



# Hayes School Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

What an incredible start to the academic year it has been. I want to begin by thanking you all for the warm welcome I've received—your kindness, encouragement, and support have been truly humbling. It's already clear to me that Hayes is a very special place, and I feel privileged to be part of such a vibrant and caring community. A special shout out to Thomas in Year 12 for being the first student to come up to me and introduce himself and ask how my day was.

In my first assemblies with students, I shared why I became a headteacher: because I believe schools should be places where young people find moments of joy in the things they are passionate about. That belief is already being brought to life here—our amazing staff have launched over **120 clubs**, and an incredible **620 students** have already signed up. That's the Hayes spirit in action.

The energy and ambition of our students is inspiring. **Year 13** are already heading out next week on a **Geography field trip**, and our **rugby team** have kicked off the season with a fixture against none other than rugby giants **Campion School**. We're also celebrating the fantastic destinations of our recent leavers: **77%** are heading to university, with others securing **prestigious degree apprenticeships**, and **five students** taking up places at **Oxford and Cambridge**.

Our **Festival of Sport** this week was another highlight—over **160 Year 7 students** took part in taster sessions in rugby, football, and more, led by our brilliant PE team. It was a joy to see so many students trying something new and having fun.

We were also proud to see Hayes recognised in the media as **Bromley's most popular school**—a testament to the hard work of our staff, the ambition of our students, and the trust you place in us.

There's so much more to come this term, and I look forward to sharing it with you.

Warm regards,

**Mr Hitch**



# MUSIC at HAYES

## Music Rehearsals 2025

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Lunch please arrive ASAP	CGF		<b>BoyVox</b> Singing group, no auditions. All boys welcome!	<b>Concert Band</b> Woodwind, brass & percussion players grade 4+	<b>Jazz Ensemble</b> Woodwind, brass, drums, keys, bass	
	CGD	<b>Choir</b> ALL singers years 7-13. No auditions!	<b>Wind Band</b> Woodwind, brass & percussion, grades 1-3		<b>Musical theatre</b> Singing - and staging - songs from shows. ALL welcome!	
	CGG		<b>Hayes Harmonies</b> Rock and pop choir, all welcome			<b>HUB</b> Hayes Ukulele Band All welcome!
3pm	CGF		<b>JamSesh</b> Guitar/drums/bass/keys/uke/vox - band skills workshops		<b>Compo Clinic</b> Help for GCSE and A level musos - drop in to G1B	

We had a fantastic first week with lots of students coming along to our clubs. If you didn't make it this week, it's no problem at all - come along next week!

### Learning an instrument, or singing

If you would like to start learning an instrument, or having singing lessons, please fill in the online application form that you will find at <https://www.bymt.co.uk/lessons/>

If you have already applied for lessons, you will be hearing directly from the instrumental teacher via email.

Letters have already gone home to parents and carers of Year 7 students about the Year 7 concert on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Our Year 7 classes are already working hard on their songs, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our first musical event of the year.

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Music - Drama - Dance

EXCELLENCE  
THROUGH ENDEAVOUR  
HAYES  
SCHOOL

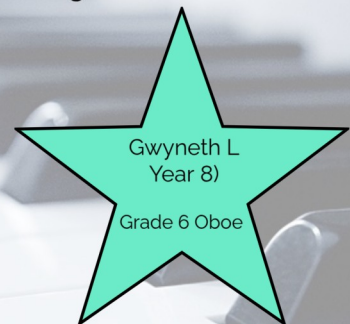
# YEAR 7 CONCERT

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
AC CLASSES 6PM  
BC CLASSES 7.30PM



# Musical Stars

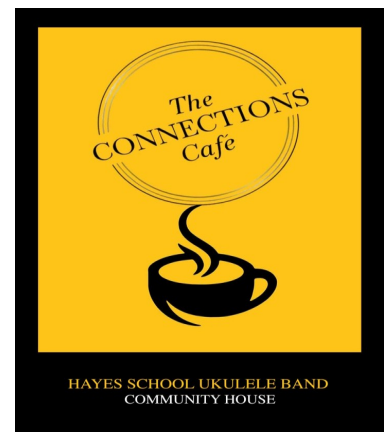
Congratulations to the following students, who have all recently passed graded music exams:



## Music Department trips in July 2025

On Monday 21st July, the Hayes Ukulele Band went on a trip to the Connections Café, an inclusive, dementia-friendly cafe in Bromley. We performed a variety of songs in our 45 minute set and received lots of applause. We got to chat to the audience members afterwards and told them all about the experiences that music can offer and in return we heard about their stories. We really enjoyed the fact it was such a creative way to give back to the community, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed singing along and playing the percussion instruments that were available.

*Jeanne and Isabella*







## On Tuesday 22nd July, 55 students from Years 7-13 watched Wicked at the Apollo Theatre in London.

I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to see Wicked live in the Apollo Theatre!! It was an incredible moment for me (being the biggest theatre kid of all time). For me, the best part would have to be defying gravity as the performance was just so incredible, from the musicality, to the acting and even the lighting it just made it feel so magical, and it was just so amazing!! I think I speak for everyone when I say that this was a phenomenal opportunity and was great fun for everyone!! *Dolly*

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend the London production of Wicked.

I have seen this production before but found it yet again an amazing show. I look forward to hopefully attending some more shows this term. Thank you also to everyone involved in organising this event. *Freya*

Wicked was absolutely electric - the music, the production was all absolutely insane, I really want to go and watch again! *Emma*

The Wicked trip was amazing!! I had the best time, the show was so good and the performers were incredibly talented! I absolutely loved it, thank you to the music teachers for organising this. *Katia*



I really enjoyed this trip: the cast and the set were incredible! *Amara*

I really enjoyed the Wicked trip as I love Wicked and it was such a fun experience. I loved that I had the opportunity to go and my favourite part was when she pretended to be dead and confused everyone as I haven't seen that in the movie before. Thank you to all teachers that came and made it happen. *Olivia*

I loved going to Wicked! We had great seats and it was so fun going to London with my friends! *Seren*

I really enjoyed the Wicked trip this year! The acting was amazing and the singing was outstanding! I enjoyed every single minute of it! *Dulcie*

I had a wonderful time going to see Wicked. It was an incredible experience, and I found it so interesting how Glinda was floating in her 'bubble' and the monkeys were flying. It was such an amazing production and I would give anything to see it again. The cast did a fantastic job and I found it very inspirational! *Elsie*





# International Literacy Day 2025

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, students were asked to read something digitally rather than on paper. This is because the focus of International Literacy Day this year was "**Promoting literacy in the digital era.**" The UNESCO website explains this approach as follows:

## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

combining literacy with digital skills

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025



*Digitalisation has been changing ways in which we learn, live, work and socialise, in both positive and negative ways, depending on how we engage with it. While digital tools can help expand learning opportunities for marginalised groups, including 739 million young people and adults who lack basic literacy skills, this digital shift also risks creating **double marginalisation***

*– exclusion not only from traditional literacy learning but also from the benefits of the digital age. Digitalisation also raises other concerns, including privacy issues, privacy, digital surveillance, reinforced biases, ethics, the risk of passive consumption, and environmental impacts.*

*Literacy is a key for making these transformations inclusive, relevant and meaningful. Beyond reading and writing on paper, literacy in the digital era enables people to access, understand, evaluate, create, communicate and engage with digital content safely and appropriately. Literacy is also central for fostering **critical thinking**, discerning credible information and navigating complex information environments.*

At Hayes School, we run fortnightly sessions in the Library for Year 7 and Year 8 to help students learn to research both in physical books and from online resources, teaching them how to assess the credibility of the websites they use. We ask students to look beyond the AI summary at the top and delve into resources in a more meaningful way.

Please enjoy the pictures of some of our students reading digitally in celebration of International Literacy Day 2025.

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**AUDITIONS FOR  
ALL YEAR GROUPS  
WEDNESDAY 17th  
3.10 IN THE MAIN  
HALL**

### The 2026 Whole School Production is Mary Poppins!

We are looking for actor/singers from ALL year groups to take part.

**Auditions will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 3.10 in the Main Hall.**

To audition for the chorus/small roles you will need to sing the chorus of "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vllsF5Q2USQ> from 1.16 to 1.33

To audition for Mr Banks you will need to sing "Cherry Tree Lane"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssh1cGr2UFg> from 0.34 to 0.51

To audition for Bert you will need to sing "Chim Chimery"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cYwkvBLSw4> from 1.06 to 1.30

To audition for Mary you will need to sing "Anything Can Happen"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HS67z4pK5kY> from 0.56 to 1.18

Following the singing audition you will be given a short scene from the play to rehearse in a small group and then perform.

**Rehearsals will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school, from 3.10 to 4.30, so you must be largely available on those days if you want to be in the show!**

**We hope to see you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**Card  
Preferred**

## Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Friday 7th November 2025

Friday 9th January 2026

Friday 27th February 2026

Friday 17th April 2026

Friday 5th June 2026

Open from 4:00 - 5:00pm



We will also be accepting  
donations of uniform

## ATTENDANCE

### Top Attendance W/C 2nd September

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7EKA 7JGM	100.00%
8	8MSK	98.99%
9	9BGW	97.92%
10	10SNG	100.00%
11	11CMC	99.49%
12	6CVP 6DDD	100.00%
13	6CVP 6JIP 6LEE	100.00%

### Top Attendance W/C 8th September 2025

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7VXD	99.63%
8	8JGM	96.55%
9	9EEG	96.97%
10	10JKE	100.00%
11	11KAN	97.05%
12	6IBA 6MJP 6MM 6SGR	100.00%
13	6JEF	100.00%



*We welcome the following new staff to the Hayes School community and we look forward to working with them this academic year*

Mr R Hitch, Headteacher  
Miss G Joyce, Year 7 Aco, English  
Miss N Nisbeth, BEED  
Mrs B Green, English  
Miss S Pardoe, English  
Mr M Poole, Media Arts

M G Adu-Gyamfi, SEND TA  
Miss E Buckingham, SEND TA  
Miss H Carrera, SEND TA  
Miss N Mikhail, SEND TA  
Mr O Obanokho, SEND TA  
Mr O Molsher, PE Technician

**Accent**

## Breakfast Availability

Please note, the restaurant is open from 8:05am every morning for those wishing to purchase breakfast items from the restaurant.

There is a selection of pastries, sausage and bacon rolls, porridge and a variety of sweet treats available.

Students entering site at this time will need to go straight to the restaurant and remain there until the main site is open.



# FESTIVAL OF SPORT

This week we welcomed our new Year 7 pupils with a brilliant *Festival of Sport*. The event gave them the chance to try out some of the fantastic sporting opportunities on offer at school — and they didn't disappoint!

Over 160 boys and girls took part, showing great enthusiasm and energy as they enjoyed a

wide range of activities including rugby, football, basketball and netball. From the very first whistle, the attitude and effort from all pupils were fantastic. Whether trying something new or showing off existing skills, everyone gave it their all and had plenty of fun along the way.

Staff were full of praise for the commitment and positivity on display, with many commenting on how impressed they were by the teamwork and encouragement shown throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see pupils not only

pushing themselves but also supporting each other, creating such a welcoming and lively atmosphere.

The Festival of Sport is a fantastic way to kick off the year, and this year's Year 7 pupils have set the bar high! We can't wait to see them join the rest of the school at clubs when they start on **15th September**. If the Festival is anything to go by, we're in for a brilliant year of sport ahead.



## Jack Green Talk to Year 12 on their First Day at Hayes Sixth Form

On their very first day in the Sixth Form, Hayes students were treated to an inspiring and thought-provoking talk from Jack Green, former Team GB 400m hurdler and Olympian. Jack's journey — from the bright lights of the London 2012 Games to his work today as a motivational speaker and mental health advocate — provided the perfect message to launch our new Year 12 cohort into their Sixth Form journey.

Jack spoke openly about his career at the highest level of sport, including the intense pressure of competing in an Olympic semi-final in front of a home crowd. He reflected on the challenges he faced both on and off the track, particularly with his mental health, and how he learned to shift his perspective. His honesty resonated with students, showing that even those who seem to have it all can struggle and that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

One of Jack's central messages was about *"controlling the controllable."* He described how, in sport and in life, external pressures — the crowd, the occasion, or the environment — can be overwhelming. What truly matters, however, is the effort we bring and the attitude we choose. In referencing his fall in the London 2012 semi-final, Jack explained that setbacks do not define us; rather, it is how we respond that shapes who we are.

For our Year 12 students, these lessons could not be more timely. Sixth Form is a fresh start, full of opportunity, but it also brings new challenges: greater independence, higher academic demands, and the pressure of future decisions. Jack's emphasis on giving consistent effort, focusing on what can be controlled, and not letting stress detract from performance was a powerful reminder that resilience and mindset are just as important as hard work.

As they embark on their two-year journey through Key Stage 5, our students have been encouraged to see their Sixth Form experience not simply as a test of exams and results, but as an opportunity to grow in confidence, to take risks, and to discover their own pathways to success. Jack's talk set the tone beautifully: that challenges will come, but with the right outlook and determination, they can be overcome.

We are grateful to Jack for sharing his story with such honesty and energy, and we look forward to seeing Year 12 carry these lessons forward as they begin an exciting new chapter at Hayes.

