



HAYES SCHOOL

Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed students, parents and carers into school for our Year 11 Information Evening, Year 13 Parent Forum and tutor evenings in Year 7 and 12. It was especially pleasing to hear how well our new students have settled into the school and how successfully they have made the transition into secondary school and Hayes Sixth Form. The feedback we received from you on the school and the valuable information you shared as parents/carers will help us to work in partnership to best support your child this year.

Having met with groups of Year 7 students for Year 7 Birthday Break, they have shared with me their readiness for secondary school, as well as their enjoyment of studying new subjects and working with many teachers. They seem to be especially enjoying school dinners and the choices on offer to them within the restaurant and from the pod.

Our enrichment programme is now well underway and as highlighted in this week's newsletter. We strongly encourage students to get involved since we see the benefits participation brings to all who participate. Next week, we look forward to launching the Bronze and Silver DofE Award programme to Years 9, 10 and 12 and to hearing about our young people's ideas for volunteering in the local community, as well as the skills and physical activity they plan to undertake as part of the Award.

Our Senior Leadership Teams from across the Trust secondary schools came together this week to collaborate on a range of issues and we held the first meeting of the year as a local governing body, during which we reflected on an analysis of this summer's examination results and the school's development plan priorities for 2023-24.

This week's languages week celebrated languages and a particular highlight was the MFL Bake Off with students baking and decorating internationally inspired cakes to win valuable points for their house. Teachers and other staff demonstrated their linguistic talents in a range of languages to earn raffle tickets from students and to share their own enthusiasm for languages. As a languages teacher, together with my colleagues, I have seen first-hand the opportunities and experiences a foreign language offers to those who can speak it (or more importantly, those who are willing to give it a try). We are proud of the languages offer available to students at Hayes and recognise the importance of studying at least one language, notwithstanding the inevitable challenges many learners experience mastering the pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary in another language.

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world"

Ludwig Wittgenstein

We are very much looking forward to showcasing the school to current families and prospective families at our forthcoming Open Day and to holding important, supportive conversations with students across the school at our Academic Tutoring Day next Friday. Thank you for your support and for following up conversations at home to enquire about the individual targets students have set for themselves.

Mr Whittle
Principal

REMINDER – Arrangements for Friday 6th October and Monday 9th October

Our Academic Tutoring Day will be taking place on Friday and students will be invited into school for a 1:1 appointment with their tutor or a member of staff. Remote learning tasks will be set on Satchel One for periods 1-4.

Students will be advised of their individual appointment times next week. Please see [letter](#) for further details.

We have a later start on Monday 9th October. Students should arrive for tutor time at 10.50am (Gates open from 10.30am)

ASSEMBLY THEMES:

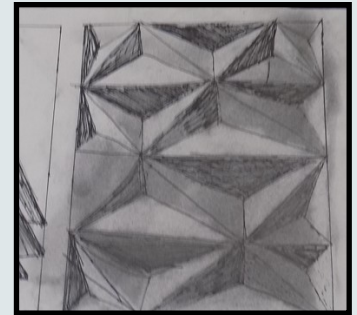
w/c 2nd October (Week A): **Black History Month** | w/c 9th October 2023 (Week B): **World Mental Health Day**

Ian Murphy Experimental Drawing Workshop



Our Year 11 artists have once again had the pleasure of working with Ian Murphy.

Ian Murphy (born 9th March 1963) is a contemporary British Fine Artist who gained initial success with selection to the British Young Contemporary Artists in 1985. He is best known for his powerful, tonal drawings and atmospheric, mixed media oil paintings of architectural places.



All of Ian Murphy's workshops are intended to be fast paced, exciting and most certainly, challenging for the students. He often says that the success of the workshop is not just measured by the achievements on the day, but how the techniques and visual stimuli in the sketchbooks and the artwork inspire everyone going forward.



Ian's workshops always follow his own particular creative lines of development, and as such, allow the students to experience the same critical artistic journey from the sketchbook drawing all the way through to the final artworks. Ian always aims to create the best creative environment possible for art students to work in. As such, he always brings a lot of his artwork into school, ranging from his sketchbooks through to the development drawings and paintings. The aim is to let everyone observe, first hand, the techniques and processes they are going to learn throughout the workshop/course.



PARENTS & CARERS ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

60 min

This presentation is a 'must' for all care givers to understand the reality of navigating the digital world.

The outcome is to empower parents and carers to keep their children safe when using technology.

Learn about the latest trends, challenges & risks.

Find out about support & reporting.

Signposting to further learning.

There are four areas covered in the session:

- What our consultants teach children about online safety.
- Latest trends of what children are doing online; including apps & games.
- The issues and dangers children face online.
- How we can make children safer online.



Hayes School are committed to providing information about keeping safe online to students, staff and parents/carers.

Alongside lessons as part of the Personal Development curriculum, on Monday 2nd October, Year 7 and 12 students will take part in an E-safety workshop.

We have organised for the same provider to deliver an online safety webinar for parents/carers of all year groups. The session is inspirational and up-to-the-minute, and is a must for all those who are concerned about the safety of their children when using the internet.

Please refer to the letter sent home on Wednesday 27th September for joining instructions.

Bromley Local Offer Market Place Event

Wednesday 11th October 2023

Learn more about the support available for children and young people with SEND

Join us

Location
Bromley United Reformed Church,
20 Widmore Road,
Bromley, BR1 1RY

Time
10am - 2pm

LocalOffer@bromley.gov.uk | www.bromley.gov.uk/LocalOffer

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Join the Bromley Local Offer Team and the new Bromley Parent Carer Forum at this Market Place Event for parents and carers to learn more about the support available for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Does your child or young person have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?
Are they aged 0-25 years?
If yes, please come and join the Bromley Local Offer Team and the new Bromley Parent Carer Forum at this event where you will have the opportunity to meet with providers of SEND services across Bromley's Education, Health and Care teams and learn more about the new Bromley Parent Carer Forum.

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ENRICHMENT

HAYES SCHOOL



Hayes offers a fantastic enrichment programme which gives students the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of projects, competitive and non-competitive sports, creative and performing arts as well as academic booster classes. Many activities are run by teachers and support staff but we also work with external organisations and specialist providers to ensure a high quality offer for students.

Enrichment clubs offer a fun way to make new friends, while trying new activities and developing new skills. As well as being enjoyable, participating in extra-curricular activities will help you become more involved in wider school life. They will help you to develop personal qualities, which will be viewed positively when applying for jobs or a place at university.

We want every student at Hayes to participate in the enrichment programme as we have seen that students who take an active role in these activities display higher levels of self-esteem, a heightened sense of belonging, increased attendance and develop positive friendship groups. This can help improve the students'

moral and social development, health and wellbeing and academic performance.



Hayes School Open Day Saturday, 7th October (9am until 12pm)

Our upcoming Open Day promises to be another fantastic event and an inspiring show of the thriving community we have at Hayes School! Naturally, this wouldn't be possible if it were not for the efforts of all our volunteers. Indeed, your child may have presented you with a letter, asking for permission to attend, so please reply by Monday, 3rd October. Every student will receive House Points for volunteering and last year, we had nearly 350 student volunteers! I just wanted to thank, in advance, all of our parents, staff, students, governors and our wonderful PTA, for all their support! If you are planning to come and visit, then please be aware that you will need a ticket to see the Principal's speech (9.15am, 10am, 10.45am) and these are dispensed on a first come, first served basis.

Mr D Hazlehurst

Please note, parking restrictions will be in force in roads near the school during the morning.

HAYES SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER
9am-12pm

PRINCIPAL TALKS AT:
9.15, 10.00, 10.45*

* Entrance to talks by ticket (available on entry)

- MEET STUDENTS
- MEET STAFF
- TOUR OUR SCHOOL
- EXPLORE OUR SUBJECTS

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Please note parking restrictions will be in force in local roads. Thank you for showing consideration to our neighbours.

IMPACT
Multi Academy Trust

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR SCHOOL

Student Leaders' Visit to the Houses of Parliament and Department for Education



Last week, we were given the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and the government's Department for Education. We were fortunate to be offered the tour last year when we met with a group of senior members from the DfE, during their visit to Hayes School. At the Houses of Parliament building, we were taught even more about where and how the politics that shape our society are made.

The tour also showed the history of our government and a full picture of our modern, often controversial, politics today. Later that morning, our tour expanded to the DfE. We were greeted by a representative of the department who led us to a conference room and explained the tasks planned for the day. First, we joined a Teams call with a Civil Servant, who detailed the various roles they perform to achieve legislation set out by the government and the qualifications required to become a Civil Servant, which was interesting. We also took part in a quiz about what we had learned and were split into groups to discuss and debate the challenges currently faced in attracting more people into the teaching profession and, most importantly, retaining them. We then presented our ideas to two government ministers. Although this was nerve racking, once we'd started presenting, we found it really enjoyable, as they were eager to hear our thoughts and the viewpoint of current students. We had a fantastic experience in Westminster seeing where the policies that influence the school life of Hayes learners and students across the UK are pioneered and are extremely grateful to the team that supported us.

By Dylan Neville 11ATS and Evelyn Hewitson-Leek 11EAR



Dear Colleagues and Partners

You may have seen in the [Bromley Schools Circular](#) that we are planning a month long celebration of the achievements of our young people with SEND called 'Celebrating Bromley SEND Stars' in October.

We want to remind you of a key event and hopefully prompt you to take part.

Nominations for the Bromley SEND Awards

We would like to hear about the many activities and achievements that have involved children and young people with SEND. We also want to shine some starlight on the families, service providers, carers, school staff or anyone that makes a difference to our SEND children, young people, and families.

Do you know of a child in your school or setting that has gone the extra mile to support SEND in some way, a child with SEND achieving a goal, adults or groups that dedicate time and effort to create positive experiences and possibilities for those with SEND?

Nominate children, young people, friends, family members and professionals in one or more of the following categories by **Monday 9th October 2023**

Parent/Carer award	We want to hear about you or someone you know and the amazing things they do to benefit their child or young person with SEND
SEND Champion for Inclusion	Tell us about an individual or organisation who have gone the extra mile to promote an inclusive environment or activity for children or young people with SEND
SEND Champion for Peers and Siblings	Tell us about the often unseen but great things that brothers or sisters, friends and peers do to support other children or young people with SEND in the community, at home or at school
SEND Champion in the Workplace	For any professional who has gone that extra mile to champion SEND
SEND Champion in the Community	For an individual, local business, leisure centre or activity provider who has worked to make life better for families with children and young people with SEND
Lasting Legacy Award	Awarded to an individual or organisation for their substantial and lasting contributions to improving outcomes for families, children and young people with SEND
Proudest Moment award	Big or small, this is your chance to tell us about the challenges a child or young person with SEND has overcome that fills you with pride and makes you smile.

SEND Star Award	For the individual child or young person with SEND who has blown us all away by achieving something incredible.
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We have arranged a panel of judges with representatives from across Bromley.

Short-listed nominees will be invited to a very special awards ceremony at the Warren on 1st November 2023.

This is a fantastic opportunity to give someone special the recognition they truly deserve.

How to nominate

Click on this [link](#) to complete the form and make your nominations.

The deadline for complete nomination forms is **Monday 9th October 2023**.

We will be inviting some of our contributors and their parent or carer and a representative from your school or setting to attend the SEND Celebration Event on 1st November.

To allow us to plan for this event please let us know if you are able to attend the event. Please note that everyone attending will need to make their own travel arrangements.

You can learn more about the Celebrating Bromley SEND Stars events through the [Bromley Local Offer/Latest News](#).

Your support and participation are much appreciated.

Regards,

The SEND Project Team

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Support Calls

Improving access to wellbeing support

Is your child experiencing difficulties with their emotional wellbeing?

Are they feeling anxious, low or displaying challenging behaviours?

Are you uncertain of how to best support them?

We would like to make it as quick and easy as possible to access professional advice. As such, we are offering parents/carers 30 min support calls over the phone. The aim of a support call is to offer advice, guidance, and signposting to services/resources which may be beneficial.

Please note: A support call is not a full referral into Bromley Y for ongoing support.

To arrange a call, email MHSTsupport@bromley-y.org with the following:

- Name and contact number
- Child's age and school
- General availability for a call
- A brief description of what you wish to discuss or any other relevant information

We aim to get back to you within 5 working days.

To find out more about Bromley Y or to access self-help tips for a range of mental health difficulties, please visit our website.

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Autumn 23

Webinar for Parents & Carers

Helping Children with Anxiety

A free, one-off session supporting parents and carers of school-aged children

Understand more about anxiety in children and young people

Find out about strategies to help your child explore and manage worries



Consider ways to help your child build confidence and overcome fears

Learn more about local services and online options for further support

Each webinar lasts for 90 mins and is delivered online via Microsoft Teams, facilitated by Bromley Y practitioners.

Primary Webinars

Tues 12th Sept @ 1pm
Sat 7th Oct @ 10am
Wed 8th Nov @ 4:30pm
Thurs 7th Dec @ 1pm



Secondary Webinars

Tues 3rd Oct @ 4:30pm
Wed 1st Nov @ 1pm
Sat 2nd Dec @ 10am

To assist smooth running of the session, you will be asked to kindly turn off your camera and microphone. Participation via the chat function is optional.



Places can be booked on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).

SCAN ME



Autumn 23

Workshop for Parents & Carers

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Initial Steps to Support Your Child's Attendance

Reflect on common reasons for school avoidance and associated challenges

Consider factors which contribute to school avoidance becoming a vicious cycle



Learn practical strategies to help you explore the issue with your child

Consider ways to encourage and facilitate regular attendance

The workshop is facilitated by Bromley Y

Since the onset of the pandemic, we have seen a significant increase in the amount of children and young people who are reluctant to attend school. This has a massive impact on family life, creating tension at home.

This remote session is suitable for parents/carers of children and teens who are showing initial signs of school avoidance or whose attendance has started to be affected.



Mon 18th Sept @ 4:30pm
Sat 21st Oct @ 10:00am
Tue 12th Dec @ 1pm



[Click here](#) or scan QR to sign up

Social Communication/ Autistic Spectrum Termly Family Workshops



Are you the parent or carer of a Hayes student with Social Communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism? Would you like to meet other families and share experiences? Learn about the approaches being developed at Hayes to support Social Communication needs? Do you struggle with helping your child with homework, revision, routines and change? Would you like to explore ideas to help your child's independence and social confidence?

Yes?

Then why not come along to the twilight SCD/ASC workshops this year?

Themes and dates are:

Autumn Term:

Helping your child to attend and thrive at Hayes:

Thursday 16th November 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Spring Term:

Supporting your child with revision and exam anxiety:

Tuesday 26th March 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Summer Term:

Surviving the summer break and preparing your child for change and the new school year:

Thursday 16th May 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Hosted by Hayes School, the sessions will be led by Paul Cabb, an independent Social Communication Difficulties Advisor. Paul spent many years as an Autistic Spectrum Advisor for Bromley LEA before setting up his own independent advisory service working for schools in Bromley and neighbouring London Boroughs. Paul has enjoyed working with Hayes School for almost 20 years.

So, come along to the sessions and join us in working together at Hayes to support you and your children to thrive.

CAREERS

in the Spotlight

ANDREW GRANT,

FOUNDER AND CEO OF TULCHAN AND CHAIRPERSON OF TANEO



On Thursday 21st September, we welcomed to the school Andrew Grant, who came in to speak to all Year 9 students on his career life and how he became owner of the very prosperous communication company Tulchan and chairperson of Taneo. Mr Grant gave an inspirational talk, by reflecting on his life journey and how at several stages in his career path he experienced a number of setbacks which led him to set up his own successful advisory company, Tulchan.

Students came away ready to take on all that life has to offer and realised it is not always plain sailing to become successful straight away. Life is a learning curve where good things can come with determination and hard work.



GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY – TRIP TO BOMBARDIER, BIGGIN HILL

On Wednesday 27th September, ten girls, from Year 10 upwards, were invited to attend a Girls in Aviation Careers Event at the prestigious aviation company Bombardier. The event was arranged for students to gain a greater insight into different roles available in the aviation profession and to learn about these from colleagues who work in this industry.

After initial talks from various personnel on their job roles, students were given the opportunity to participate in a series of activities. These included making a model airplane and being given certain words they had to identify where they were on their models. Another was learning about different areas where problems may incur in a jet and how to use different tools to fix damaged components.

However, the highlight for all students was having a tour inside a private jet aircraft, costing over £100,000, and sitting in the cockpit – a unique experience!

This was a wonderful chance for students to find out more about career opportunities available in this fast growing and expanding environment.



ADMISSION CONSULTATION

Our Trust is consulting on the admissions arrangements for our four secondary schools. Hayes School; Langley Park School for Boys; Langley Park School for Girls; and Ravens Wood School.

The consultation runs from 2nd October until 12th November 2023, all the information can be found via the link [here](#) or by visiting the Admissions Consultation section in Key Information on www.imat.uk

Top Attendance W/C 11th September 2023		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7SZA	100.00%
8	8BGW	99.65%
9	9JMS	99.03%
10	10GMJ	97.74%
11	11SZB	92.73%
6	6LJS	98.75%

Top Attendance W/C 18th September 2023		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7SDH	100.00%
8	8SUP	98.25%
9	9JMS	99.35%
10	10DJR	97.88%
11	11VSB	94.85%
6	6MMM	98.80%

It's a Knockout



This year the school decided to hold 'It's A Knockout' again for the second year running. It is an inflatable obstacle course that saw year 12 and 13 students competing to complete. The course consisted of several activities where teams of 10 from both year groups faced off to win points. There was a big slide covered in soap and water where teams had to slide down the slide and retrieve point rings, along with crawling under tarp and then having to shoot a basketball into the hoop. However, my personal favourite was the 'Doghouse' where we had to climb through the inflatable, retrieve an inflatable bone and crawl back through before the other teams, all whilst being sprayed with soapy water!

The aim of the activity is to promote team building as we now have vertical tutor groups, meaning form groups now consist of year 12s and 13s. I personally felt as though I was able to create new friendships in my form thanks to the activity. It blended fun, challenge, and teamwork all in one, leaving the groups as more tightly knitted teams.

A Sixth Form Student

Bowling Brilliance!



Shaswat from Year 7 plays cricket for Hayes Cricket Club. He has been awarded the best bowler of the year 2023.

Well done Shaswat!



The new issue of the Hayes Herald is now available.

Please click the image to view.



9 out of 10

unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

**Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations**

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