



Hayes School Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher



Thank You for a Brilliant First Half-Term!

As we wrap up our first half-term, I want to take a moment to say thank you for what has been a fantastic start to the year at Hayes. This term has been packed with wonderful moments that showcase the talent, spirit, and kindness of our students.

Today's highlight was the trampolining competition, where several of our incredible students brought home both team and individual gold medals — triumphing over strong competitors from schools including Darrick Wood, Bullers Wood and others. A huge congratulations to everyone who took part!

We've also celebrated success across the board in our celebration assemblies, recognising students from every year group. It was heart-warming to see students cheering each other on and showing such genuine support for their peers.

This week, we were thrilled to welcome the F1 in Schools team, who worked with our Key Stage 3 students on miniature car designs — a fantastic opportunity that brought STEM learning to life in a creative and exciting way.

Another special moment was the Year 7 music event, where tutor groups battled it out with amazing enthusiasm and talent. Standout solo performances from Umah, Callum, and Grace were a real treat — well done to all involved!

A special shout out to our exam years who have been working incredibly hard. In the paper survey we handed out at the Year 11 evening 98% of respondents said they would recommend the school to another parent.

But above all else, what truly stands out this half-term is the wonderful spirit of our Hayes students — from big wins to small, daily acts of kindness, they continue to impress and inspire us every day.

Thank you all for your kind words, messages and support since I started. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming your children back soon.

Mr Hitch

Congrats!

and Welcome to our New Year 7 Cohort

I'm incredibly proud of what our Hayes Year 7 students have accomplished this half term. Watching them settle into their first secondary school community with such curiosity and courage has been inspiring—and I'm sure you've felt that pride at home too.

Academically, they've embraced a wide range of subjects, routines, and reading materials, supported by a rich and varied curriculum. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm grow, especially with the help of language drop-ins, musical auditions, clubs, sports events, and more.

As homework was introduced, I've been truly impressed by the support shown both in school and at home. Families have embraced this new routine, helping students build resilience and confidence in their learning. Thank you for supporting this important transition.

This half term, Year 7 focused on three key Hayes Way values:

- We demonstrate kindness and good manners
- We allow others to learn
- We aim high

The impact has been fantastic. Students are thanking teachers as they leave lessons, celebrating birthdays together at lunch, respecting each other's learning styles and boundaries, and striving for excellence in their academic progress.

A huge thank you to the Year 7 team and all staff who continue to support this amazing group of students. Wishing you all a restful and relaxing half term.

Miss Joyce
Year 7 Achievement Co-ordinator

'I have made loads of friends, it has been easy to find my way around the school and the food is really good.'

'I've had a lot of fun exploring the school'

'I feel a lot more grown up, like an adult.'

'Good food, like home to me.
Good to meet new friends.'

'So far I'm finding Hayes ok. I like having more independence but I'm also finding it a big change from primary, like how there's a lot more homework. I'm finding it hard to keep up with it.'

'The clubs I've been to have been really nice.'

'The teachers have been really kind and welcoming.'

Year 7 Concert

Last week we welcomed Year 7 families to hear students performing in their first Hayes music event. Each music class performed a class song, and was represented by a soloist. There was talent and bravery in abundance, and our adjudicator Carys Lloyd Roberts was hugely impressed by what our students have achieved in only a few weeks at Hayes. Our winning soloists were Alexzander N 7RAC with his performance of *Where Is Love?* from *Oliver*, and Callum U 7KEB with Clean Bandit's *Symphony*. The two winning classes were 7AC2 with *Don't Stop*, and 7BC2 with *If I Didn't Have You*.





Celebrating Student Achievement @Hayes



Congratulations to Emma S and Will F, both of whom have secured places in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain for 2025-6. This is an incredible achievement, and we are super proud to (once again) have two Hayes students in the NYO, as there is a very low representation from state schools. The opportunities for Emma and Will will include working with top conductors and performing at prestigious venues including the Royal Albert Hall for the BBC proms next summer.

An additional congratulations to Emma for being appointed as principal horn, an outstanding accomplishment.



Our first MusicFest of the year is coming up in the first week after half term. MusicFests are informal concerts where students in all year groups display their musical talents as soloists and in small groups. There is always a fabulous mixture of music in an incredible range of styles. Students in any year group can volunteer to perform by completing the form on the music blog: www.hayesmusic.blog We look forward to having a lovely supportive audience there: advance tickets are available from our Ticketsource shop: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayes-school-music/t-ldkezlx>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Living Wall



Friends of Hayes School are pleased to be supporting Hayes Primary School PTA with their amazing Fireworks and Drone Show taking place on Saturday 8th November at Hayes Primary.

Please purchase tickets through the dedicated link <https://buytickets.at/hayesprimaryschool/1857745/r/hayes-secondary-school>

For every ticket purchased through this link, Friends of Hayes School will receive 10% of the total sale.

This is one not to be missed!

HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS...

FIREWORKS AND DRONE SHOW

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN 4:30PM

ADVANCED TICKETS:

ADULTS: £8
CHILDREN: £5
2YO & UNDER - FREE
FAMILY: £22 (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)

BOOK HERE

• PTA Dads BBQ
 • Indian Street Food
 • Mulled wine
 • Beer / Cider
 • Soft drinks
 • Baileys Hot Chocolate
 • Glow sticks & Toys

Drone Show - 6pm
Low Noise Fireworks - 7pm

ADVANCED TICKETS CLOSE @ 2PM ON 8TH NOV.
Tickets available on the door at increased price

SUPPORTED BY HAYES SECONDARY PTA



Hayes School Careers Fair – Wednesday 26th November

We're excited to announce that we still have spaces available for our Annual Careers Fair on **Wednesday 26th November, from 8:00am to 2:30pm**. This will be our third Careers Fair at Hayes School, and we're aiming to make it our biggest and best yet, giving our young people the chance to explore a wide range of careers and connect with professionals from as many industries as possible to support them with making decisions about their future.

If you or your organisation would like to take part, please take a moment to complete our short questionnaire to tell us a little more about your career.

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/UxFU6MWquM>

Tables will be provided, along with refreshments and lunch, and we warmly welcome any marketing materials, handouts, or displays to help showcase your organisation or career journey.

We'd love for you to join us and help inspire the next generation of Hayes students!



Calling All Hayes Alumni

At Hayes School, we're proud of the incredible journeys our former students have gone on to achieve, and we'd love to strengthen our **Hayes Alumni Network** to inspire our current students.

If you attended Hayes, or have children, relatives, or friends who are former Hayes students, we'd be delighted to hear from you. We're building a network of alumni who can help current students by sharing their career paths, experiences, and advice as they begin to make decisions

about their own futures.

Please take a moment to complete our short questionnaire to tell us a little more about your journey after Hayes and how you might like to get involved. Your story could make a real difference to a young person finding their way.

👉 <https://forms.gle/CHKURLYVCGuNqX9n9>

Thank you for helping us celebrate the success of our Hayes community and supporting our students as they explore their next steps!

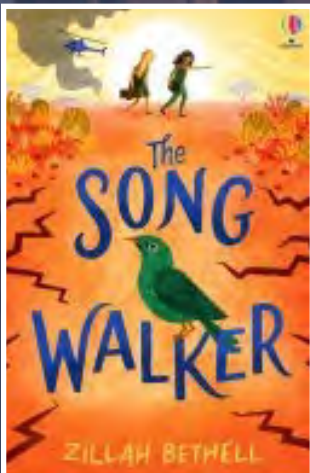
Book Club

Our book clubs meet in the library and are open for anyone who enjoys reading and connecting with others who have the same passion or even for those who want to get into reading but struggle to find the time. Students can sign up via SOCS.

Junior Book Club are reading The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien



Senior Book Club have been reading The Songwalker by Zillah Bethell and will be moving on to the book of the month - Midnight Treasure by Piers Torday



Sixth Form Book Club are reading Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

ATTENDANCE

Top Attendance W/C 29th September 2025

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7VXD	99.26%
8	8GMJ	98.21%
9	9EEG	97.31%
10	10JKE	97.78%
11	11JWH	98.61%
12	6ATS 6IBA 6JAS 6NAM	100.00%
13	6SRA	98.29%

Top Attendance W/C 6th October 2025

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7VXD	98.89%
8	8EKA	97.57%
9	9EEG	96.97%
10	10ELF	96.53%
11	11KAN	98.89%
12	6LEE 6SRA 6NAM	100.00%
13	6MMM	100.00%

Top Attendance W/C 13th October 2025

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7KEB	97.86%
8	8EKA	94.85%
9	9AMH	97.94%
10	10MLJ	94.48%
11	11KAN	96.90%
12	6DC	98.00%
13	6ATS	99.23%

BE AWARE

Police are aware of a number of robberies on school aged children across Bromley. Whilst our school has largely been unaffected by this type of crime to date this year, we would encourage all students to consider the following police advice when travelling.

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Plan your routes and consider travelling with a buddy
- Keep valuables out of sight - especially phones!
- Don't be a hero!
- Make a note of your device IMEI number. If unknown, dial *#06#

LOST PROPERTY

We have a surprising amount of lost property that accumulates at school that cannot be reunited with it's owner due to it not being labelled.

It is the student's responsibility to keep their property safe and Hayes does not accept responsibility for items lost by students. If an item is not labelled, it will be kept at Student Reception for 4 weeks and then donated to the Nearly New Shop or charity as appropriate.

Please ensure ALL items brought into school are clearly labelled.

Thank you for your support



Do you have a small shed/summer house/ pergola that you no longer need?

We would be grateful for any donations to support our wonderful eco-garden!

Please contact postmaster@hayes.bromley.sch.uk if you are able to help.