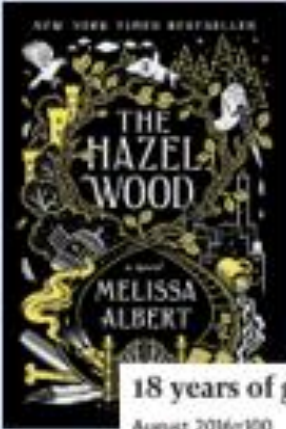




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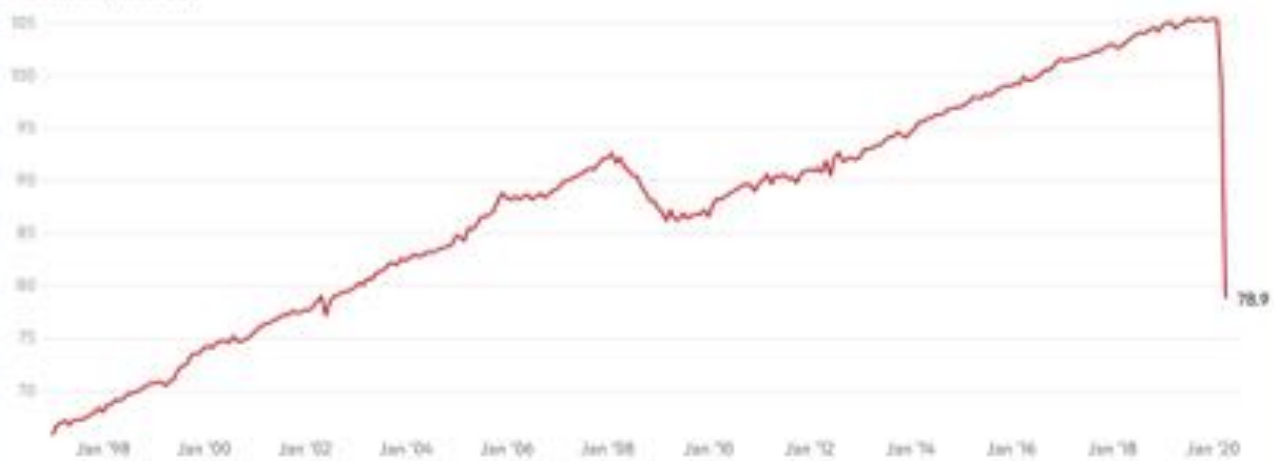
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18 years of growth wiped out in two months

August 2016=100

— UK monthly GDP Index



Source: ONS

INDEPENDENT



Hello and welcome to this edition of the Hayes Herald – we hope you enjoy it. There is an opportunity to apply to the team so if you would be interested please see the application form in the notice board. In this edition, there is some important info on options, some current affairs updates, sports updates, some recommendations and more! Enjoy 😊

Year 9- GCSE Option choices

Choosing subjects to take at GCSE can be a thought-provoking and sometimes daunting and difficult process. Selecting the subjects to study at GCSE does entail some tough decisions; so subject teachers, form tutors, Heads of Department and myself are all available to talk parents and students through this process. Ultimately, these courses will equip students with the skills and knowledge to succeed in GCSE examinations in Year 11, and will form the foundation in future post 16 studies, be this at Hayes 6th form or other school 6th forms or colleges.

The opportunity to choose is an exciting one, and we will encourage and support our students every step of the way through this important phase of their studies to make the right personal choices.

Key dates:

Options Evening Thursday 23rd February 2023

Parents' Evening Wednesday 1st March 2023

Options Deadline Friday 24th March 2023

My Top Tips:

- 1) **Take your time-** There is no rush to submit your options, as long as it is before the deadline
- 2) **Do not struggle!** Seek advice where you need it. This can come from your subject teachers, your form tutors, heads of departments or myself.
- 3) **Chose the subjects you enjoy and are interested in.** This is proven to lead to academic success



Best of luck to you all at this exciting and important time!

Mr Brockman

Jacob's Political Deep Dive

Britain, the 19th Century Powerhouse that's past its time?

Many would argue that over the past decade, Britain has been in steady decline, Brexit left the nations of the UK divided, our economy's growth has been slowing, our military has been slowly declining and our influence on the global stage has been diminishing. So, what exactly are the problems? Has Britain really had its time?

According to Statista, a major opinion collecting organisation in the UK, only one third of Brits now feel that it was right to leave the EU, whereas 54% now regret the decision. This is for a number of reasons. Since the UK left the EU, the pound has lost much of its value against the Euro – 15% from the day of the vote to the day of the results alone. This has made spending outside the country much more expensive. Additionally, the cost of importing goods has gone up meaning so has the cost of buying the goods – the London School of Economics estimated that it added £6 billion to household shopping bills in the first two years of Brexit alone. However, some argue that there have been merits to Brexit such as the fact it allowed us to have a faster vaccine roll out but some say it wasn't fair not to share out the vaccines. Finally, Brexit has had an impact on the strength of the **United** Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Since the UK left the EU, the strength of the Union has been questioned and the effect on Scotland has been massive. Since the results of the referendum, the Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP), who are in power in Scotland, have been calling for an independence referendum, as the majority of Scots wanted to remain in the EU. This has caused major division as polls suggests that a small majority of Scots would like to leave the UK and become an independent country. Neither the government, nor the Labour party (currently the opposition party) would allow another referendum and the UK government are the only people who could potentially allow it. However, in the last few weeks, government ministers have breathed a sigh of relief after Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister of Scotland and Leader of the SNP, resigned citing burnout. Sturgeon was a major force in Scotland's campaign for independence and although she says the campaign for independence will continue, many feel that nobody would be able to push for it in the same way that Nicola Sturgeon could. Scotland is not the only nation within the UK facing problems – there have also been major problems in Northern Ireland.

From the 16th century to the early 20th century, the whole of Ireland was part of the British Empire. However, after multiple years of conflict a treaty was signed which meant that Southern Ireland became its own country, independent from the UK, but the northern counties of Ireland (now known as Northern Ireland) remained part of the United Kingdom. Prior to Brexit, both the Republic of Ireland and the UK were in the EU meaning that there never needed to be a border between Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland,

however after Brexit, this changed and some checks on goods between Ireland and Northern Ireland led some to say a border existed, which is unacceptable to people in Ireland. There was also much outrage, particularly by the DUP (a major political party in NI) at the previous Northern Ireland trade deal made by Boris Johnson which meant many goods travelling to NI from the rest of the UK had to be checked. Since then, Rishi Sunak has created a new plan. The new plan means that goods travelling to NI from the rest of the UK, which are going to stay in NI, will go into the green lane which requires very little paperwork and no checks, but goods that are continuing onto Southern Ireland will have to go through a red lane where checks will have to happen. At the time of writing, the DUP is yet to decide whether to support the deal. However, Brexit is not the only problem people feel the UK is facing.

Britain is facing a major health crisis. The NHS was already struggling prior to the pandemic but the Covid-19 crisis has hugely aggravated it. There is a major shortage of nurses and doctors and much of the health staff that remain are going on strike as they feel that the Conservative government is not paying them enough. Additionally, many argue that the NHS is not receiving enough funding to pay for new equipment, with some senior Tory MP's such as Sajid Javid suggesting that there should be a charge for GP appointments. However, many feel a lacking of funding from the government stems from our deep economic crisis.

The economy is in shambles. This is due to a multitude of different factors – some people believe Brexit has had major part in this as it made Britain a less stable place to invest and made buying/selling goods more expensive. Others feel that Liz Truss had a big impact on the state of our economy – her plans for our economy resulted in billions of pounds lost and the UK being seen as a less stable place for investment. Coronavirus also had a big impact on the economy, but other major countries in the G7 group of richest nations have also had to go through that same issue yet their economies continues to grow at a faster rate than the UK's – in fact the UK's economy is expected to shrink next year – the only G7 country to do so. All the factors above and more have led to a situation where many argue the UK is no longer the major player on the world stage that it once was.

The UK's economic prowess is under threat, the health service has fallen further behind other top countries, the nations are divided and the UK's world leading services are no longer what they used to be. Other political parties are suggesting fixes but as threats from the outside world continue to grow, is too late for real change to happen? Only time will tell.

Italy shipwreck- Migrants killed off the coast off Calabria

Around 40 migrants were killed when their overloaded boat sank in the rough seas of southern Italy.

According to various sources, the vessel broke apart with over 100 people near Crotona. This meant that many bodies have been recovered from the nearby beach.

One of the coast guards has said "At the current time 80 people have been recovered alive, including some who managed to reach shore after sinking". However, they have also mentioned that "43 bodies have been found along the coastline (including a baby)"

We do not know where these people were travelling from, but according to local news outlets, the people on board were from Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Somalia.

The vessel sank due to it crashing into rocks during rough weather. The Italian authorities have begun a search and rescue operation on land and at sea. Survivors are seen huddled under blankets and attended to by Red Cross workers.

The Italian prime minister has expressed deep sorrow for the incident and blamed the deaths of these people on human traffickers. Pope Francis has said he is praying for the dead, the missing and those who have survived.

Every year people have been fleeing conflict and poverty from Africa to Italy which means they must cross the Mediterranean Sea.

- Teodora Mindru



Sports Update

This week there were some European games with Man U scraping a win over the great Barcelona ending 4-3 on aggregate whilst the other big English teams fall of in their games as Man City draw 1-1 to RB Leipzig and Liverpool got thrashed 5-2 by Real Madrid bottling a 2-0 lead. To kick off the weekend, Fulham hosted Wolves as they share the points in a 1-1 draw. No 12:30 game this week with Newcastle vs Brighton postponed. There were 4 3pm games on Saturday with Aston Villa getting the better of Everton at Goodison park as they win 2-0. Leeds beat Southampton 1-0 at home. Arsenal scraped a 1-0 won over Leicester away from home. West Ham smash Nottingham Forest with a spectacular 4-0 victory in from of the home crowd- just what their fans needed after a rough season so far. The 5:30 kick off this week was Bournemouth vs Manchester City and as expected Man City and Haaland keep on terrorising the prem with a 4-1 win at the great vitality stadium. The 7:45 game was a bore as Crystal Palace hold on to a 0-0 draw against Liverpool. There was only 1 prem games on Sunday but then also a very important Caribau Cup Final. Tottenham beat Chealsea 2-0 in a good old fashion London Derby with Oliver Skipp scoring his first goal, and what a goal it was! In the Cup final, Man U showed everyone why they deserved to win the trophy as they wiped the floor with Newcastle in a 2-0 victory with Bruno Fernandes lifting the trophy.

Onto Hayes sport now kicking it off with an all-day Rugby 7s tournament with Hayes winning 2/3 games just unlucky to not get to the quarter finals. A great achievement for the players!

- Joseph Warnett



Careers in Education

This week will be all about teaching and education. There are lots of jobs in education, and like I said previously about careers at sea, it isn't just about teaching information to children.

Striking

At the moment there are strikes being carried out by a certain union for education, and there are some teachers who are part of that union who work at Hayes School. There are multiple unions and teachers can be part of any group they wish (but obviously not more than one). Strikes are being held by the NEU, The National Education Union, because of working conditions and how much they are being paid. Also, teachers don't have to tell their employers if they are going on strike.

Variety of Occupations

As you know, teachers are part of the education sector. When having a job like this you would need something called a DBS. DBS stands for a Disclosure and Barring Service and is a licence that shows an adult is trusted to work with children in a safe way. Like I said it isn't just about teachers in schools, there are many more that are part of this sector. You can work for the DfE which is the Department for Education. You are a civil servant who works for the government and manages certain parts of the education system. You can work managing apprenticeships and how many people are on a certain one, or managing how many people are in mainstream schools and how many aren't in the UK.

Teaching Adults

In further education adults can go back to university or college to study. The teachers would be adults too but they would just be teaching more advanced things than schools do. You can be a careers advisor, this means teaching adults about new jobs that they can take on if they left or quit their job.

National Career Service Salaries

Primary/Secondary school teacher – £28,000 to £43,685

Careers Adviser – £21,000 to £35,000

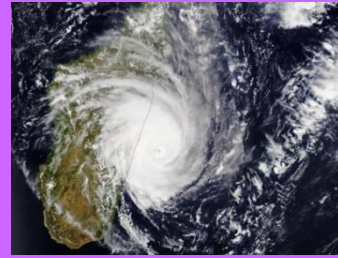
English as a foreign language (EFL) teacher – £14,000 to £35,000

Further Education teacher – £24,000 to £40,000

- Daniel Butcher

Cyclone Freddy

Tropical Cyclone Freddy, one of the longest-lasting systems in the southern hemisphere, has hit Madagascar with strong winds and high seas and now threatens Mozambique with dangerous and exceptional rainfall levels. Cyclone Freddy is expected to reform and pick up energy over the Mozambique Channel. It is expected to make landfall in Mozambique as a severe tropical storm on the morning of Friday 24th, likely between Beira and Inhambane. Freddy developed on the 6th of February off the coast of north-west Australia and affected island nations, including Mauritius and La Réunion, during its long journey across the entire South Indian Ocean. This kind of super zonal track is very rare. At least 5 people sadly have died after a tropical cyclone battered Madagascar's east coast, with heavy rain and powerful winds tearing roofs off houses and triggering a storm surge. Now, Mozambican authorities are setting up shelters and preparing to evacuate people in high-risk areas as the south African country braces for the storm. Heavy rains have already caused flooding in some parts of the country and the authorities have said additional rain from the cyclone might affect up to 1.75 million people.



Mystery of India's Lost Port

The mystery of India's lost port of Muziris has captivated archaeologists for decades. Once at the heart of one of the world's most influential trading routes, and hailed by Roman author Pliny the Elder as 'the first emporium of India', Muziris was known for its rich selection of spices, gems, ivory and silk. However, in the 14th Century, the port disappeared without a trace – its location seemingly wiped from the map. Today, there is still fierce debate over Muziris'



true location, but there might be new archaeological evidence which finally provide an answer. Though the archaeologists cannot be certain, they, with some expositions and historians, believe they have located the site of Muziris.

- Lara Griffiths

The Career Path to becoming a Military Officer

In each edition of the newsletter, I will be investigating the path to particular careers and looking at examples to see how you can get there. This week I will be looking into becoming a Military officer so here are some of the most frequently asked questions about becoming a Military Officer.

What GCSE's do you need to become a military officer?

To become a military officer, you would need to have English Language, a science, Maths and a foreign language.

What A- Levels should you take to become a Military officer?

To become a military officer, you don't need any particular A levels.

What skills do I need to become a Military officer?

To become a military officer you would need to have:

- Leadership skills
- Determination
- Concentration and verbal communication
- Motivation



- Eleanor Crick

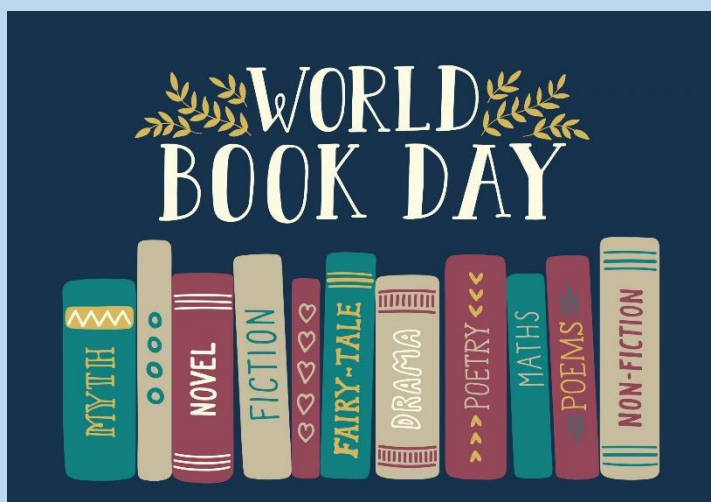
WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2 March it was World Book Day. World book day is a worldwide celebration of books and reading that is marked in over hundred countries around the world. This year's theme is 'your' world book day.

World book day was first created on 23 April 1995 by UNSECO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) but the first world book day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage people to discover the joy of reading for pleasure. Even though in the UK, we celebrated it on the first Thursday of March in other countries it is celebrated on the 23 of April because it is the anniversary of the birth or death of several prominent authors such as William Shakespeare and Cervantes. In fact, Shakespeare and Cervantes died on the same date (23 April 1616) but because at the time Spain used the Gregorian Calendar, but England used the Julian Calendar so Shakespeare actually died 10 dies after Cervantes.

In school there were a few things that took place to celebrate world book day throughout this week. One thing that happened was that there was a book sale in the library that the librarians and Year 10 Book club organized as well as a book quiz that was organized by Jacob Fenwick-Read in which there were two teams one from year 10 and another from year 9 who competed against each other in 4 rounds. In the end the year 10s beat the year 9s by one point.

- Emma Prayag Baltanas



Media Article

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a good break and is feeling good about going back. I have been reading and watching lots of films/books over half term, so I want to get straight into recommendations.

Songs:

Foreign: Heartbeats- José González

80s/90s: Ooh La La- The Faces

Rock: Long Cool Woman (In a Black Dress)- The Hollies

Chill: Brockley- Totally Enormous Extinct Dinosaurs

Dance/Pop: I THINK- Tyler the Creator

Sad: The Gold- Manchester Orchestra & Phoebe Bridgers

Rap: Hip Hop Hooray- Naughty by Nature

Film of the Week

This edition's film of the week is *Aftersun*, a film that came out in 2022. I wanted to watch it for a while, but I only got round to watching it last week. It's the kind of film that, while you can't put your finger on a plot really, it still leaves a lasting impression on you. It follows Sophie and her father Callum on a trip to Turkey, and that's kind of all I can say without giving away the plot. There's not a story as much, it's kind of one of those films pretentious people like to patronisingly explain to you because it's 'artistic'- that being said I really enjoyed it. I mainly enjoyed it for the cinematography and the way it looked in general, the whole 'look' of the film really sets a theme. I would really recommend it, but be warned, while it is a 12, it has dark themes like suicide etc. so it's not exactly feel-good.

Book of the Week

There seems to be a theme this week with slightly depressing films/books, because this week's book of the week is *'On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous'* by Ocean Vuong. The book is a letter from a son to his illiterate mother and paired with Phoebe Bridgers it was a very **melancholy** experience. It's a poetry book, really, so don't expect a thriller or something like that, but do expect to sit in silence after reading it (at least I did). Again, it does have dark themes so I would make a note of age ratings, but I would highly recommend.

- Ella Chaplin

Book Quiz

Last week on Friday some members of year 9 took part in a book quiz against some other schools. Unfortunately, we did not win, however it was a very fun and exciting quiz that really tested our knowledge of books. There were 8 rounds each with a different theme such as childhood books, classics or fantasy fiction. The final round was different to the others as for this round there were videos that you had to use to try and figure out what the book was. Each of the rounds was hosted by a host called Mr. Dilly who was quite funny and made the quiz extremely enjoyable. I asked some of the people who took part a couple of questions and here is what they said:

Jacob Fenwick-Read

- 1) What was your favourite thing about the book quiz?

I really enjoyed working as a team to answer all the difficult questions.

- 2) Which round did you enjoy the most?

Round 1 because it hooked me into the quiz

- 3) Why did you decide to take part?

I enjoyed the quiz I took part in last year and I decide I wanted to represent the school in another quiz

Eleanor Crick

1. What was your favourite thing about the book quiz?

I enjoyed the quiz master. He was funny and enthusiastic.

2. Which round did you enjoy the most?

My favourite round was the video round. I liked it because the videos were interesting and fun.

3. Why did you decide to take part?

I decided to do the book quiz because I love to read. The book quiz was great for learning about books I have never read before.

- Emma Prayag Baltanas

NOTICE BOARD

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this edition of the newsletter – we hoped you enjoyed it.

The next edition of the newsletter will be published on the 17th of March.

If you would like to join the team, please fill out the application form on satchel one or email Jacob (20056)