



Hayes School Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an exceptional couple of weeks at Hayes, packed with achievement, community spirit and opportunities for our students to truly live our new values:

Be Kind, Own It, Stronger Together, and Show Up.

Destinations Evening: Inspiring Aspirations

This week we held our highly successful Destinations Evening led by Mrs Moulton-Brady, welcoming 26 speakers from a wide range of industries to share their career journeys with our Sixth Form students. It was wonderful to see so many Hayes Alumni return to give back to our community. This was a powerful expression of Be Kind and Stronger Together, and a reminder to our students that their futures are full of possibility when they Show Up and Own It.

Sporting Success: Stronger Together on the Field

Our teams demonstrated incredible teamwork, resilience and school pride:

- The First XV Rugby team produced a superb performance to beat Eastbourne College 34–15, showing real determination and collective strength.
- Our Year 7 Boys Football team continued their excellent start to the year with a 4–2 victory over Skinners, playing with maturity well beyond their age.
- Both U15 Girls Netball teams put in fantastic performances against Colfe's School, securing wins of 16–13 and 11–6. Their teamwork and encouragement of each other were brilliant examples of being Stronger Together. Well done to all our athletes for representing Hayes with such integrity and spirit.

Learning Beyond the Classroom: Students Showing Up

We were delighted to take students to the F1 in Schools events, where they immersed themselves in innovation, engineering and problem solving. Their enthusiasm and curiosity were a credit to the school. Incredibly, the last two weeks alone have seen 11 school trips, offering rich learning experiences and further chances for students to Show Up and engage with the world beyond the classroom.

First Give Evening: Kindness in Action

Our Year 9 tutor groups delivered an inspirational First Give evening led by Miss Krystal, presenting their work on behalf of charities including Bromley Brighter Beginnings and Porchlight. The creativity and passion were exceptional – from audience participation and singing to persuading everyone to run a lap of the hall! Students embodied the values of Be Kind and Stronger Together, championing causes that make a real difference in our community.

Year 11 Mocks: Owning It

A huge well done to Year 11, who have made an impressive start to their mock examinations. Their commitment to our much expanded revision programme has been outstanding. A special commendation must go to the 36 Year 11 History students who have consistently arrived at 8:00am over recent weeks for extra revision sessions. Their dedication is a perfect example of what it means to Own It and Show Up.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mr Hitch
Headteacher



Art, Design and Textiles

In the Spotlight



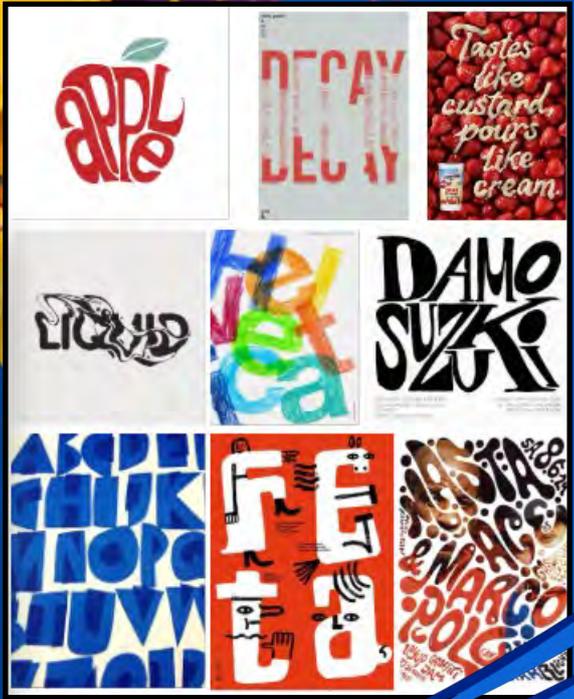
Celebration of KS3 Art

Storytelling at it's finest. Vic Lee is an award-winning **artist, mural artist, author and speaker**. He has been commissioned by **global brands** and companies, as well as producing many **sold out artworks** to collectors around the **World**.

We have chosen Lee as one of our artists to explore our Identity theme through typography, graphics and word associations.



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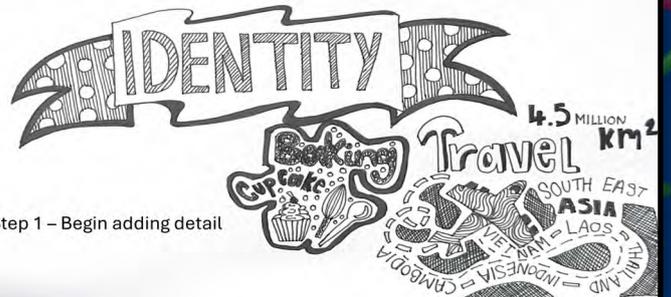


What skills are our Year 9s taught.

- ◆ Layout & composition
- ◆ Attention to detail
- ◆ Patience
- ◆ 7 Elements: line, shape, form, space, texture, value, colour
- ◆ Learn about artist Vic Lee
- ◆ Create a mind map of your identity

Work in Progress

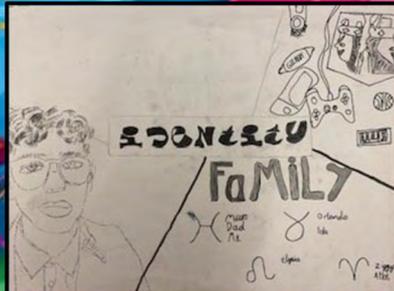
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Anna B 9NXF



Keanu M 9MJE



Amber C 9NXF



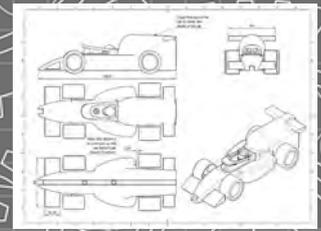
Millie A 9LAT



Darwin C 9NXF



Sari A 9NXF



F1 in Schools has now rebranded to **STEM racing**. This year, our Year 10 team **Oblivion** have also undergone a rebrand and are just about ready to compete (at time of writing) in their second Development class competition where we are aiming for a podium finish. If successful, they will compete with teams from around the country in a national competition.

- In the Development class, which is the middle tier of the competition, our team of 6 must demonstrate:
- More advanced use of CAD and CFD software
 - Evidence of aerodynamic design thinking
 - Five-page Design & Engineering portfolio
 - Five-page Enterprise portfolio
 - Five-minute verbal presentation
 - Pit display and car renderings
 - Demonstration of project management in action



This is a challenge that team Oblivion has relished once again. Peter Fagg is an expert engineer at **WSP** who has dedicated 2 hours of his time each Thursday to support team Oblivion. He also supports our two younger Year 9 and Year 8 teams with a focus on designing and developing the car with Fusion CAD software. **WSP**, who are a world-leading engineering and professional services consulting firm. **SME needs** are our other sponsor, and are a successful marketing

company who help companies to grow to the next level. As our sponsors, this year supporting the team to go as far as they can in the competition. If you would like to sponsor us next year, where we can promote your company at the worlds largest STEM competition please contact lwf@hayes.bromley.sch.uk.

I would like to mention our brilliant Technical Technician, Tony Robertson, who supports us with the routing (shaping) of the car bodies and 3D printing of parts has done it again this year helping us to make 2 identical cars. I am still looking for an extra helper who would be interested in supporting the teams generally. Training will be given, but mainly it will be learning on the job. This could be a member of staff in school or a willing parent who can help volunteer every Thursday for a few hours. Please contact me at lwf@hayes.bromley.sch.uk if you are interested.

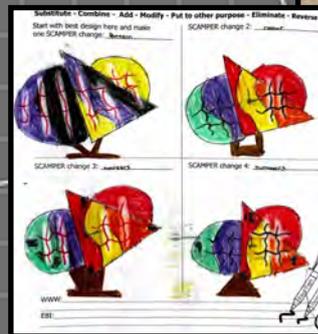
Well done to Owen.M, Ethan.R, Dom.W, Tamsyn,R, Sid,K, Harrey.D in Year 10 and we wish them every success on their big day.

Year 8 Robot Project

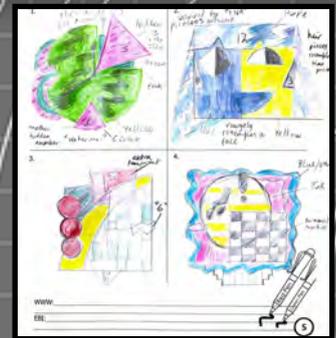
Year 8 students have made a super start this term working on making traditional wood joints out of pine as it is still useful to have skills with hand tools even in this digital age. They use this knowledge to then make a robot of their own design in the second half of the project. Well done to Miss. Whitehead for her work developing this project to make it more purposeful and engaging for our students as the newer project she has introduced.

Year 9 Memphis Clock Project

Year 9 students have been designing to make a clock in DT. They have researched the 1980's design movement called 'Memphis' and are using this as inspiration for their fun, wacky, abstract and unconventional design ideas. They will then cut pieces of acrylic plastic and wood to construct the clock. Well done to Yumi C, Harry B, Chantelle C and Matylda T for leading the way with your excellent design work!

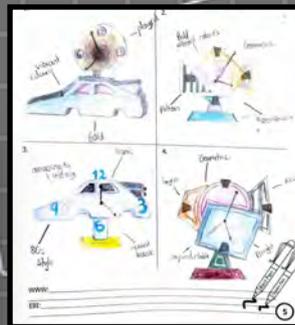


Yumi C

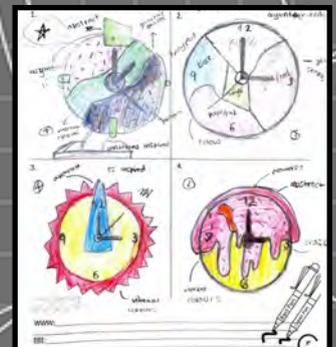


Chantelle C

Below are some final Memphis inspired clock examples from Mr.Fortt's Year 9 class last term:



Matylda. T



Harry B

Year 10 D&T GCSE

Year 10 D&T GCSE students have been making good progress using traditional techniques to make their bug hotel projects and really got involved in personalising them. Year 10's have also been learning Autodesk Fusion to model ideas in 3D, produce professional looking Orthographic drawing and then realistic renders with help from AI.

Thanks to Mr.Hitch to helping judge the best examples in Mr.Fortt's class and well done to our winners:

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|-----------|----------|
| Vinnie.C | Elliot.O |
| Adam.K | Ewan.S |
| Charlie.L | Tyla.T |
| Tilly.N | Sienna.V |





Sporting Success

England Call-Up for Seb Harrison (Year 9)

We are delighted to share some fantastic sporting news from this half term. Seb Harrison (Year 9) has been selected for the England U15 football squad as they prepare for international fixtures against Cyprus and the USA.

Seb, who trains with the Chelsea Football Academy, continues to impress with his commitment, talent, and ability to balance the demands of elite football with his academic studies. His selection is a tremendous achievement and reflects his dedication both on and off the pitch. The whole school community is incredibly proud of him, and we look forward to hearing all about his experience when he returns.

Well done, Seb, and good luck in the England shirt.

Senior Rugby Under the Lights

A standout moment came from the Senior Rugby team, sponsored by Tom Lewis Sports Rehab, who secured an impressive 34–15 victory over Eastbourne College in the Friday Night Lights fixture at Horsham RFC. Led superbly by captain Jack Allen, who also represents Ealing Trailfinders U18, the team produced a dominant performance. Well done to everyone involved.



As we approach the start to an intense Rugby 7s season, the boys and girls squads are hard at work. The boys Year 7 and 8 teams have been in rugby action at tournaments organised by Charles Darwin. We look forward to a busy half term with Kent 7s and Rosslyn Park tournaments on the horizon.

Swimming Success for Will and Matthew Preston

The last two weekends saw the Kent Swimming Championships take place at the London Olympic Pool, where Will Preston delivered an outstanding series of performances. Having first qualified in 2021, Will has added more events to his programme each year. This year he qualified for 11 events.

He achieved personal bests in most races and reached the final in three events, placing him in the top 10 swimmers in Kent for those categories. Given Kent's status as one of the strongest swimming counties in the country, this is an exceptional achievement. It also marks the first time Will has ever reached a county final. He now looks ahead to the London Regional Competitions, where he has already qualified for three events.

Younger brother Matthew Preston (Year 8) also enjoyed a fantastic meet, achieving personal best times in every event he qualified for. A brilliant effort from both brothers.

International Rugby Honours

We are proud to recognise three players involved in this fixture who have also achieved international honours.

Josh Ebohon, Jayden Daley, and Thomas Chisimba Lang all had the distinction of representing the Jamaica U17 Rugby team, showcasing their talent on the international stage.

Their achievement is a testament to their dedication, hard work, and passion for the game - well done to all three players.

Growth of Girls' Football

This half term marked an exciting milestone as we fielded a Senior Girls' Football Team for the first time in several years. Huge thanks go to Miss Thomas and Miss Outteridge for driving this initiative forward. We hope this marks the start of even bigger and brighter things for senior girls' football.

It was also fantastic to see the Year 7 Girls' Football Team representing the school at the Langley 5 a side tournament, where we entered three squads. Well done to all the girls who took part.



Netball Achievements

Our netball teams have also enjoyed strong success. The U13s recorded a 23–2 win and the U14s an 8–5 victory over Eden Park in the final week of January. Players of the Match were awarded to Jessica N and Darcey B for their excellent performances.

This week brings another big programme of fixtures, with all age groups competing against Colfe's School, while the U13 girls take part in the Rainham County Tournament.

Trampolining Team Make History

Our trampolining squad continues to excel, with an incredible 21 pupils qualifying for the National Finals in March. At the Southern Zonal Competition, the team achieved exceptional success, including two individual champions:

- Molly I (Year 13) – Y10–14 Advanced
- April J (Year 9) – Y7–9 Girls Novice

The Y7–9 Girls Novice team were crowned champions, finishing 1st out of 13 teams and 66 competitors, with April also finishing top individually. This marks the most successful set of results the squad has ever achieved. Congratulations to all involved, and thank you to our outstanding partners at Coney Hall Cosmonauts for their continued support and high quality coaching.



FA Cup Trophy Visit

Footballers from across all age groups were given a fantastic opportunity this week as they learned about—and had their photograph taken with—the historic FA Cup trophy.

The Crystal Palace Community Foundation brought the iconic trophy into school and delivered an engaging assembly for pupils, celebrating the club's achievements from last season (a success which clearly could not be repeated).

The trophy was just as popular with staff as it was with students, with many taking the chance to see the silverware up close. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved.



Earlier this half term, students from Year 7-11 took part in the annual dance showcase 'Dancefest'. Students performed work from exam classes, and extra-curricular clubs and performed to a fantastic audience of staff, students, friends and family. The quality and variety of the performances was excellent and contributed to a great atmosphere.

Well done performers, you were truly inspirational!

Everyone involved should be proud of their efforts and achievements, both in rehearsals and on the night.

A huge thank you to all involved!

Mrs Jefferies



DANCE FEST 2026

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"Great dancers and music."

"All the dancers were really talented."

"I really enjoyed practicing and learning the dance with my friends and it was such a fun experience."

"It was really fun! I enjoyed it when we all came together in the finale. I also enjoyed how we got to show off the dances that we've worked really hard on."

"It was such a supportive audience and the energy in the room was so fun."

"I loved it. I enjoyed everything and showcasing our skills. It was really well organised."

"I liked the finale and how everyone was dancing together."

"I enjoyed showcasing our hard work. Dance Fest was so well organised and it was so fun."

"I liked that dance is a whole new community at school. All the dancers were very talented."

"I liked the finale where everyone came together."

"Love, love, loved it so much, such fun vibes!"

"I liked the variety of the dances and how many people love dance. All the dancers were very talented, and everyone looked like they were having lots of fun. The finale was great!"

"I really enjoyed Dance Fest, not only was it a great dance opportunity but also a time to build great memories with my friends. It was a lovely time."

"I liked Dance Fest as it was a new experience."

"It was really fun and everyone was included. More dance shows please. I loved it!"



Book Review

The Fault in Our Stars

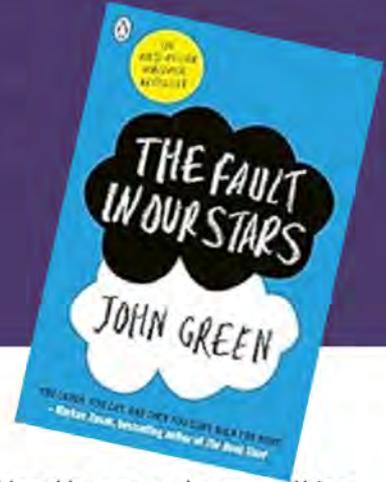
by John Green

I fell in love the way you fall asleep: slowly, then all at once.

Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis.

But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw, *The Fault in Our Stars* brilliantly explores the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love.



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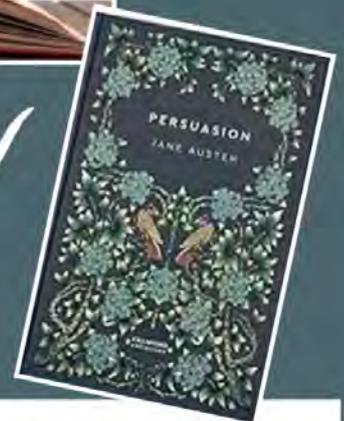
We are grateful for your continued consideration of our neighbours when driving and parking around the school.

We ask that you do not block footpaths or driveways and always obey speed restrictions.



Book Review

Persuasion
by Jane Austen



Persuasion is a quietly powerful love story centred on Anne Elliot, a thoughtful and reserved young woman who is persuaded to break off her engagement to Frederick Wentworth, a naval officer she deeply loves, due to his lack of fortune and status.

Eight years later, Wentworth returns—now wealthy and successful—and reenters Anne's social circle. As they navigate a world of changing fortunes, pride, and second chances, Anne must confront her past decisions and the enduring strength of true love.

Austen's final completed novel, *Persuasion* is a moving exploration of regret, maturity, and the hope of rekindled romance

Mansfield College, Oxford

27th January 2026



On the 27th January, Mr Stephens and Mr Mitchell lead a visit to Mansfield College, Oxford. There were 31 students from years 11 and 12 and I was privileged to be one of them. It was a great day out that we all thoroughly enjoyed. We started by simply enjoying the feel of the city and admiring the general architecture of Oxford as our coach approached the college. Once there, we soon settled into the feel of the college itself and were given helpful advice about what life was like at Mansfield and the university in general. Then we had a question and answer session with current Mansfield students about life at Oxford and the application process. They took us on a tour of Mansfield where we got to marvel at the number of books in the library before ending up in the breathtaking chapel. It was truly a sight to behold and while we ate our delicious buffet lunch it felt as if we had been spirited away to Hogwarts! We then split into two groups, one for a maths lecture and one for linguistics. I attended the maths one. We had a highly entertaining and enthusiastic teacher who talked to us about infinity and the problems that it can cause, especially in our understanding of it. It was great fun and I thoroughly enjoyed it and would have been happy to talk about infinity for ever! We then walked back to our coach through rain, but it was all worth it! I think that it wasn't just the information about maths or the application processes, but about the way it made all of us really think and ask ourselves and each other questions about what we wanted to study and where we wanted to do it. Could I see myself studying maths at Mansfield in four year's time? Yes, I think I could. And I think that is what really made the trip for me: as part of a group, thinking about our futures.

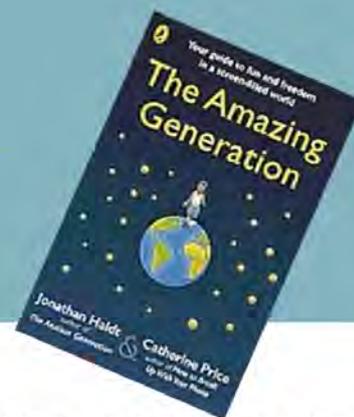


William Preston

Book of the Month

The Amazing Generation

by Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price



Inspired by the global bestseller "The Anxious Generation!"

Packed with facts, stories, and secrets that tech leaders don't want you to know, this book invites kids to step back from their screens and discover how capable, confident and adventurous they can be in the real world.

The Anxious Generation started a world-changing conversation about the effects of smartphones and social media on young people. Now bestselling authors Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price have teamed up to talk directly to kids, showing them it's possible to live a fulfilling smartphone-free life.

Featuring a practical Tech Rebel Reset strategy, the book will show children how to:

- Break free from their phones
- Create more freedom in their day
- Re-discover the joy of screen-free adventures.

It can help them be amazing.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP TO SEE STARLIGHT EXPRESS



On Thursday 15th January, 55 students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12 travelled by coach to the specially designed Starlight Auditorium at Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre. Our students were immersed in a world of speed, song and storytelling as a cast of 40 whizzed around on roller skates and scooters, performing songs including AC/DC, Make Up My Heart, Light at the End of the Tunnel and Starlight Express.

I thought it had great plot-line, songs (which were sung well) and the skating was brilliant. *Thomas*

Thank you so much for this amazing trip. I loved the bit when they were racing and the engines were exploding. Overall, I thought it was amazing. Thank you so much. *Grace*

I loved Starlight Express, it was really enjoyable and unique with the skates and dances. I'd definitely go to see it again sometime and I think we all have the Hydrogen Song in our head now :) Thank you so much for taking us! *Isabella*

Starlight Express was an incredible trip and the unique style made it 1000x better. All of the actors were very skilled and the technical side was amazing! I'd love to see it again, thank you so much to the teachers for taking us. *Henry*



I really enjoyed the trip not only because it was amazing (although it really was amazing) but because it was fun to go with my friends from all year groups and to sit next to or near my friends in the theatre and on the coach. *Emily*



I really enjoyed Starlight Express and I found it a really nice school trip. I would really enjoy it if you did this type of trip again. *Albertine*

It was a journey of a lifetime! 100% recommend! *Mia*

Starlight Express was very good. I really enjoyed it when they were racing and it was a change to normal musicals with the roller-skating element. *Natalie*

I really enjoyed the show, it was fun and all the actors/actresses were so so talented as they were on roller skates for the whole show! My favourite part was when Rusty the steam engine won the train race as it was very sweet. It was an amazing experience, and I am very thankful to the music department for organising it! Many thanks, *Louise*



It was the best experience I ever had in a theatre. My favourite part was when the two referees flipped and landed on a ramp! It was definitely worth going. *Karina*

I thought the show was amazing. Especially with all the lights and costumes. My favourite part was the finale. *Lexi*



I liked the fact that they were on roller skating. I was confused at some parts of the show, and I don't think it is something I would see very often but over all I enjoyed the show very much and enjoyed seeing the little girl blow the horn to get the trains to be silent. *Hannah*



I had a great time on the Starlight Express trip. The show was action-packed with lots of incredible numbers that made the show brilliant. The choreography was performed very well and the characters were great. Thank you so much for taking us on this trip! *Tobie*

I really enjoyed this musical and I am grateful that I got the opportunity to go and see it. Thank you to the people who made it happen. I loved the songs as well as the costumes and thought the tech side of the show was amazing. *Liliana*

I loved the Starlight Express trip because it was very unique with the actors on roller skates and scooters. The tricks and songs were wonderful. Would definitely recommend and see again. *Emily*

I highly recommend Starlight Express. I enjoyed the trip there and back and the interesting storyline of the musical. I would like to thank all the teachers who took their time to take us on this brilliant trip! *Lila*

I thought that the trip was really good. The stage was so unique and it was amazing watching all the characters fly by on roller-skates! The stunts were incredible and the lighting and special effects were so cool to watch. I am very grateful that I got to come on this trip! *Emma*

Starlight Express was by far my favourite to date to see, it was such an amazing production and was the cast and costumes were amazing. Thank you to everyone who organised the trip. Looking forward to the next show!! *Freya-Louise*

TEACHER TRAINING

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Ever wondered what it feels like to shape someone's future? Training to become a teacher gives you the chance to inspire young minds, spark curiosity, and make a real, lasting impact every single day.

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- Secondary trainees

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Attendance

Top Attendance W/C 19th January 2026

| Year | Tutor group | Percentage |
|------|-------------|------------|
| 7 | 7VXD | 97.33% |
| 8 | 8VSB | 97.58% |
| 9 | 9AMH | 94.69% |
| 10 | 10JKE | 95.67% |
| 11 | 11JTJ | 97.33% |
| 12 | 6SRA | 100.00% |
| 13 | 6KTG | 100% |

Top Attendance W/C 23rd January 2026

| Year | Tutor group | Percentage |
|------|-------------|------------|
| 7 | 7CAP | 99.38% |
| 8 | 8VSB | 96.36% |
| 9 | 9MJE | 96.90% |
| 10 | 10TJA | 95.94% |
| 11 | 11JWH | 96.25% |
| 12 | 6IBA | 100% |
| 13 | 6SRA | 98.46% |

UPDATE FROM OUR TRUST

Working together to lift attendance and ensure ambitious curriculum experiences across our Trust schools

Leaders from across Impact Multi Academy Trust have been coming together at the start of this term for focused collaboration sessions, including on how we ensure a really powerful and whole-Trust core offer of curriculum experiences for *all* children in our Trust. This includes visits and trips outside of school, as well as activities outside of the classroom in school. This work builds on our Trust values of inclusion and ambition and is part of our aim that every child in our Trust schools is able to "find their something" that inspires them. This will build on the strong offer that is already happening in our individual schools and we look forward to sharing more in due course.

Then also in January, our school leaders came together to focus on one of the most pressing challenges facing schools and families nationally—attendance. Attendance in our Trust is good compared to national averages and is improving over time but it is still a key priority for our Trust schools. We heard from each-other about bold, creative strategies to reengage students who are struggling, strengthen resilience, and support families. These include specific support for individual students, interventions to smarter use of data, improved pastoral care and really strong joint working with families. By sharing approaches our schools are shaping a unified strategy to support strong attendance across our Trust.

What emerged clearly from all the sessions was the power of collaboration, one of our Trust values, and we look forward to sharing more in future updates.

Together, we enable everyone to thrive.

Safer Internet day was Tuesday 10th February. We led an assembly to support students in thinking carefully about how we use the online world and digital safety.

The UK Safer Internet Centre have put together some information for parents. Please click [here](#) for further information.