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Hayes School Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher
Moments of Joy



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I had the pleasure of attending our annual MusicFest and, once again, I was astounded by the quality and variety of talent on display. The evening took me on quite a musical journey, from Beethoven performed beautifully by Jim, to ABBA courtesy of Dolly and Liliana, and then on to Nirvana thanks to Chi, Anaya, Victor and Wolfe. One particular highlight was Fabian introducing me to a song with the wonderfully eccentric title The Mauritian Badminton Doubles Champion, 1973 which has since found its way onto my Spotify playlist.

What struck me most was not just the standard of the performances, but the sheer breadth of interests and talents represented. It also prompted some reflection. Hayes students achieve remarkable things every single week, and I am not sure we always do enough to shine a light on all of them. We are therefore looking at ways to improve our promotion of events, ensuring that more students, parents and carers have the opportunity to enjoy and support the wonderful things happening across our community.

The performing arts successes continued beyond our own stages. A number of our talented Year 7 students recently performed in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley. We are incredibly proud of them.

At the same time, I want to recognise the incredible effort being shown by our Year 11 students as they work through their mock examinations. Revision sessions before school, after school and at lunchtime have been exceptionally well attended, and it has been fantastic to see so many students taking responsibility for their learning and determination to achieve their very best. Their maturity, resilience and commitment have been impressive, and I would like to thank both students and families for the support and hard work that goes into this important period.

Sport continues to provide plenty to celebrate. Our U14 netball team secured an excellent 10-5 victory against Darrick Wood, whilst our girls' football team produced a stunning 10-0 win over Leigh Academy. Our boys U16A football team progressed to the next round of the nationals with an exciting 4-3 win over Eden Park in extra time. The First XV rugby team edged a thrilling contest against Chislehurst and Sidcup 34-31 in the Area Cup, demonstrating tremendous resilience and teamwork. Our First XI football team have also progressed to the last 32 of the National Cup, a fantastic achievement given the strength of competition at this stage.

Basketball has enjoyed an excellent run of results too. Our U17A team produced a dominant 88-43 victory over Brighton College, while our U15 side knocked Langley Boys out of the County Cup to continue their impressive season.

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There have also been notable successes across a range of other sports including trampolining, with 19 students qualifying for the South of England Championships; and superb performances in cross-country and triathlon, with students earning qualification for county-level competition and achieving excellent individual performances

Learning beyond the classroom remains a vital part of a Hayes education. Recently, our Sixth Form students attended the What Career? Live exhibition, exploring university pathways, apprenticeships and future career opportunities. Meanwhile, our A-level Physics students visited Kirkaldy Testing Works, gaining a fascinating insight into engineering, materials science and the practical applications of their studies.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday night was a tremendous success, with well over 2,000 visitors attending throughout the evening. The event was packed from start to finish, and the feedback from prospective students and families has been overwhelmingly positive. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the exceptional opportunities on offer at Hayes Sixth Form and the vibrant culture created by our students. The evening was a powerful reminder of the outstanding reputation our Sixth Form enjoys within the local community, with more than 300 students currently holding leadership positions and playing an active role in shaping school life. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, confidence and enthusiasm our student leaders demonstrated throughout the event.

Finally, I would like to mention the incredible group of 115 Year 9 students who travelled to Ypres and the battlefields of the First World War with our History team. The trip provided a powerful opportunity to connect classroom learning with the reality of historical events and, as always, the students represented Hayes with maturity, curiosity and respect.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Hitch
Headteacher



Modern Foreign Languages

In the spotlight



The Spanish department took a group of Year 11 students to Madrid at the end of September. One of our students describes what she enjoyed the most!

I enjoyed trying different Spanish foods (churros & paella) and seeing new Spanish places which we got to walk around to explore Madrid (and it was great sunny weather). My favourite was when we went to the Spanish schools and got to practice speaking Spanish while making new Spanish friends. We spoke to lots of people and did lots of fun activities together for example, we went ice skating, bowling, to cool museums and we toured around the big 'Real Madrid' football stadium & football pitch. During the day, lunch was very fun as we got to go off with our friends including to go shopping. We had lunch at different restaurants and spoke Spanish. It was very fun to go on this Spanish trip as we got to make new friends, talk to more people and share fun memories! - Tamsin Moreton













Modern Foreign Languages

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Modern Foreign Languages Cinema Club

Our MFL Cinema Club runs every Thursday after school from 3-4pm in DGE and is open to any students in Y9-11.

Please come along if you would like to enjoy watching some different foreign language films!







Modern Foreign Languages

In the spotlight





Good luck to our Y11 students who are completing their mock speaking exams in the week commencing Monday 23rd November. Here are some top tips for your revision:

1 - Make sure that you understand what the questions in your speaking booklet mean and haven't just learnt the answers

2 - Practise verb forms so that you can answer accurately in 3 tenses

3 - Revise some key opinion phrases and a variety of adjectives so you can give lots of opinions.

4 - Get someone at home to test you. It doesn't matter if they don't speak the language. It is all about feeling more confident with giving your answers out loud. You could also do this with your pet!

5 - Little & often - the best for long term retention is to practise in short bursts!

Hayes Sport Newsletter

Autumn Term Review

As we approach the end of the first half of the sporting year, it is a fitting opportunity to reflect on what has been a very positive period for sport at Hayes. Across a wide range of activities, pupils have represented the school with commitment, enthusiasm and determination, achieving notable successes while continuing to develop as athletes, teammates and young people.



Trampolining
Our trampolining programme continues to grow from strength to strength, and we are delighted that 19 pupils have qualified for the South of England Championships, taking place in Chessington this weekend.

Qualifying for a regional championship is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication shown by our athletes throughout the year. We wish all competitors the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their performances.

Rugby
Rugby has been one of the highlights of the term under the leadership of Mr Lewis, whose impact on the programme has been immediate.

Training attendance has been exceptionally strong, with record numbers attending sessions each week. This reflects both the enthusiasm of our pupils and the excellent work being done by Mr Lewis and his coaching team to create an enjoyable and challenging environment.

At junior level, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 have all enjoyed fixtures against local schools. Particular congratulations go to the Year 7 A, B and C teams, who all recorded victories against Ravenswood's B/C and development team.

The senior rugby team has enjoyed an excellent cup run, reaching the Regional Semi-Final of the National Bowl, where they will face Tunbridge Wells Boys' Grammar School for a place in the final.

The team has also progressed to the Semi-Final For Jimmy Cup following a thrilling 34–31 victory over Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School at Sidcup Rugby Club.

Our Year 10 side has also progressed in the National Bowl after earning a hard-fought 10–10 draw against Gravesend Grammar School, qualifying as the away side. This was a particularly impressive result against a traditional rugby-playing grammar school and highlights the progress being made within the age group. This team should also be commended on reaching the semi-final of the Kent plate.

A massive congratulations must also go to Joe W, Josh E and Thomas C-L, who have all been selected for the Kent Under-18 Rugby Squad. This is a fantastic achievement and fitting recognition of the hard work and commitment they have shown throughout the season.

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Football

This has been a particularly encouraging term for football at Hayes, with teams enjoying success at both county and national level.

Our Under 19, Under 16 and Under 13 boys' teams have all progressed to the Fourth Round of the English Schools' Cup, which is a notable achievement for the school.

In addition, our Under 13, Under 15 and Under 19 boys' teams have all reached the last 16 of their respective Kent Cup competitions, giving several teams exciting opportunities after Christmas.

Our Year 7 girls' football team has also made an excellent start to the season and has successfully progressed to Round 3 of both the Kent Cup and the National Cup. The team has shown tremendous determination and teamwork throughout their fixtures and should be very proud of their achievements so far.

While not all pupils have had the opportunity to represent the school in football yet this year, this will change as we move further into the football season after Christmas. We look forward to seeing many more pupils pull on a Hayes shirt and enjoy representing the school.



Basketball

Basketball continues to flourish under the guidance of Mr Momrelle, supported by Mr Rich. Teams have competed strongly in both Kent and National Cup competitions throughout the term, with several impressive performances along the way. One of the highlights was an excellent win for the Under 17 team at Brighton College, a result that demonstrated the quality and resilience within the squad.

We are also incredibly proud of our U14 girls' basketball team, who recently competed well in their first fixture for the school. Their commitment to establishing and developing girls' basketball at Hayes has been excellent to see and provides a strong platform for future growth within the sport.

The development of girls' basketball continues next week, when our U13 girls' team will take part in their first fixture. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to seeing them represent the school.



Netball

Our netball teams have continued to make positive progress throughout the term. A standout result came from the U14 team, who secured an impressive 10–5 victory over Darrick Wood School. The players demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and skill to earn a well-deserved win.

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Cross Country
Pupils from Years 7 to 10 represented Hayes at the Bromley Cross Country Championships, competing against some of the strongest runners from across the borough.

Particular congratulations go to Eva, who produced an excellent performance to finish 4th overall. Eva has also qualified for the Kent Cross Country Championships in January.

Congratulations also go to Freddie, Tom and Eren, who all secured qualification for the Kent Championships following excellent performances at the Bromley event.

We wish all four athletes every success as they prepare to compete against the best runners from across the county.



Supporting Girls' Football
We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs Nevard and Sinclair Hamilton for their generous support in providing a new playing kit for our Year 9 girls' football team.

The support of our wider school community is invaluable in helping us provide opportunities and experiences for our pupils, and this contribution has been greatly appreciated by both the students and staff involved. The new kit has given the team a real sense of pride and identity, and we are extremely grateful for this generosity and ongoing support of girls' sport at Hayes.

If you, your organisation, or anyone you know would be interested in supporting school sport in any way, whether through sponsorship, equipment, expertise, coaching, work experience opportunities or community partnerships, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact LMF@hayes.bromley.sch.uk to discuss how you may be able to support sporting opportunities for our pupils.



Triathlon success
Also a huge congratulations to Josie (year 11) who competed in the Brighton and Hove triathlon. We love to hear about pupils sporting success outside of school so please do share any stories and pictures.

Looking Ahead

The achievements outlined above reflect not only positive results but also the commitment, effort and enthusiasm shown by pupils on training nights, during fixtures and at competitions throughout the term.

Thank you to all the staff, coaches, parents and supporters who continue to give their time to help provide these opportunities for our young people. Most importantly, thank you to the pupils, whose attitude, sportsmanship and willingness to challenge themselves continue to make Hayes sport such an enjoyable and rewarding part of school life.

Luke Fielden
Director of Sport
Hayes School

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Girls Sport Highlights:
Girls first basket ball fixture in 10 years

Y7 play their first fixture against Bullers Wood

Sophie Smith winning player of the tournament in the Barcelona Sports Tour























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Student Success

KORFBALL

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the fantastic achievement of twelve Hayes School students who were selected to represent England at the Flanders International Youth Korfball Tournament in Belgium!

Being chosen to represent your country is a truly special achievement and a wonderful reflection of the students' talent, commitment and hard work. It is always lovely to see our students achieving such amazing things beyond the classroom, and we know the whole Hayes School community will join us in congratulating them.

A huge well done to all twelve of you! You have done yourselves, your families and our school community proud. We wish you every success for the future and look forward to seeing all that you go on to achieve!

Luke Fielden, Director of Sport









England Korfball Squad

Hayes School Players

Flanders International Youth Tournament

31st October - 1st November 2026

Sporthal Ter Wallen, Merelbeke-Melle, Belgium

Olivia Arnold *Year 12*
Charlie Lewis *Year 11*
Hannah Nokes *Year 10*
Will Arnold *Year 10*
Tom Steggall *Year 10*
Jess Nokes *Year 9*
Amber Towner *Year 9*
Jessica Caldwell *Year 8*
Daniel West *Year 8*
Albie Field *Year 8*
Rosie Lewis *Year 7*
Bethany Steggall *Year 7*









Student Success



Music Exam Results

Congratulations on your music exam results to:

Freddie Mooney 9ELN : Grade 2 Pass Merit

Emily Cape 10MSK: Grade 1 Pass with Merit

Amelia Rawsthorne 10EEG: Grade 1 Pass with Merit

Milena Robinson 8LSH Grade 2 Pass with Merit



Student Spotlight



We couldn't be prouder of Alex, a Hayes School student in year 8, and everything he has achieved during his time with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Watching him grow as a performer on stage has been an absolute joy. After doing a fantastic job as Nigel, we are thrilled to share that he has stepped into a new chapter by taking on the role of Tommy. Alex has shown such dedication, professionalism, and passion for his craft throughout this entire journey, and he truly loves every moment of performing.



A massive well done to Grace and Clara 8SLH, who performed on the dance team in Kipps! Sounds like the production was a phenomenal success. We are so proud of them both and wanted to share a highlight from the show.

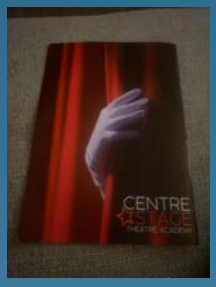
Student Spotlight



A Standing Ovation for Curtain Call: Local Talent Shines Bright

What an unforgettable evening at Curtain Call! This vibrant variety show brought together a remarkable wave of young talent from across Bromley, Orpington, and Beckenham, delivering a powerhouse showcase of musical acts that left the audience completely captivated.

From start to finish, the energy in the room was electric. The sheer variety of musical performances kept the audience on the edge of their seats, and it was an absolute joy to cheer everyone on. While every single performer brought their heart and soul to the stage, the impressive contingent of students from Hayes School truly stole the show.



Their presence was felt throughout the entire production, and it is no exaggeration to say that the Hayes students stood out in a major way. Not only did they display breathtaking vocal and musical skill on stage, carrying themselves with the polish and confidence of seasoned professionals, but their spirit off-mic was just as inspiring.

A huge congratulations to the entire Curtain Call cast, and a special round of applause to the students of Hayes School. Thank you for sharing your incredible talent, your warmth, and your community spirit with us all. We cannot wait to see what you do next!





A Vibrant Triumph at the Churchill Theatre

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley is a joyful, high-energy production that captures the magic of live theatre. From the opening notes to the iconic megamix finale, the show delivers vibrant choreography, infectious music, and plenty of heart.

Leading the charge was Ms Frazer as the Narrator, whose performance was nothing short of incredible. She anchored the entire storyline with effortless charm, commanding stage presence, and powerhouse vocals that soared effortlessly across the auditorium. Her energy kept the pace lively and engaged the audience from start to finish.

Adding a truly special touch to the evening was the inclusion of Year 7 and 8 students from Hayes School. Watching these young performers share their talent on such a prestigious, professional stage was a heartwarming highlight. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and the pride on their faces as they performed alongside the main cast made the experience all the more memorable.

Overall, this production was a resounding success and a wonderful showcase of both seasoned talent and rising local stars. Well done to the entire cast, crew, and the students of Hayes School for a truly unforgettable evening in Bromley.

Year 9 Somme Trip







Two of our Year 9 students give their accounts of their trip to Somme

For our Year 9 trip to the Somme, we had to get up very early to take the coach to Dover and then the ferry Calais. More or less as soon as we got to France the trip started. The first graveyard we visited was on the sight of a field hospital where wounded soldiers would be taken. We proceeded to travel North into Belgium visiting a few more graveyards and hearing interesting stories about grave robbing and war nurses. After that we took a quick stop at a chocolate shop before having dinner in a restaurant and spending the night in a youth hostel.

On the second day we visited the site of the Battle of the Somme which has become known as one of the bloodiest days in history. In the morning they sent 800 men up into no man's land and only 64 came back. We got to walk through some of the trenches and look at the shell craters. On the way back we visited some smaller graveyards and a huge bomb crater. – Matthew Preston

We had to wake up early and be on the coach by 4.30am. once everyone was on we drove to Folkstone and caught the ferry to Calais. From there we went to a graveyard on the site of where a medical facility would have been. We learnt about lots of symbolisms in a graveyard and were told about some of the individual soldiers. After that we went to Ypres where we explored a museum and went in some German and allied trenches. We drove to a chocolate shop with very nice chocolate and then went to the Tyne Cot Cemetery where many soldiers who died in the Battle of Passchendaele were buried. Then we went to the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate and went to our hostel.

When we woke up, we went to the site of the Battle of Somme, and it was very thought provoking. We did a drive by explanation of the Ulster Tower and saw the graves of the Devonshire Regiment who were buried in their own trenches. We then went to the Lochnagar Crater where a massive mine was detonated. Lastly, we paid our respects at the Thiepval Memorial where around 70,000 solders without a grave were remembered. It was eye opening to how devastating the war was. We then drive back to Hayes.





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Murder Mystery Workshop

Murder Mystery Workshop by Abiola Bello at Orpington Library

The Year 7 and 8 SPALD classes attended a murder mystery writing workshop delivered by author Abiola Bello at Orpington Library last week.

Abiola led a very interactive session going through the steps of how to commence creating a murder mystery story, asking the students to come up with ideas about setting, victim, murderer, motive, clues etc.

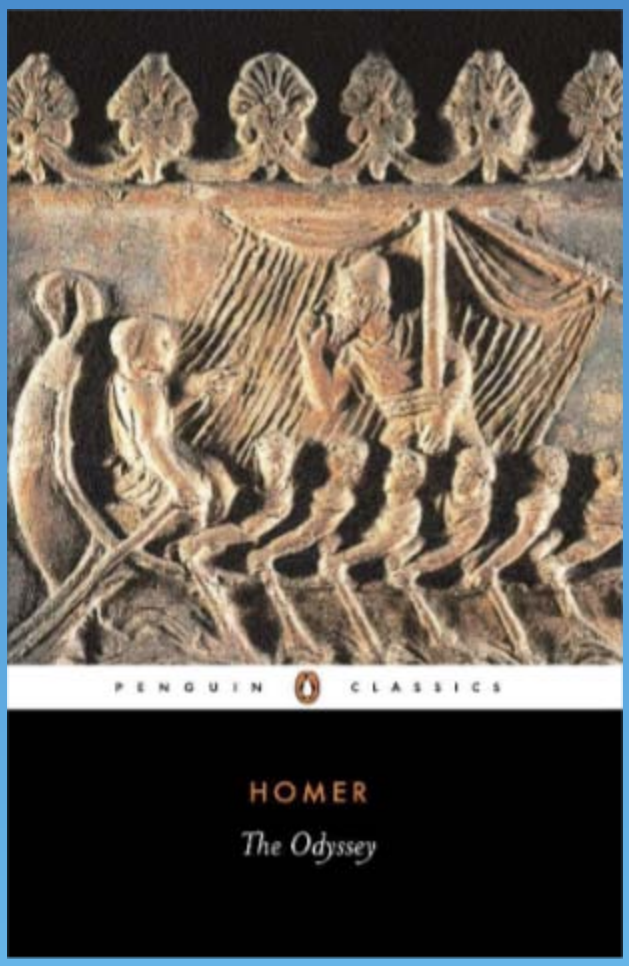
The students were really encouraged to be as imaginative and creative as possible and share their ideas with the rest of the group.







Book of The Month



BOOK OF THE MONTH -The Odyssey by Homer

The epic tale of Odysseus and his ten-year journey home after the Trojan War forms one of the earliest and greatest works of Western literature. Confronted by natural and supernatural threats - ship-wrecks, battles, monsters and the implacable enmity of the sea-god Poseidon - Odysseus must use his bravery and cunning to reach his homeland and overcome the obstacles that, even there, await him.

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