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# HAYES SCHOOL Newsletter

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## Message from the Head of School



Wow, what a term it has been! As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding Spring Term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and experiences that have shaped the past few months at our school, with so many activities and events taking place. From Lille to London, Geneva to

Gravesend; from the Old Vic Theatre to Oxford, Paris to Cambridge; from Mock exams to Malaga and Iceland to Iftah. We have certainly clocked up the miles this term, enriching learning and creating lasting memories along the way.

Our assemblies this week have reminded students about the true meaning of **Easter**; a time that symbolises hope, new beginnings, and the triumph of light over darkness rather than chocolate! We challenged students to think about something meaningful they could give up for 40 days and what this would actually look and feel like; whether this be favourite foods, treats or technology there were some interesting and thought provoking ideas.

Our **Easter Concert** this week was a wonderful showcase of our students' talent, commitment, and creativity. From solo performances to ensemble pieces, the evening was a celebration of musical excellence and a testament to the hard work of both students and staff. I have no doubt that our performers will impress audiences in Germany over the Easter break as they head out on tour.

I would like to thank parents in attendance at our Year 11 Parent Forum and Year 13 'Final Push' Evening as well as those who joined Paul Cabb's Parent Forum on supporting your child with autism. I am immensely grateful for, and do not take for granted, the support we receive from you as

parents and carers throughout the school year.



Last week, we were proud to take part in **#Techognition Day**, a national celebration of the incredible work of school support staff, which included our technicians in DT, Science, IT, PE and Art. These behind-the-scenes heroes make a huge difference to the day-to-day running of our school, and we were delighted to shine a spotlight on their dedication and expertise.

Our Year 9 students have now completed the options process with all submitting their subject choices by the deadline in support of us making the necessary arrangements and timetabling for their GCSE programmes of study.



A special mention must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who are now entering the final phase of preparation for their exams. We will be running **Easter School sessions** during the break to offer additional support and revision opportunities – full details have been sent out and we encourage attendance where possible.

We wish safe travels to students and staff as they set off on the Ski Trip to Austria, the Media visit to New York and the Music Tour to Germany in the next few days. Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. I wish you a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.30am ready for the Summer Term.

Miss Thompson  
Head of School



We will return on Tuesday 22nd April at normal time.

This will be on the Week A timetable.

## Assembly Themes

w/c 21st April (Week A) Stephen Lawrence Day

w/c 28th April (Week B) Geography



In the Spotlight



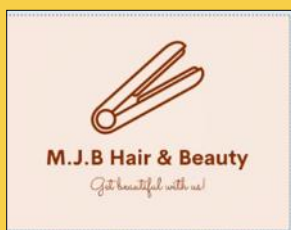
Currently all of our classes are busily preparing for examinations. For those in Years 11 and 13 they will be sitting their final examinations at the end of two years of study. Whilst Years 10 and 12 face end of year assessments.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish every student the best of luck in their upcoming assessments. We are sure that their hard work will be rewarded with excellent grades

## Year 10

Business studies in Year 10 have been using their budding entrepreneurial skills in a challenging Dragon's Den style activity. Each group has had to come up with a business idea and pitch it to fellow Dragons in order to secure the necessary finance to get the idea up and running.

A wide range of different ideas saw students impress the judges and peers and below is a small sample of the business logos generated in class.



Well done on all those involved!



## Year 12

Our Economics and Business Studies students are currently taking their end of year assessments in all subjects whilst the students who take the Cambridge Technicals qualification are preparing for an important external exam in unit 1. We wish them all well.

After the stresses of exams, the Business Studies Department at Hayes will take Year 12 students on a trip to **Budapest**.

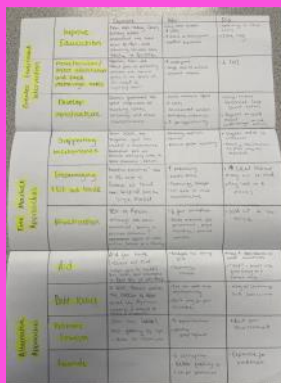
The purpose of this trip is to be an educational experience that will complement our curriculum and enrich the learning journey of our Year 12 Business students.

Whilst away the students will take part in a tour of Audi car plant will also receive a talk from a member of Audi. In addition to this, they will be going on a Legenda Cruise, visiting Törley Champagne Factory, swimming in Lukacs Thermal Baths and partaking in an Escape Room.

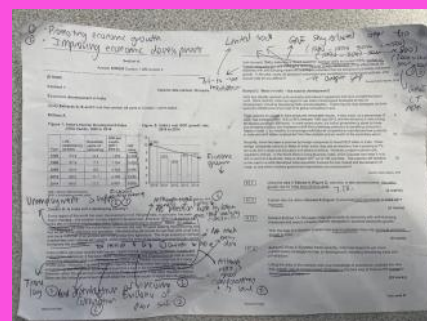
We hope that they all have a fantastic time.

## Year 13

All of our Year 13 students are preparing for the 'Final Push'. The upcoming exams give them a chance to gain credit for their outstanding effort over the past two years. Below is an example of the kind of activities that have been taking place in every lesson over the past months as we enter the final stage of exam preparations.



Students create detailed notes on each topic studied. This example is from a macroeconomics lesson.



Students are then set relevant questions requiring a range of different exam techniques to be applied to different contexts. The example above related to the economic development of India.









The Royal Albert Hall never ceases to amaze with its huge auditorium and atmosphere it creates. And as always the music was incredible with some of my favourite pieces being: West Side Story, Titanic, Jaws (the lighting was epic for this) and obviously Star Wars. I would love to go again and I recommend it to everyone! - Thanks for taking us! *Henry*

I really enjoyed the trip because the tour was very informative and interesting, and the tour guide was very nice. The film music concert was amazing (especially the lights) and very inspirational and it was overall a very fun day. *Elsie*

I loved the Royal Albert Hall as we got to go behind the scenes as well as watching the show. I liked the lunch at Kensington gardens and playing rounders afterwards. It was a pleasant surprise when the presenter gave a shout out for Hayes School. *Victor*

The Royal Albert Hall trip was so much fun! I really enjoyed the tour as well as the incredible concert. My favourite things that the orchestra played were definitely West Side Story and Out of Africa! Thank you for organising such a great trip, I had a lovely time. *Katia*



I really enjoyed going behind the scenes in the Royal Albert Hall as we got to have a look at places that many other people wouldn't be able to see and that made me feel quite special. I loved having lunch at Kensington gardens - it was a lovely day and we played a big game of rounders before heading back to the hall. The music was just amazing and I loved being able to recognise most of the music as it gave the place an amazing feeling/atmosphere. Thank you to all the teachers for making a dream a reality. *Sophia*

One of my favourite parts of the day was the performance, I loved the Jaws theme. It reminded me of my little brother (Hugo) he loves anything shark themed. When I showed him the video it made him so happy. I also loved Princess Leia's Theme and Main Theme it was so fun when everyone was clapping. The fact that the Prince Albert Memorial took 12 years to build when the Royal Albert Hall only took 4 was amazing, it also wowed me that the memorial was made of gold leaf. I was also breath-taken by the beauty of the Royal Albert Hall itself. Thank you so much. *Eva-Marie*

I loved the performance Titanic : My heart will go on . It was a very moving piece and the orchestra performed it beautifully and it was powerfully sung by Louise Dearman. The theatre itself was breath taking and I will never forget this amazing experience. *Elena*

I really enjoyed the Film Music Gala because I got to hear a lot of my favourite movie scores played live by a the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra the tour around the Royal Albert Hall was very interesting and I learned a lot it was great fun so thank you so much to all the teachers who organised it and came with us on the day :) *Ben*

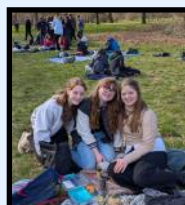


The Royal Albert Hall trip was incredible, it was absolutely amazing learning about the history behind it and having the opportunity to listen to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra which was unforgettable. My personal favourite tune was Star Wars Main tune and Aladdin! *Emilia*

I found it to be a very unique and interesting experience. If you ever get the chance to go see something at the Royal Albert Hall I highly recommend going. *Lavinia*

I liked the tour of the Royal Albert Hall because we got to see behind the scenes and the different seating areas and the kings box where he would wait for the show to begin as well as the history of the hall. I also liked the Film Music Gala because we got to listen lots of famous songs from films like Jaws, Star Wars and Rocky. *Albert*

Thanks for yesterday I really enjoyed hearing Beauty and the Beast's A Tale As Old As Time. I also enjoyed the tour, it was very interesting. *Natalie*



I really enjoyed the Royal Albert Hall trip as we got to see all the history of it and why and how was it made. I was also really cool to see the royal box and where only royalty go. It was lovely when we ate our lunch as lots of people joined in with the game of rounders and we got to see the statue of Albert. I thought the concert was amazing as I knew many of the songs. Thank you to all the teachers for organising and helping out with the trip. | It was a really fun day out. *Olivia*



# Year 10 Primary Project

On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March all three Year 10 Drama GCSE classes visited our Trust Primary schools and performed some of Carol Ann Duffy and Tim Supple's acclaimed dramatisations of the Grimm Tales to Year 4 and 5 pupils, following up the performance by leading the pupils in physical theatre workshops they had put together themselves.

All the Year 10s were brilliant ambassadors for Hayes Drama and the leadership on show in the workshops was a joy to watch.

Huge thanks to our Impact Trust partners, Hawes Down, Clare



House and Langley Primaries for welcoming us into their schools and giving us such positive feedback during and after the visits. I hope that this will now become an annual event!

Mr Gunning



## HPV Vaccinations – Friday 16th May 2025

Parents/Carers of students in Year 8 – can you please complete the link that was emailed to you on 3rd April to state if you do or do not want your child to receive the HPV vaccination.

Parents/Carers of students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 – if your child has not had the HPV vaccination they are still eligible. Please call the Immunisation Team on 020 3903 3375 to arrange for your child to be booked in.

*Angela Nokes, Medical Officer*

# SPORT NEWS



## NETBALL

Our U13 and U14 Netballer's played in their final game of the season this week, securing two wins against Harris Beckenham. Our U13's continued to play hard with a close goal difference throughout the game, managing to secure a 9 - 5 win. Player of the match was awarded to Madison Papworth. Meanwhile our U14's maintained a strong lead from the start of the game to win 25 - 4. Player of the match was awarded to Ellie Barnes. Well done to all of our Netball players who have attended training and represented the school in the Bromley League throughout the playing season this year. We now look forward to moving onto summer sports and the girls representing Hayes in Rounders, Tennis and Cricket fixtures after the Easter break!

*Miss Outteridge*

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

It has been a fantastic year for girls' football at Hayes, with commitment, progress and exciting opportunities across numerous year groups. The Year 8s have shown incredible dedication by turning up for training at 7:15 on Monday mornings throughout the year - a tough ask for the girls (and parents!), but their hard work paid off as they reached the fifth round of the National Cup, narrowly missing out in a penalty shootout. The Year 7s have had valuable match experience to ease them into school football, and I look forward to seeing them develop further next year. This year also saw the introduction of training for sixth form girls, which I hope to expand next year, with the goal of arranging some matches for them. It has been brilliant to watch the girls' football grow, and I'm excited for what next year holds as we aim for success in the Bromley, Kent and National Cups! Have a lovely Easter break!

*Miss Thomas*

## BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 9 boys basketball team for winning the kent cup - a fantastic achievement!

*Mr Moore*





# RUGBY SEASON REVIEW

This year, we have played over 130 fixtures across three different formats of the game—an incredible increase from previous years. Our rugby programme has grown significantly, with the number of teams rising from 10 to 25 and more students than ever taking part.

This increased participation has led to remarkable success. Despite competing in a more challenging fixture list, our overall win rate has improved by more than 9%. Two seasons ago, our U14 team won the Kent Shield—our first victory since 2012/13. Last season, after three consecutive losses in the final, our senior team finally lifted the Jimmy's Cup. They also reached the Rosslyn Park Eliminator Rounds for the first time and finished the season ranked 66th in the country via the Daily Mail Trophy merit table—an extraordinary achievement for a state school.

However, this season has surpassed all expectations. It has been a year of history-makers:



- Our U18 girls won the Kent 7s—the first time a Hayes team has ever won a Kent 7s tournament.
- On the same day, our 1st XV reached the National Bowl final, becoming the first Hayes team to compete in a national final. Two weeks later, the 1st XV claimed the National Bowl title.
- This week, our U16 girls' 7s team—who were our first-ever girls' team at Rosslyn Park just two years ago—reached the National Bowl final at Rosslyn Park.
- Senior girls 7s qualify for day 2 at Rosslyn Park beating some of the top sports schools in the country. The results in the second day meant that our girls finished 6<sup>th</sup> nationally, again an amazing achievement for a state school



These achievements are a testament not only to the talent of our students but also to their commitment, sportsmanship, and determination to compete fairly. This truly is a golden era for rugby at Hayes and we cannot thank our players, parents, coaches, and staff enough for making this possible.

That said, we are always looking forward. To round off the season, all Year 7–11 pupils were offered the chance to take part in a special Skill Zone Session. The session featured three 20-minute skill stations, led by our senior players—role models who have "been there and done it." The sessions were also supported by our four coaches (Mr. Leech, Mr. Fielden, Mr. Cooling, and Coach Mike), as well as our physio, Tom Lewis, who led a functional mobility warm-up and cool-down.



Thank you once again for your ongoing support of the Hayes rugby programme. Here's to pushing on to even greater success in the future!

 **Nearly New  
Uniform Shop**

Monday 28th April 2025  
4pm - 5pm  
Cash only please





## Spanish department trip to Málaga – March 2025

Year 10 and Year 11 recently took a trip to Malaga which was a very fun yet eye opening experience. We visited a local

secondary school where we had the chance to exchange contact details with Spanish students, helping us connect across cultures. Staying in a traditional Spanish hotel added to the fun, and we practised speaking Spanish with locals throughout our trip. One of the highlights of our visit was touring the beautiful city of Malaga, exploring its fortress and admiring its stunning coastal views. We also ventured to Nerja, where we took some photos on the Balcón de Europa. From engaging with new friends to eating traditional Spanish dishes, this trip was truly a remarkable trip that will be remembered for years to come.

*Louisa Nessah-Garnier 11RAA*



## Student Leadership

Some of our students in school leadership groups attended the Bromley Youth Council manifesto event held at the Warren. It was a great opportunity for some of our students to see the vision for a safer and cleaner Bromley and contribute to future ideas.

Well done to Jessica Kenyon, Dom Wood, Sam Taylor, Ruby Butler and Lara Maguire-Swartz.



### Top Attendance W/C

17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7HMY	98.79%
8	8DDG	95.00%
9	9BGW	95.67%
10	10JWH	95.61%
11	11DEB	96.00%
12	6AMT, 6DC, 6JIP, 6SRA	100.00%
13	6DDD	96.15%

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24<sup>th</sup> March 25

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7HMY	96.97%
8	8LAT	98.33%
9	9CAT	98.79%
10	10YGE	97.14%
11	11SZB	96.45%
12	6JAS	99.00%
13	6JIP	98.46%

Please click the image below to view the latest edition of HayesCreates





Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March brought an end to Ramadan. Our living wall for the month of March had Ramadan as the focal point. The visual, informative and thought provoking display allowed students to gain a greater insight into the importance of the festival as well as thought provoking questions that we could all resonate with.



## Eid-ul Fitr Party

Yesterday, Muslim students of Hayes School and their friends celebrated their school Eid-ul Fitr Party.

It was lovely to see so many students celebrate the end of their Holy Month Ramadan with such a lovely feast put together by staff.



# First Give Presentation VISIT TO TURNHAM ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Last week, we were invited to attend the new library opening at Turnham Academy Primary School in South London. We were invited by Jo Chandler, founder of the ABC Book Club charity who we've been in contact with because of the Year 9 First Give charity project. As it turns out, Ian Wright went to this school when he was young, so he was also there for the launch. We even got to say a few words and ask for his autograph. It really was amazing to see the impact of our efforts in that library. We also recognised some of the books as they were from our book drive. Thank you again to everyone who donated books back in February. It really was a great experience and I hope we as a school can keep helping ABC Book Club.

*Jeanne 9ELF*







Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

February 2025

**BEXLEY DEAF CLUB** is pleased to announce **EXCITING NEWS** for Deaf children, and, hearing children of Deaf parents aged 8 to 16 years old who live in the London Borough of Bexley, Greenwich, Lewisham and Bromley (Proof of address required.)

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, Bexley Deaf Club is offering a day of multi-sport experience filled with thrilling sailing, kayaking, canoeing, Stand Up Paddleboarding and bell boating for Deaf 8 to 16-year-olds of all abilities.



This will take place on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025** from **10am – 4pm** at **The Boathouse, Danson Park, Danson Road, Bexleyheath, DA6 8HL**. (Some parking on-site. Plenty of parking on the main road.)

Danson Park Adventures will provide fully qualified staff (with enhanced BDS checks) and all safety gear. Bexley Deaf Club will provide the sign language interpreting services and a representative from Bexley Deaf Club will also be in attendance the whole day.

**Hurry! Only 14 places left!**

**Cost?** £15 per session per child who live in Bexley. (This is a discounted price and is non-refundable.)

**Cost?** £25 per session per child who live in Greenwich, Lewisham and Bromley. (This is a discounted price and is non-refundable.)

**Food/drink?** Must bring own packed lunch and drinks. Families are welcome to have a day at Danson Park.

**Deadline for booking places?** 28th February 2025 - or earlier if all places are filled.

**For more information, contact:** David Foot, Secretary of Bexley Deaf Club via text on 077253041, or via email at: [bexleydeafclub@outlook.com](mailto:bexleydeafclub@outlook.com)

**Get in touch asap to book your child's place!**

Kind regards, David Foot, Secretary

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parents / Guardians / Carers will need to complete a consent form per child and pay in full for the place(s) for their child(ren) before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

# OLD WILSONIANS CRICKET CLUB



## GIRLS' OUTDOOR TRAINING

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FIRST 2 SESSIONS FREE!**

Email [elz.thomas23@gmail.com](mailto:elz.thomas23@gmail.com)  
to sign up.

**THURSDAYS  
7-8:30PM**

Old Wilsonians Cricket Club,  
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**Bromley Well**

**YOUNG CARERS**

**Bromley Well** provides dedicated support to Young Carers aged 4 to 19 to help them manage caring relationships whilst enjoying childhood.



### How can we help?

- Opportunities to meet with other young carers, have fun, discuss any worries & try out new activities
- Emotional support
- Support to access counselling
- Training courses
- Workshops
- Online support
- Peer support groups
- Leisure activities
- A Young Carers Forum
- Support for preparing for adulthood

We have a Young Carers App and newsletter to help bring Young Carers together and learn more about activities available in Bromley.

For queries about the service, contact our Young Carers team on 020 8466 0790 or email [youngcarers@bromleywell.org.uk](mailto:youngcarers@bromleywell.org.uk)

**To refer someone to the Bromley Well service:**

**Freephone  
0808 278 7898**  
[www.bromleywell.org.uk/refer](http://www.bromleywell.org.uk/refer)

Once we receive your referral, our Young Carers Team will contact you to arrange a meeting.

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## YOUNG CARERS ARE HIDDEN HELP US FIND AND SUPPORT THEM

**Did you know as many as one in five children and young people are young carers?\***

Young carers are taking on responsibilities way beyond their years. Many struggle with their emotional health or with keeping up with schoolwork. With the right support, these young people can thrive but we need your help to lighten the load.



### WHAT IS A YOUNG CARER?

A young carer is a child or young person who cares for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.

Their caring role might include helping around the house, running errands, cooking, planning the shopping, administering medication, helping with siblings and supporting emotionally.

### ABOUT BROMLEY WELL YOUNG CARERS SERVICE

We support Young Carers aged 4 to 19 to manage caring relationships whilst enjoying childhood.

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