensuring we continue to support every student in achieving their potential. The sessions were packed with practical strategies and collaborative discussion, and I'm grateful to all staff for their engagement and commitment to continuous improvement.

Looking ahead, next week promises even more excitement with **Sports Day, Culture Day, Friends of Hayes AGM** and our **Prefect Interviews** taking place. These events are always highlights in the school calendar and offer fantastic opportunities for celebration, leadership, and school spirit.

Finally, thank you to those who shared feedback in our Trust wide parent survey. Your feedback is highly valued and provides us with the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate success and recognise areas where we can move forwards and take positive actions for the better.

Thank you as always for your continued support, and I hope to see many of you at one of our upcoming events.

Miss Thompson

Assembly Themes

w/c 7th July (Week A) PE w/c 14th July (Week B) Ethos and Values



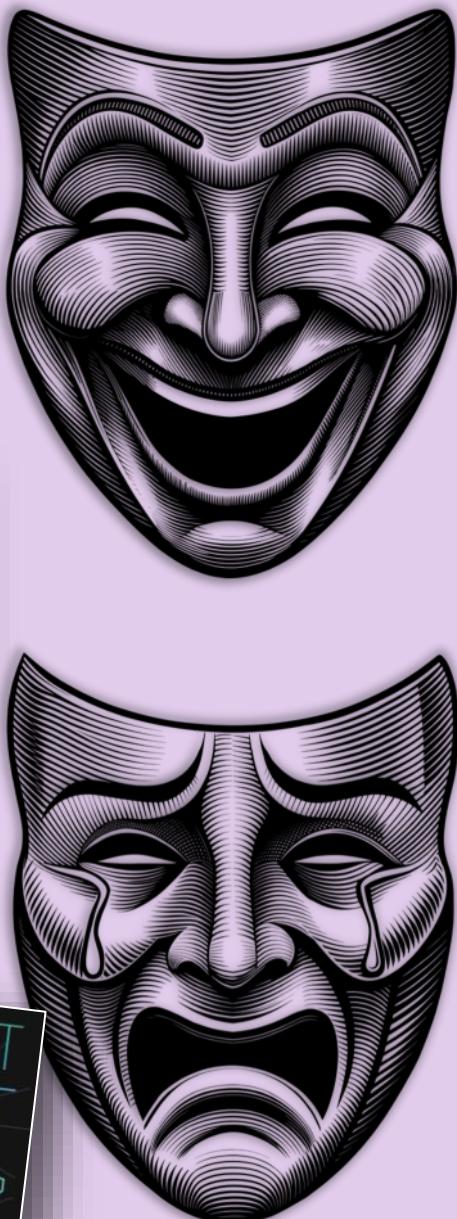
No slow-down in Summer for Drama!

It's been a typically busy time in the Drama Department this summer, but even more so than usual this year. For the first time, Years 10 and 12 have spent the summer terms working on their Component 1 Devised pieces - a major part of their final qualification – rather than in the autumn term of next year.

Re-structuring the courses this way is giving us more time to work in the second year of the course on Component 3 – the written examinations that conclude the courses next summer.



Our Year 13s were given the first few pages of Nick Payne's play *Constellations* and the style of contemporary physical theatre legends Frantic Assembly as the stimulus for their Component 1 Devised pieces, which will be performed at the end of September. Both groups are well on the way to creating sophisticated and powerful pieces of theatre that are not afraid to comment on the rather precarious state of the world today!



Year 10 have been devising in the style of the Bertolt Brecht, choosing from a set of Exam Board provided stimulus ranging from Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody to a Mark Twain quote! We've been hugely impressed with their creativity and commitment to this unit and are very excited about seeing their pieces towards the end of term!



Elsewhere, Year 7 have dipped into Philip Ridley's play *Sparkleshark* as a way into exploring fairy-tale characters for the culmination of a yearlong dive into how to create and sustain a range of character types, whilst Year 8 are having their eyes opened to the gangland culture of 1950's Croydon as we take a documentary approach to the tragic tale of Derek Bentley and Christopher Craig. Year 9 meanwhile, have been using the techniques of the playwright Mark Wheeler to finish their KS3 Drama Journey by creating their own pieces of Theatre in Education.

Friday 18th July sees the birth of a new addition to the summer calendar. From the ashes of Hazefest comes Live On The Lawn, an evening of eclectic music curated by Mr Brett and Mr Gunning, with performances from students of all ages and even a few members of staff.

Bring some snacks and a blanket or some deckchairs and enjoy some tunes in the sunshine.

If the weather holds, that is.

If it doesn't, we'll think of something...!

Tickets are just £3 and they are on sale now at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayescreates



DON'T MISS OUT ON "A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES" THE 2025 HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION. OVER 60 STUDENTS FROM YEARS 7-9 ARE PERFORMING IN 4 PIECES BASED ON THE RECENT HIT MOVIES THE LORAX, DESPICABLE ME, THE BARBIE MOVIE AND INSIDE OUT 2. THE SCRIPTS HAVE BEEN PUT TOGETHER BY OUR BRILLIANT TEAM OF YEAR 12 DIRECTORS, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD WITH THEIR YEAR 10 DIRECTORIAL ASSISTANTS TO BRING THESE EXTRAORDINARY MOVIES TO LIFE ON STAGE!

THE PERFORMANCE IS ON FRIDAY 11TH JULY AT 6PM IN THE MAIN HALL. TICKETS ARE £5 FOR ADULTS AND £3 FOR STUDENTS AND SENIORS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/HAYESCREATES

Sport at Hayes



Hayes PE Department

SPORTS AWARDS



On Thursday 19th June we were able to celebrate another incredibly successful year for Hayes Sport and its students. Not only did we recognise students who have committed and excelled at school sport we also recognised the 40+ students that compete at county, academy and international level.

We were incredibly lucky to have former Olympian and World Championship medallist Jack Green as our guest of honour. He spoke to the students about the lessons he learnt during his esteemed career and was truly inspirational.

The evening culminated with the presentation of Team of the Year which was presented to the Senior Rugby team for their National Bowl Victory, and Sports Person of the year which was awarded to Year 13 British sprint hurdler Rhyian Mourtada.

Well done to all the award winners and all those students who have helped the school play over 300 fixtures this year!



Sports Performers of the Year

KS3

Fabian Smith and Ellie Barnes

KS4

George Nash and Isla Burbridge

KS5

Erin Simpson and Rayhan Mourtada

HAYES GIRLS SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Ava Johnson who has been competing in the NSEA showjumping competitions this term. She recently achieved a clear round in the 50cm achieving 8th Place out of 19, and her best result to date in the 70cm finishing 7th with a clear round. Ava is hoping to qualify for the Sunshine Tour at Hickstead this summer – good luck!



Dulcie Simpson recently broke her PB in Hammer by nearly 2m! She threw a new PB of 32.24m at the Kent Schools meet and was selected to compete at Inter County, with aims to qualify for the English Schools meet. Well done Dulcie – well look forward to seeing your throwing achievements on Sports Day!



Congratulations to our U13 Rounders team who competed at Charles Darwin in their annual Rounders tournament last week. This tournament has been running for 25 years and it was great to see our girls demonstrate all they had learned in PE lessons in competitive games against a number of different schools. The girls finished with a mixture of wins and losses, with a special mention to Daisy Simon for catching 2 players out. Well done all!

Sports Day Information

Ahead of Sports day on Wednesday 9th July, please see the next page for approximate timings. A number of parents have reached out wanting to watch the event on Wednesday. Parents are very welcome to attend the event but must bring a form of photo identification to allow them access to the venue. The school will be taking photographs of the event, so we ask that parents refrain from using cameras as this can present a safeguarding concern.

Please be aware that we will endeavour to move ahead of the schedule if possible, these timings they are approximate. We would suggest arriving ahead of the event to ensure you do not miss your child's event. A reminder that communication around weather will be sent. In the unlikely event that sports day is cancelled normal lessons will resume.

Thank you
Mr Fielden



Sports Day Schedule

Time	Event	Year group	B/G
9:00	800m Year 7	7	g
	800m Year 7	7	b
9:05	800m Year 8	8	g
9:10	800m Year 9	8	b
09:30	4 x 25m Relay	7	G
09:33	4 x 25m Relay	7	B
09:36	4 x 25m Relay	8	G
09:39	4 x 25m Relay	8	B
09:42	4 x 25m Relay	9	G
09:45	4 x 25m Relay	9	B
09:48	100m Qualifiers B	7	G
09:50	100m Qualifiers B	7	G
09:52	100m Qualifiers B	7	G
09:54	100m Qualifiers B	7	G
09:56	100m Qualifiers B	7	B
09:58	100m Qualifiers B	7	B

Time	Event	Year group	B/G
10:00	100m Qualifiers B	7	B
10:02	100m Qualifiers B	7	B
10:04	100m Qualifiers B	8	G
10:06	100m Qualifiers B	8	G
10:08	100m Qualifiers B	8	G
10:10	100m Qualifiers B	8	G
10:12	100m Qualifiers B	8	B
10:14	100m Qualifiers B	8	B
10:16	100m Qualifiers B	8	B
10:18	100m Qualifiers B	8	B
10:20	100m Qualifiers B	9	G
10:22	100m Qualifiers B	9	G
10:24	100m Qualifiers B	9	G
10:26	100m Qualifiers B	9	G
10:28	100m Qualifiers B	9	B

Time	Event	Year group	B/G
10:30	100m Qualifiers B	9	B
10:32	100m Qualifiers B	9	B
10:34	100m Qualifiers B	9	B
10:36	100m Qualifiers A	8	G
10:38	100m Qualifiers A	8	G
10:40	100m Qualifiers A	8	G
10:42	100m Qualifiers A	8	G
10:44	100m Qualifiers A	8	B
10:46	100m Qualifiers A	8	B
10:48	100m Qualifiers A	8	B
10:50	100m Qualifiers A	8	B
11:07	100m Qualifiers A	9	G
11:09	100m Qualifiers A	9	G
11:11	100m Qualifiers A	9	G
11:13	100m Qualifiers A	9	G
11:15	100m Qualifiers A	9	B

Time	Event	Year group	B/G
11:17	100m Qualifiers A	9	B
11:19	100m Qualifiers A	9	B
11:20	100m Qualifiers A	9	B
11:22	100m Qualifiers A	7	G
11:24	100m Qualifiers A	7	G
11:26	100m Qualifiers A	7	G
11:28	100m Qualifiers A	7	G
11:30	100m Qualifiers A	7	B
11:32	100m Qualifiers A	7	B
11:34	100m Qualifiers A	7	B
11:36	100m Qualifiers A	7	B
11:38	200m	7	G
11:41	200m	7	B
11:43	200m	8	G
11:46	200m	8	B

Time	Event	Year group	B/G
11:49	200m	9	G
11:52	200m	9	B
11:55	300m	7	G
11:58	300m	8	G
12:01	300m	9	G
12:04	400m	7	B
12:07	400m	8	B
12:11	400m	9	B
12:15	LUNCH		
12:45	100m B Final	7	G
12:49	100m B Final	7	B
12:53	100m B Final	8	G
12:57	100m B Final	8	B
13:01	100m B Final	9	G
13:05	100m B Final	9	B
13:09	100m A Final	7	G

Time	Event	Year group	B/G
13:13	100m A Final	7	B
13:17	100m A Final	8	G
13:21	100m A Final	8	B
13:25	100m A Final	9	G
13:29	100m A Final	9	B
13:33	4 x 100m Relay	7	G
13:37	4 x 100m Relay	7	B
13:41	4 x 100m Relay	8	G
13:45	4 x 100m Relay	8	B
13:49	4 x 100m Relay	9	G
13:51	4 x 100m Relay	9	B
13:55	100m	STAFF	
13:59	100m	STAFF	
14:10	Clean up house zones		
14:30	Closing ceremony		
14:45	Registration + dismissal		



Field Events

9:15-10.05 Year 7 boys and girls

10:15 – 11:05 Year 8 boys and girls

11:15 – 12.05 Year 9 boys and girls



Tug of war heats schedule

Year 9.15-10.05

Year 7-10.15-11.05

Year 8-11.15-12.05



Mixed Olympics

Takes priority over field events but not track (this should not happen)

Year 8- 9.15-10.05

Year 9-10.15-11.05

Year 7 11.15-12.05



On Tuesday students took part in Step Live! The annual showcase event in London for the Step Into Dance programme. Our performance group were selected from groups across the London Boroughs from the 'Step Around Town' events. The performances were brilliant and Hayes students opened the show with their piece 'Wednesday' based on the Netflix series. Their commitment and enthusiasm shone through and we all thoroughly enjoyed the fun and support all schools gave each other, another great dance community event!

Mrs Jefferies



I really enjoyed the step live show on Tuesday as all dancers really supported each other and it was such a fun experience. It was such an amazing experience as a dancer and I would happily do it again - I would really recommend it for anyone who is a dancer!

Tamsin

Last Tuesday our dance group had the privilege to perform at The Cadogan Hall in London as part of the 'step into dance' program.

I thought it was a really memorable experience to dance at such a professional venue as well as enjoying sharing the moment with my friends. But my favourite part was watching all the dancers, perform their contrastingly different pieces coming from all over London and being able to come on stage at the end and celebrate our achievement and love of dance together. I am really greatful that I got to be a part of this and thought it was a great opportunity. Jeanne



I love and 100% recommend step into dance because it's such a fun club with an amazing teacher and a great group of students. It's a safe, supportive environment to be yourself in and explore / experiment with your dance skills along with everyone else (my favourite parts are the warmups and learning new choreo). You don't need any dance experience and it's great to work towards showcases as well!

*thank you,
from Elyria*

'I love dancing on stage since it gives me a chance not to think about my studies and to just focus on one thing, to perform my best.' Saya



Well done to:

Tamsin Moreton
Annabelle Jones
Bella-Rose Janes
Elyria Roberts
Jeanne Bernard-Kopiecki
Saya Fothergill
Lyra Penny
Lauren Mercer
Jessica Browning
Nia-Rose Charles
Rosie Simpson
Kaylah McKenzie



One Ted Day

On Monday 23rd June, we welcomed 29 Year 6 students to Hayes Secondary. These students, who are soon to join us in Year 7, are arriving on their own from their Primary School, so we give them an early opportunity to meet others in the same position. What makes this event truly special is the chance for these newcomers to shadow current Year 7 students (ambassadors), who were in the same position just last year. Throughout the day, our 'wanted individuals' or 'One-teds' as we have dubbed them, experienced real Year 7 classes in Modern Foreign Languages, Science, IT, Maths, and Design Technology. They also enjoyed lunch in the Hayes restaurant, took a tour of the school, and participated in a Q&A session. Students were able to spend time on Gadsden Lawn and have already started to form friendship groups. It's a fantastic event, and judging by the smiles and comments, our One-teds already feel at home.

Mr Hazlehurst

"I had a brilliant day and already feel less nervous about coming in September."

Year 6 Student

Year 12 Geography

Kings Cross Visit



On Wednesday, a group of 40 A Level students visited King's Cross as part of their studies on urban redevelopment. The purpose of the trip was to examine the success of the regeneration project in the area, which aligns with their current scheme of work on regeneration and urban development, and may also inform their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) projects.

Having previously explored the historical and geographical context of King's Cross in lessons, students welcomed the opportunity to experience the location firsthand. They were able to identify key landmarks, deepen their understanding of the area's heritage, and observe its contemporary functions. Throughout the day, students practised a variety of data collection techniques to evaluate the success, sustainability, and long-term impact of the redevelopment.



Year 7 History

Rochester

On the 11th and 24th June, Year 7 students went on our annual Humanities extravaganza to Rochester. We had two wonderful days, the sun shone and a bizarre variety of sweets were purchased and consumed. It was a pleasure to take all the Year 7 students on the trip, their behaviour was exemplary - the train, cathedral and castle staff all praised how brilliant they were and there were some excellent questions and answers in the Cathedral. Students were fascinated by the sights, smells and recreations of daily life in the Castle. I also was so proud at the way the students conducted themselves in the High Street, they were so polite that one elderly couple from Margate answered 15 questionnaires as they enjoyed speaking to the students so much!

Below is Seren's account of the day:

I loved going to Rochester Castle, every activity was so fun even just on the train there. We went to the high street, castle and cathedral when we were there and my favourite was the high street because we went round with our friends to different shops. I also loved the castle as it was very fun to go to the top (which was 100ft high) and to explore all the historic rooms where you could read, see and even smell what Rochester would look like 100s of years ago. Rochester has been my favourite school trip so far !!!



Paul Cabb Parent/Carer Workshop:

Preparing your Child for Transition

On **Thursday 17th July 2025**, Paul Cabb, an independent ASD advisor who works with Hayes, will be in school to offer advice and support with managing transition in to the next academic year for our autistic students.

Transition from one school year to another is a time of big and hopefully positive change as your children grow up and head towards greater independence and adult plans, but it can also be a source of anxiety following a long break. We shall be thinking about how to celebrate their journey this year and how Hayes School supports change and how to support your young people in planning for the New Year. Why not come and transition with us!

Come and join us for this parent/carer workshop session: **Thursday 17th July 2025, 4.30 pm- 6.00pm**.

If you can please confirm attendance to the parent forum via e-mail to the SEN Administrator Mrs Butler
CMB@hayes.bromley.sch.uk.

Hello Hayes community,

You might remember back in December when I ran 100km around Clapham Common in a single day for charity. Well, it turns out I didn't learn my lesson. In fact, I finished that run wondering if I could go even bigger. And now... I'm about to find out.



While most of us are planning a well-earned rest this summer, I've decided that relaxation is overrated. So, I've set myself a new challenge: to run the entire length of the UK.

Starting on the 27th of July, I'll be running from **John O'Groats** (right at the top of Scotland) all the way to **Land's End** (at the very bottom of Cornwall). That's **1,380 kilometres (860 miles)**, working our to be roughly **two marathons a day**, every day, for **21 days straight**.



I'll be joined by my best mate Jordan, another Aussie who works in education and also seems to think this is a good idea. We figured if we're going to run ourselves into the ground, we might as well see a bit of the country while we do it. Hence the idea of JOGLE (John O'Groats to Lands' End) was born.

We're once again raising money for **Rays of Sunshine**, an amazing UK charity that grants wishes to seriously ill children. Our goal is to raise over **£10,000** to help fund life-changing experiences and ongoing hospital support for these young people and their families.

If you'd like to support us, whether with a donation, a share, or just a few words of encouragement, you can do so via the link or QR code below. We'd love to bring the Hayes School community along for the ride, even if it's just from the comfort of your sofa or your summer holiday sun lounger.

Have a lovely summer break, and thank you so much in advance for all the support so far. And if you thought 100km around Clapham Common was big... just wait.

Link to Fundraiser: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/joglerun?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL



*Mr Foster
Business Studies & Economics
(Hopefully still upright by September)*

YEAR 11 LEAVERS EVENT

2025

Shortly after completing their final GCSE examination, our Year 11 students returned to School for one final celebration; a joyful and heartfelt farewell marking the end of their secondary school journey. The afternoon was filled with shared memories, laughter, creatively decorated shirts, and the traditional shirt-signing.

The event began with one final year group assembly, offering students the chance to reflect on the significant moments and milestones of the past five years. It was also an opportunity to thank their tutors, whose dedication and tireless support have played such an important role in their school journey.

Following the assembly, students gathered on the field to enjoy music, refreshments, and time with friends and staff, capturing special moments with photos and enjoying a relaxed, celebratory atmosphere. It was a fitting send-off.

This year group has left a lasting legacy at Hayes School. They will be remembered for their humour, creativity, resilience, and above all, their kindness and respect for others. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and confident they will continue to thrive in whatever comes next.

On behalf of the entire staff body, thank you to the parents and families who have supported them, and us, throughout this journey. We wish every one of our Year 11 students the very best for the future.

*Mr Brockman
Year 11 Achievement Co-ordinator*



CARNEGIE SHADOWING EVENT

Langley Park School for Girls

The Year 9 bookclub attended a Carnegie Shadowers' collaboration event at Langley Park school for girls. They discussed the merits of the Carnegie shortlisted books with students from Langley Park Boys and Langley Park Girls and then everyone watched the livestream of the awards ceremony.

The winner of the Carnegie Medal was Glasgow Boys by Margaret McDonald and the winner of the Shadowers' choice was King of Nothing by Nathaniel Lessore.



Top Attendance W/C

16th June 2025

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7HMW	98.48%
8	8LAT	97.42%
9	9BGW	95.52%
10	10JWH	98.12%
12	6MMM	98.46%

Top Attendance W/C

23th June 25

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7JGM	98.83%
8	8LAT	97.58%
9	9SMC	95.56%
10	10JWH	100.00%
12	6DC	97.66%

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