



Hayes School Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher



Dear colleagues,

It was a privilege to join Mr Mitchell's Year 11 good luck assembly this morning. Seeing the thoughtful messages shared by staff, parents and carers really brought home what it means to be stronger together. It was, at times, quite emotional for many of our young people, and a powerful reminder of the collective support that surrounds them as they move into this next phase.

I have been deeply impressed with how both Year 11 and Year 13 students have been approaching the exam season. They are truly owning it - demonstrating focus, determination and maturity - and putting themselves in the best possible position to succeed.

It has also been great to see the cricket season get underway, beginning with some closely fought fixtures against Langley Boys, alongside some entertaining and competitive netball matches against Bromley High. Best of luck to our Year 9 boys' football team this week as they compete in the Kent Cup final against City of London School - we are all behind you. Come on Hayes!

Our Year 7 and 8 dancers have also represented the school brilliantly this week, taking part in the Step Into Dance competition at Harris Invictus and throwing themselves into the experience with energy and enthusiasm.

We are also incredibly thankful to the Friends of Hayes School for their incredible fundraising efforts that have recently provided valuable opportunities and resources for our students. These funds have enabled a bowling trip for our Young Carers, providing them with a well-deserved opportunity to relax and enjoy time together. In addition, we have invested in 16 high-spec microscopes for Science, enhancing practical learning in the classroom, and new laptops for our Inclusion and Wellbeing Hub, ensuring that students have access to the support and technology they need to thrive.

Feedback from our Year 10 work experience week has been fantastic. Employers have consistently praised the conduct, attitude and professionalism of our students - a real reflection of their commitment to being kind, respectful and engaged. Placements have been incredibly varied, ranging from the Ministry of Justice to creative design studios, highlighting both the ambition and breadth of opportunity our students are exploring. Thanks to everyone, both parents and staff, who contributed to putting on this brilliant experience for our young people.

We were also proud to host the Bromley Champions for Change event this week: a Bromley SEN initiative focused on amplifying student voice to help shape provision across the borough. It was a powerful example of how we are stronger together when we listen, contribute and take action.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Aliwell this week. After 13 years of exemplary service to the school, she leaves with our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes for a happy and well-deserved retirement. Paula now passes the torch to Mrs Rogers, who moves from Deputy SENCo into the SENCo role. We are delighted to see her step into this position and know she will continue to build on our already strong SEND provision with care, expertise and commitment.

Wishing you all a restful bank holiday weekend.

Mr Hitch
Headteacher

MUSIC

in the spotlight



MUSIC SUCCESSES

James C - 11SNG grade 8 drumkit (distinction)

Molly W - 8HMW grade 7 trumpet

Alice R - 10TJA grade 5 singing for musical theatre (distinction)

Alice C - 11ZEO grade 6 singing (merit)

Emma and Will performing with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain

We are immensely proud of our two students who are members of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain: Emma as principal horn, and Will on trombone. They recently performed in Manchester and London - here is an extract from a review of their concert at Bridgewater Hall:

At the helm for the main programme last night was the NYO's principal conductor and music advisor, Alpesh Chauhan, whose ability to control large forces and enable them to give a range of expression from tenderness and sensitivity to swagger and panache is never in doubt.

There is inevitably an issue, when almost every role in the orchestra has effectively been enlarged to two or three people at least, of keeping precision and allowing for some soloistic freedom and nuance, but the remarkable thing in this programme was how little it was a problem. The 2026 NYO has some gifted section principals, and there was some beautiful and intimate expression from them. And the ranks of the full sectional brass (12 horns, eight trumpets, 8 trombones – even three tubas) were impressively disciplined. I'm not sure I've ever heard a large horn section quite as accurate and clean-cut as this one led by Emma – and her solos were extraordinarily beautiful.

Read the review in full at <https://www.theartsdesk.com/classical-music/national-youth-orchestra-chauhan-bridgewater-hall-manchester-review-massed-ranks-their-element>

SUMMER CONCERT

2ND JULY

HAYES SCHOOL HALL, 6.30PM

CHOIR - CONCERT BAND - HAYES HARMONIES - BOYVOX - JAZZ ENSEMBLE - HUB - MUSICAL THEATRE - JAMESH - WIND BAND

**ADULTS £5
U18 FREE**

Our Summer Concert is approaching on Thursday 2nd July. Come and hear our Choir, Concert Band, Hayes Harmonies, BoyVox, Jazz Ensemble, HUB, Musical Theatre group, Jamesh and Wind Band. The concert is in the Hall at 6.30pm. Tickets can be bought online at <https://www.ticketsource.com/hayes-school-music/t-dkkeega>

Music Tour to the Netherlands

Easter 2026



During the second week of the Easter holidays, 58 music students travelled by coach and ferry to the Netherlands for the annual Music tour. We stayed in a youth hostel in Soest. The tour included three concerts, sightseeing in Utrecht, Delft, Amsterdam and Zaanse Schans, as well as cricket on the Soest dunes and an evening at the bowling alley.



The tour was brilliant! We saw a museum with musical automata, some Dutch shops with beautiful architecture and the cities of Utrecht, Delft and Amsterdam. The concert venues were very picturesque and, overall, we had an amazing time!
Tobie

Music tour to the Netherlands was a lovely experience. The concerts were absolutely brilliant and so fun. We created our own game of Dune Ball in the Soest dunes. It was brilliant!
Jeanne, Isabella and Jacob

It was by far the best trip I've been on! The rooms were really comfortable and so was the coach. The activities were really well planned, and we were on time for everything. I especially loved the freedom we were entrusted with.
Victor



I really enjoyed all the activities and the time we got to spend with everyone. The views were amazing - especially the river cruise. It was really nice to play to so many people in the town square on such a nice day. Thank you so much to the music teachers.
Helena



It was the first time that I've left England without my parents, and it was one of my favourite trips! I'm excited to be able to go again.
Ana

For my first time leaving the country, it was the best trip ever! I enjoyed sharing a room with all my friends, going to the sand dunes and all the amazing sights that we saw. I hope next year's tour will be as awesome! Thank you to the teachers.
Emily



It was my first music tour and it did not disappoint. We all had so much fun and got to experience Dutch culture and get familiar with different performance environments. I can't wait for next year!



Drama

In the Spotlight



Year 10 exploring Dennis Kelly's DNA!

Our enrichment focus this term is of course the **House Drama Competition**, which this year will feature four tales from Rudyard Kipling's famous Just So Stories. Our excited Year 12 directors are putting together their auditions as I type and by the time you read this our casts of Year 7-9 actors will be assembled. The big night is earlier than usual this year – July 1st – so rehearsals commence next week. Look out for more information in the newsletter soon!



The summer term has got off to a typically busy start down in Drama. Year 10 have had their first taste of an extended performance piece, creating primary-friendly versions of Carol-Ann Duffy's Grimm Tales, the perfect preparation for their upcoming devising unit. Years 11 and 13 have been knuckling down to intensive written exam prep; always a slightly tricky concept in a drama studio, but their ability to put out tables and then stack them at the end of the lesson has developed magnificently! Year 12 have been embracing wearing joggers to lessons as they have been learning the techniques of Frantic Assembly, the chosen practitioner for their forthcoming devised pieces, whilst Year 9 have really taken to our new scheme of learning on Dennis Kelly's DNA, particularly enjoying the challenge of some site-specific performance work outside!



Year 12 developing sequences inspired by Frantic Assembly's Round-By-Through and Hymns Hands techniques.

*A Level Business, Economics, Geography
and History*

CHINA TRIP

Easter 2026

Over the Easter holidays, 14 students from Year 12 embarked on an adventure of a lifetime to China. The purpose of the visit was to see the key sights of Mao's rise to power and the imperial history of China for A Level History, the economic development of China for A Level Business and Economics and examine the growth and geo political importance of China for A Level Geography. We did this and so much more! Students also partook in a traditional Chinese tea ceremony, a Kung Fu lesson with a Shaolin trained master, we went to see the Terracotta Warriors and, the most amazing part of all, climbed the Great Wall of China. Students ate traditional Chinese food in the Muslim Quarter of Xi'an and had a go at haggling in the markets there. Another highlight was standing on the glass floor of the Oriental Pearl Shanghai TV tower which was terrifying but an amazing view! The part of the experience the students loved the most was the sleeper train from Xi'an to Beijing. Myself and Mr Foster were so privileged to be able to experience this with the students. We had an epic time, the students were an absolute delight to be with and it will be something that stays with me forever.

Mrs Gordon



China Trip 2026: Nine Days, Three Cities, Zero Sleep

On Wednesday 26th March, 14 slightly nervous but very excited students gathered at Heathrow Terminal 2, armed with passports, snacks, and a questionable understanding of how WeChat works. What followed was nine days of non-stop exploration across China - an experience that was equal parts educational, chaotic, and unforgettable.

Led by the unflappable Mrs Gordon and the ever-calm Mr Foster (a combination that proved essential), we set off on what can only be described as a full-speed cultural immersion.

Beijing

Our first stop was Beijing, where we wasted no time diving straight into Chinese history and culture. Within hours of landing, we found ourselves wandering through the stunning Summer Palace - jet lag forgotten as we took in lakes, temples, and intricate architecture.



The following day, standing in Tiananmen Square, the centre of Chinese politics, the scale and historical significance of where we were really hit. It's one thing to read about these places; it's another to stand there, surrounded by it.



But the real test came on Day 3: the Great Wall of China. A determined group, led by Mr Foster, pushed all the way to the top - an achievement that was as

physically demanding as it was rewarding. As Wilf put it: "The feeling you got when reaching the top was amazing."

Xi'an

After Beijing, we boarded a high-speed train to Xi'an - an experience in itself, as we sped across the country at remarkable speed.

Xi'an delivered one of the trip's biggest highlights: the Terracotta Army. Seeing thousands of life-sized soldiers, each uniquely crafted, was genuinely surreal. It's the kind of historical site that reminds you just how vast and complex human civilisation is.

We balanced this with a visit to Guangtong Hotspring Park, which - after days of constant movement - felt like a well-earned reset. It was one of the most beautiful places any of us had ever seen.

Shanghai

We then boarded a very long sleeper train to Shanghai. For a while, all of us crammed into one cabin playing games, with Mrs Gordon leading the emotional rollercoaster that was UNO reverse.

Shanghai felt like stepping into the future. From the City Planning Exhibition (where we saw just how rapidly China is developing) to standing on a glass floor high above the city in the TV tower, it was a complete contrast to the historical depth of Beijing and Xi'an.

Our final evening - a boat trip along the river - was the perfect way to take it all in, with the skyline lit up around us.



Food

Food was an adventure in itself—especially for the vegetarians, and those with allergies, among us. Chopsticks became essential survival tools – not that we were any good at using them – and meals were highly social, revolving around shared dishes on spinning “lazy Susans.” Mrs Gordon loved the lazy Susan so much, she swore to buy one.



That said, there were moments of... improvisation. Quick dashes to KFC and 7-Eleven became part of the routine. One memorable night consisted of trying to order a meal to the hotel – nobody got the right food.

Some Moments We'll Never Forget

Mrs Gordon somehow balancing the trip while marking coursework.

Mr Foster calmly leading both hikes and gym sessions.

The only Chinese some boys learnt: měinǚ, meaning pretty woman.

Ben successfully convincing several locals he was a member of the British Royal Family.

The collective struggle to use Chinese payment apps.

Playing with a super fun feather-kicking game.

Discovering the most amazing pastry shop.

Being awake for nearly 24 hours on the journey home - where I took on the crucial role of keeping Mrs Gordon awake... by throwing a pillow at her.

Beyond the humour and the chaos, this trip was genuinely eye-opening. As Grace said:

“It was so interesting to see a completely different culture and be fully immersed in it.”

From ancient history to rapid modern development, China offered a perspective that's impossible to fully grasp from a classroom alone. We experienced first-hand the scale, diversity, and pace of change in one of the world's most important countries.

There were so many different activities which we enjoyed, alas, this article would be too long if I recounted them all.

After nine days, three cities, multiple trains, and very little sleep, we returned to Heathrow tired—but with stories, memories, and experiences that will last a lifetime.

This wasn't just a school trip, it was an adventure.



Joseph F-R



Another fantastic Ski Trip with Hayes School!



This year, our ever-popular Ski Trip took staff and students to **Folgarida, Italy**, where the Easter snow conditions certainly did not disappoint!

“Thank you so much for the ski trip, they had the best time and now have the ski bug !”

Our **45 students**, a mix of beginners and improvers, threw themselves into the challenge, with slopes that offered the perfect balance for all abilities. It was incredible to see so much **resilience, determination, and teamwork** as students learned new physical skills and celebrated each other's successes throughout the week.



A truly unforgettable experience ❖

“We wanted to send our thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in giving up their time and making the ski trip possible. Our son had an amazing time and made lifelong memories. “

“It was 20 times better than anything I've ever done. It was just so fun!”

Look out for information coming soon on Ski Trip 2027!





Practical Leadership Weekend Peak District

Preparation for Costa Rica Expedition 2026

It's 10:00 in the morning, our stomachs are full of last night's pesto pasta and this morning's porridge. The ascent began - destination: Mam Tor, one of the largest peaks in all of the Peak District. The morning sun

shone over the hills and seemed to glow on the group as we set off, the sky clear, foretelling of a tremendous day's expedition.



We got acquainted with Gary, our fearless leader, who injected intent into the team, his experience shining through on this particular adventure. We witnessed the feat of daring paragliders, dotting the air with streaks of green, red, yellow and blue. What goes up must come down and coming down was as scenic as the ascent, enjoying the blue skies and comradery between newfound friends made the hike feel seamless.



Aside from our trek, campsite activities included losing a football to a sewage pipe, making cereal out of breakfast bars and the milk that was chilled using the negative temperatures of the night and, best of all, washing the charred black pots and pans from our Costa Rican inspired cooking - Gallo Pinto.



Overall, the main thing we can gather from this timeless weekend is that Costa Rica can't wait for us.

Dylan S, Year 13

To the PTA,

We had such a good time today! We started off by catching the bus up to Bromley and got off outside the bowling alley. We then ordered some slushies and Pepsis and started the bowling! There was lots of competitive fun and we had such a great time.



Young Carers Club Bowling Trip

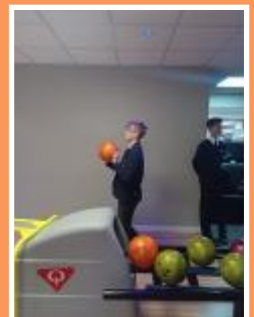
We then got the bus back to school. We went to the field and the girls did some colouring and the boys played some football. Overall, we had a great day and would love to do it again sometime. Thank you!

Love from,

Young Carers 

I loved beating everyone, hopefully we can do something that fun again!

Samuel





Sports Update

A Brilliant Start to the Summer Term in PE and Sport

The summer term has got off to a fantastic start in PE, with a wide range of new activities and sporting successes already on display across both curriculum and extra-curricular provision.

Our curriculum PE programme has been refreshed with the introduction of several exciting new activities. Pickleball has proved a huge hit, with lessons and clubs full of energy, enjoyment and engagement from students of all ages. Students will also be experiencing flag American football and ultimate frisbee during curriculum PE lessons this term, ensuring a varied and inclusive offer that encourages participation, teamwork and enjoyment.

Competitive sport has been equally busy, with early successes in cricket, tennis and athletics. With a number of rounders fixtures still to come, participation rates across school sport continue to rise as more students get involved in representing Hayes.

A special mention goes to the Year 9 football team, who will take on ESFA Cup finalists *City of London* in the Bromley Cup Final this Friday at Bromley Football Club. We wish the boys the very best of luck as they look to cap off an excellent season with silverware.



Netball Success at Bromley High School

On 21st April, our U12A and U12B netball teams proudly represented Hayes at a tournament hosted by Bromley High School. The standard of competition was extremely high, but both teams rose to the challenge brilliantly.

Players showed excellent skill, teamwork and versatility, confidently adapting to different positions throughout the day. The U12A team finished an impressive 3rd overall, while the U12B team secured 5th place. The teams' effort, attitude and resilience were outstanding.

A huge thank you also goes to Ellie and Eva in Year 10, who supported the teams by umpiring matches and did a fantastic job representing the school.



Outstanding Achievements in Athletics

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of Faye in Year 10, who was nominated for a Jack Petchey Award in recognition of her dedication and commitment at her athletics club.

Faye was thrilled to find out that she had won the award and will be using the £300 funding to support her sprint group through a specialist force-plate session, helping to develop reaction times and enhance performance. Her selfless decision to invest the award back into her training group demonstrates her character and leadership.

We are also proud to announce that four students – Faye, Bertie, Eva and Jon – have qualified for the Kent Schools Athletics team. We wish them every success in their upcoming competitions.

Distance Running Excellence

Ben in Year 12 continues to enjoy an exceptional year in athletics. He recently placed 11th nationally in the London Mini Marathon and finished 5th in the London Borough Challenge.

Ben's race formed part of the British Road Race Championships, with Bromley Borough emerging as the top-scoring team overall. Alongside three teammates, Ben is now an overall team champion, with Bromley finishing ahead of teams from across England, as well as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



South Africa Rugby and Netball Tour Partnerships

We are delighted to announce some exciting new partnerships ahead of our upcoming Rugby and Netball Tour to South Africa.

Bailey Garner have joined us as our main tour kit sponsor, and we are incredibly grateful for their support. The tour has also been generously backed by Tom Lewis Sports Rehab and Pishon Gold Solicitors. We look forward to unveiling the tour kit soon and thank all partners for their commitment to supporting school sport.

Rugby Success and Representative Honours

Rugby continues to thrive at Hayes, with a number of students achieving representative honours:

- Kent Under-17s: Joe and Tom were successful in gaining selection, while Josh and Jayden also took part in trials

- Ealing Under-17s: EP and Tom represented the school during the Easter break

Jamaica Under-18s vs England Rugby Academies: Tom and Jayden were selected to play in this international fixture

Our Year 13 Leavers' Match also took place earlier this term against Radnor House. A sincere thank you goes to all our leavers for their commitment, leadership and passion for rugby throughout their time at Hayes.

In addition, over 60 students from Years 8 to 13 competed at the Rosslyn Park National Schools Rugby Festival, the largest school rugby festival in the world. Students produced some excellent performances

Year 8 Student Fabio, Swimming achievements

The National Arena Swimming League is one of the largest and most prestigious club swimming competitions in England and Wales. It features approximately 400 swimming clubs from across the UK, organised into six regions with multiple divisions, involving over 16,000 swimmers in team relays and individual events in annual, three-round competitions.

Fabio proudly represented Bromley Swimming Club at the National Arena Swimming League 25th Plate Final in Birmingham, competing against nine of the strongest swimming clubs from across the United Kingdom.

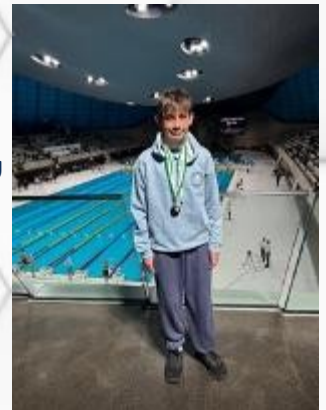
Fabio was part of Bromley's relay team from round 1 until the final and delivered an outstanding performance, achieving two personal best times (PBs) during the final event. Performing at this level against some of the top clubs in the UK is a fantastic achievement.

After an exciting day of racing, Bromley Swimming Club were crowned National Arena League Plate Champions, finishing 12 points clear at the top of the table.

On top of winning the gala overall, the club also won the relay competition, demonstrating the incredible strength, depth and unity that runs in the teams.

The victory was especially significant as it marked the first time in Bromley Swimming Club's history that they have become national champions in this competition.

It was a brilliant team effort from all swimmers involved, and Fabio's contribution helped Bromley secure a historic result.



		TERM: SUMMER 2026				
		EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORT				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HAYES SPORT	FIELD	CRICKET Yrs 9+10 ATHLETICS KS3+4 ROUNDERS Yr 11	CRICKET Yrs 7+8 ROUNDERS KS3+4	SUMMER FOOTBALL LEAGUE KS3 CRICKET KS3+4	AMERICAN FOOTBALL KS3+4	
	SPORTS COURTS	NETBALL LEAGUE ALL YEARS	SUMMER FOOTBALL LEAGUE KS3	PICKLEBALL KS3+4	TENNIS KS3+4	
	OTHER FACILITIES	VOLLEYBALL KS3+4 TABLE TENNIS KS3+4 RUGBY GYM SENIORS	STEP INTO DANCE KS3+4	GYM KS3	DANCE CLUB KS3+4 TRAMPOLINING (4-5PM) (SIGN UP ONLY) TRAMPOLINING (5-6PM) (SIGN UP ONLY)	RUGBY KS3+4 (LUNCHTIME) RUGBY GYM SENIORS DANCE CLUB KS3+4
		GIRLS		BOYS		MIXED

HAYES SPORT

THANK YOU

This year The Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebrates 70 years of young people putting their best foot forward. Thank you to every parent and carer who has championed young people and empowered them with life-changing opportunities. Whether it's acting as Assessors for students in our community, organising group cooking sessions, finding space for extra bags of litter, or helping them to pack everything into a backpack, every minute of your time and effort has supported so many of our students to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition



Last week, a group of our Year 10 students laced up their boots and set off on their Duke of Edinburgh Silver practice expedition, navigating three days and two nights across the Kent countryside from Snodland through Meopham and on to Gravesend.



The staff from Ben Bullen were full of praise for our students, who rose to the challenge with impressive determination and teamwork. Covering the route with maps in hand and packs on backs, they showed real resilience across some long and testing days on their feet.



Of course, it wouldn't be a DofE expedition without the moments that make it truly memorable. During one lunch stop, students were found weaving daisy chains and tucking wildflowers into each other's hair. Elsewhere, a surprisingly in-depth discussion broke out about the versatile properties of a black bin bag, a piece of kit that earned new respect over the three days. One team, who christened themselves 'The Fellowship,' developed a strong group identity and an unshakeable camaraderie over the miles, aided in no small part by a trusty staff that proved indispensable to the journey.



Well done to all involved. The full expedition awaits, and they're more than ready.



Don't let your hard work go unrecorded!

To all DofE participants, past and present, whether you're just starting or took part last year, please remember to upload your evidence and Assessor reports to eDofE. It's an important step that's easy to overlook; full guidance is available on the school website. <https://www.hayes.bromley.sch.uk/home/information/duke-of-edinburghs-award/>

Need Help? DofE Office Hours are from 3-4pm every Tuesday in M1R, students are welcome to bring their questions and receive support.



Italia Conti – Year 7 & 8 Dance Trip

Last half term, a group of our Year 7 & 8 Dance students visited Italia Conti Performing Arts College in Woking for a truly inspiring day of dance. They took part in a fantastic jazz workshop led by Deputy Head of Dance, Lawrence Parsons.

It was great for students to gain insight into professional training environments and explore a new dance style and technique.

Students also shared their own choreography and performance work and received brilliant professional feedback!

It was a really motivating day that built confidence and fuelled future aspirations!



Step Around Town – Dance trip

Year 7 and 8 students had another fantastic opportunity to take to the stage for 'Step Around Town' at Harris Invictus Academy this week, proudly showcasing their talent, energy and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they performed, embraced the experience, and supported one another – a brilliant step forward in developing their performance skills!



We are delighted to share that Mr Leech, Director of Rugby at Hayes School, has been selected in the England Deaf Rugby extended squad for the Deaf Rugby Sevens World Cup, taking place in Japan in October 2026.

Since joining the programme in 2024, Mr Leech has already earned his first international cap, representing England Deaf against Jamaica, and is hoping to earn his second cap in the upcoming fixture against Wales Deaf. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication, and passion for the sport.

Looking ahead, selection for the World Cup squad presents an incredible opportunity to compete on the international stage and represent his country at the highest level.

England Deaf Rugby is a registered charity and receives no funding from the RFU. As a result, players are required to fundraise to cover the costs of training, travel, and competing in international tournaments. To support this journey, Mr Leech is undertaking the "Rising Sun Challenge", a personal fundraising effort to help the team reach Japan.



https://www.justgiving.com/page/jack-dominic-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

We would greatly appreciate any support from our school community whether visiting the page and learning more or sharing the page - every contribution makes a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your support.

CHANCE 2 DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Tuesday 9th June 2026

Create and perform your own dances

Open rehearsals every Friday
3:15-4:15pm

Collect an entry form from Mrs
Jefferies to sign up - entries must be
in by the 2nd June



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Aged 14—18?

Can you spare 20 hours this summer?

Could you talk enthusiastically to children about books?

Be a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer in Bromley libraries

Ask at your local library or email srcvolunteers@gll.org

Scan QR Code



For more information and application form



Emerging Theatrical Talent



I had the privilege of attending performances at Chichester Festival Theatre and the Cambridge London Theatre during the first two weeks of April, where I watched outstanding productions featuring three Hayes School students from Years 7 and 9. Each of these rising stars demonstrated exceptional talent, performing to audiences that responded with standing ovations. Their commitment to the stage and respect for the art of theatre were clearly evident throughout their performances. This dedication is strongly supported by their families, whose ongoing encouragement and involvement play a vital role in their development as emerging artists. I could not be prouder of these Hayes School students and I am deeply impressed by their continued kindness, consistent attendance at school, commitment to rehearsals and performances beyond the classroom, and their ability to balance academic studies with their creative passions. They are exemplary representatives of the next generation of performers. Congratulations to our students on their remarkable achievements.

*Mrs Joyce
Year 7 Achievement Co-ordinator*



Year 11 Pre-exam Teambuilding



Our Year 11s have been showing nothing other than commitment and dedication towards their studies. So much hard work has happened throughout their GCSE journey, and they have consistently made themselves proud. The Friday before Easter was an opportunity to reward the hard work, as Year 11s participated in the first ever pre GCSE exams team building event. This was a reward, but just as importantly it was designed to provide a lasting memory for our Year 11 students with their friends, and to give them a much deserved


escape from the gruelling demands of GCSE exam preparations. The event was an incredible success; despite the forecast the weather remained kind, and our students really immersed themselves into the experience. There was a genuine sense that they were having a lot of fun with their friends, which was exactly what we wanted to see.

Mr Mitchell
Year 11 Achievement Co-ordinator



TRAIN TO TEACH EVENT

Find out about routes into teaching.

 Thursday 14th May

 3:45pm - 4:45pm

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Top Attendance W/C 13th April 2026

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7VXD	97.42%
8	8JGM	97.19%
9	9AMH	95.62%
10	10ELF	98.39%
11	11KAN	95.33%
12	6LEE	98.89%
13	6JEF 6KTG	95.00%

Top Attendance W/C 20th April 2026

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7CAP	99.06%
8	8JGM	96.88%
9	9AMH	93.12%
10	10ELF	94.84%
11	11SNG	92.76%
12	6SRA	96.67%
13	6KTG	92.00%

Having another clear-out? We'd love your pre-loved children's books!

Following on from last year's hugely successful book donation day, we are pleased to announce that we are once again working with ABC Book Club to help collect and redistribute pre-loved children's books to local primary schools and organisations.

We now have a permanent book donation drop off box for all members of our school community to use.

Find out about the work of ABC Book Club at <https://www.abcbookclub.co.uk/>



Please drop off any good quality, pre-loved books suitable for ages 5-11 in the drop off box located in Gadsden's main reception area.

