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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In addressing the class of 2024 this week in our Year 13 celebration assembly, I reminded students that it is so often said that school days are some of the best days of our lives. It is certainly my hope that all students will look back on their time at Hayes with fondness, whilst it is also true that there are many more exciting and interesting experiences and opportunities which lie ahead for our young people.

As we approach the end of term, there are so many additional enrichment activities taking place that it is becoming hard to keep track of everything that is going on. The engagement of students has been impressive and these activities will undoubtedly create lifelong memories for our students.

Sports Day at Norman Park on Monday saw students in Years 7-9 competing to represent their house in track and field events, the mini Olympics, tug of war and even welly wanging! Despite the heat, we saw records broken in the 100m and long jump and saw competitive spirit alongside camaraderie and support for all those competing. The teachers' and Sixth Formers' race was once again a particular highlight and I especially enjoyed a front row seat for the tug of war finals. Thank you to the PE department for their exceptional organisation of this event, supported by staff and a number of families who joined us at Norman Park throughout the day.

While Sports Day played out, Year 12 students participated in Futures Day exploring routes into employment, apprenticeships and higher education and the application process for universities. Our Year 10 cohort completed their GCSE English Speaking and Listening presentations and I have heard nothing but praise for the way in which they delivered short speeches on topics of personal interest and listened attentively and asked questions of each other throughout the morning.

Last week's Chance 2 Dance show showcased the brilliant talents of our students as performers and choreographers in solo and group performances, including mock exam pieces and our music students had the opportunity this week to travel to the Royal Albert Hall to see the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra present Symphonic Rock. Our creative arts curriculum is so

important to us at Hayes and I was in awe of the dedication shown by GCSE and A-Level students to the production of high quality art, ceramics, textiles and photography work exhibited at our art show yesterday evening. Their sketchbooks demonstrate extensive research, hard work and practice of key techniques while their coursework and exam pieces, on all scales, highlight their creativity and personal responses to key themes. The DT work on show was ingenious and creative in equal measure and demonstrated a real attention to detail and no doubt hours of time in the workshop during the school day and after hours.

I am pleased to report that the public examination season has now come to an end and I would like to thank the exams team, invigilators and teaching assistants for their hard work in recent weeks providing support and encouragement to students, as well as our students for their exceptional conduct.

Our attention has now focussed to welcoming our new Year 7 and Year 12 students into the school in September. Following visits to meet children in local primary schools, we invited a small number of students into school this week for our transition group support and One Ted Day ahead of the Year 6 Induction Day on Tuesday 9th July. Our Year 12 Induction Days will also be taking place before the end of term to provide students with taster lessons in their chosen subjects and bridging work for the summer.

Finally, students revisited their academic tutoring targets with tutors and other staff on Thursday afternoon. Students will have celebrated success, reflected on challenges and considered ways in which they can develop as learners and young people next academic year. I sincerely hope that they will live by this saying 'If the plan doesn't work, change the plan, not the goal.'

Mr Whittle
Principal

ASSEMBLY THEMES:

w/c 1st July (Week A): PE | w/c 8th July (Week B): Ethos and Values

SVP Highlights

With Senior Vice Principal
Miss Thompson

SCHOOLS OUT FOREVER...

At the time of writing this, my seventh instalment for the newsletter, we are preparing for what will be our Year 13 students last day in school today, as they come to school for one last time for their leavers assembly. With exams now complete, university offers in the bag, employment and apprenticeship opportunities secured, or indeed gap year travels planned; today marks the end of what has been a seven-year journey through secondary school education.

Earlier this term to mark the official start of study leave, Year 13 students arrived to school early dressed in a variation of their old Year 11 uniforms complete with feathers, sequins and other adornments. They gathered around the Blue Circle to sign shirts and take photos, as has become tradition at Hayes. Caught up in the revelry for the very first time our Year 7 students had many a bemused face, but entered into the spirit of things as they sensed the importance of this special moment for the older students in our school community.

Yesterday will have been a bittersweet milestone as they walked for the last time into the assembly hall for their celebration assembly... tissues at the ready! Laughter, oohs and ahhs echoed around the Upper Street as they were treated to a pictorial trip down memory lane (yes, the Year 7 Rochester Trip photos came out), a video good luck montage from members of staff and a farewell song sung by our very own Mr Allred.

Having spent on average **1330** days or **9300** hours in secondary school (not withstanding clubs, trips, residential or dare I say it, detentions), attended in the region of **5955** lessons, sat in more than **200** assemblies and in the past two years spent nearly **250** hours in Silent Study (hopefully) our Year 13's have definitely had many experiences; numerous to savour, some to repeat and hopefully only a few to forget. They were a year group that spent much of their Year 9 and some of their 10 studies in lockdown and were in fact the first Year 11's to sit exams after a two-year national hiatus. But that has in no way stopped them from making their mark!

As their journey comes to an end and final preparations for tonight's much anticipated Year 13 prom come together, I asked some of our Year 13's to take a moment to reflect on their journey at Hayes; their best moments, their lasting memories and what they will miss the most. Here's what they said....

My best moment was...

"Going on the Ski trip in Year 9; I learned to ski and made new friends that I still hang around with today."

"Getting my GCSE results, I was so nervous but I got really good grades and got in to Sixth Form to do the courses I wanted!"

"When I was told I had got the job as a Head Prefect, I was so proud."

"Beating my nerves and singing at MusicFest for the first time as a Sixth Form student, I don't think anyone knew I could really sing."

My lasting memory will be...

"Meeting on the Blue Circle every day after school to walk home with the same friends for the last 7 years!"

"Performing in every school show since I have been at the school; I had a lead role in Oliver this year and remember when I was a Year 7 watching the older students in the lead roles and this year I was one of them!"

"When my History teacher in Year 8 dressed up and jumped on a table to act out a historical scene; I literally didn't know what was happening."

"Coming to school throughout the COVID pandemic and playing Badminton everyday with the teachers, it was a really weird time but coming to school made it a bit more normal."

"Taking part in the MFL bake off and winning. I have never eaten so much cake!"

The thing I will miss the most is...

"Chocolate brownies from the Restaurant and the old Chicken Burger Fridays."

"Being part of the amazing Rugby team, but I still have the South Africa tour to go!"

"The new friends I have made since coming to Hayes as a new student in Year 12. I am so glad I came here."

"My form tutor. She has been with us for most of our time here and has made a real difference to me. Always looking out for me both academically and pastorally."





Y7 FIRST AID

BE READY FOR THAT DAY

Our goal is to make sure all students are 'Ready For That Day' and confident they know how to respond and give CPR if they need to.

Students took part in role play scenarios about making a 999 call so they understand the questions that may be asked if they call and are more confident about making a call.

Students then were shown how to give CPR using resources from the British Heart Foundation and were able to practice.

The session finished with a video from the British Heart Foundation about the importance of defibrillators, how they are used and where they can be found.

During this half term, all Year 7 students have been taking part in a first aid session which aimed to:

Identify the difference between cardiac arrest and heart attack

Explain how to respond if someone sees an unconscious person, including how to make an emergency call and get help

Explain how to use a defibrillator

Know how to give CPR

The British Heart Foundation have developed free CPR online training which can be accessed here:

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Chance 2 Dance

Last week students from Years 7-12 performed in our Chance 2 Dance summer dance event.

It was a thoroughly entertaining evening with extremely high quality performances from all students. The evening was an opportunity for students at KS3 to create their own choreography and compete against others for the coveted Chance 2 Dance trophy.

Ms Thompson and Mrs Arney performed the tricky job of judging this exciting competition.

The second half of the event was a showcase of talent from across the different key stages including performances from our 'Step into Dance' club, Year 10 GCSE dance students and Year 11 & 12 GCSE & A Level dancers.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to perform their practical work and feedback from the audience was extremely positive. Thank you to the audience for being so supportive!

Special Congratulations to all our prize winners!

Star Performer - Lottie Weir

Most Improved this year - Semra Arif

Energy and Stage Presence - Lola Jackson

**Runners Up - 'Hand Jive' by Dulcie Simpson,
Semra Arif, Clara Robinson & Lyla Nolan**

**Overall Choreography Winners - Lola Jackson &
Lottie Weir with 'Lose my Breath'**



**Thank you again to all the performers, judges
and technical support!**

Mrs Jefferies
Head of Dance



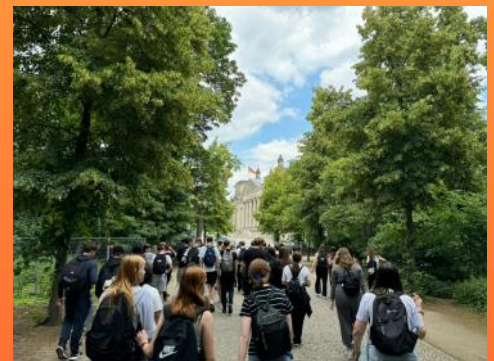
Year 10 History

Trip to Berlin



After an early start, we arrived in Berlin at around 8 am, we then took the metro which was very reliable down to our first stop of the day which was the Kindertransport memorial. This was an interesting memorial as it was about the kinder transport and how it saved many Jewish children during the war. Then it was short walk to the Reichstag. This was thought provoking, as we learnt about what happened there and the events and protests that took place. We then walked round to the "Monday monument" this was a memorial to the murdered members of the Reichstag. Following that we walked through the Tiergarten (which was a very beautiful park) on to the

Sinti Roma memorial. We learnt about how the people who were considered "gypsy" were so badly treated and how the Nazis committed homicide against them. We then walked to the Brandberg Gate, and this was very beautiful and interesting to learn about. We then continued on the Fuhrer bunker and learn more about the events that happened there at the end of the Second World War. After this, we went to dinner and tried a currywurst, a spicy German sausage, which was quite nice!



On day 2, we had breakfast and then set off on our tour, we went to the Sachsenhausen Concentration camp. This for me was extremely sad and it really made you think about what actually went on in these camps. We learnt about the different jobs the prisoners were given and what their living conditions were like. After lunch, we went to the former headquarters of the NSDAP regime of terror and had a look around, we could also ask questions if we wanted to. We saw Checkpoint Charlie, which became a symbol of the Cold War and the division of East and West Germany. Our day ended with dinner which was at a pizza restaurant.

On Sunday, we went to the Stasi prison, where political prisoners were taken during the Cold War. This was fascinating to learn about and really showed you what happened inside the prison. We saw what the living conditions were like and the horrible ways in which prisoners were punished. We then took public transport to the Berlin Wall where we learned what it was like for the Germans and what methods people tried to use to escape. We walked across the remains of the Berlin wall, which were covered in very incredible and well-known photos. I really enjoyed Berlin and found it extremely interesting to learn about the different things that happened during Weimar and Nazi Germany, World War 2 and the Cold War, and think that if you ever have the chance to go to Berlin I would recommend going to these places as they are remarkable.



Eleanor Crick 10MJD

Post 18 Destinations Evening and Futures Day

Year 12

On Wednesday 12th June we welcomed 24 guest speakers into school to talk to Year 12 students and their parents and carers. The purpose of the evening was to support students with their next steps and help them to gain an insight into university providers, apprenticeships and employment to fuel their onward journey from Hayes. It was great to see a range of Hayes alumni amongst the guest speakers who were able to show our students a clear pathway from where they are now to their future career.



Talks were held on topics such as 'Picking a university', 'Applying for an Apprenticeship' and 'CV creation'. It was great to see speakers from NatWest, Mastercard, Goldsmiths, Cambridge University, and Zurich Insurance represented.



Following on from this on Monday 24th all Year 12 students engaged in our annual 'Futures Day' which is designed to bring in the research and information from the evening into starting applications and refining next steps thinking. Students also engaged in a study skills session which helped them set short term goals ready to hit the ground running with their achievement in Year 13.

Return to Normal School Day:

Please note that from Monday 1st July we will be returning to the normal school day timings due to the conclusion of the public exam period.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08.30	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
08.50	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
09.50	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10.50	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.10	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.10	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
13.10	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.50	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5
14.50	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
15.00	End	Period 6/End	End	Period 6/End	End
16.00		End		End	

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD



Year 9 DofE Bronze

We have had a great time on our DofE Bronze expeditions over the past two weekends, well done to all those who were involved. It has been a pleasure to see so many students complete the expedition section of the award and we know that expedition leaders were incredibly impressed with the efforts of so many in Year 9:



"One of the best groups we have ever had. Polite, helpful and lovely people. They really have set the bar high."

Thank you to Ms Andrews, Mr Frost and Mr Whittle for organising and Mr Mitchell, Mrs Tame and Miss Narracott for joining us on expedition!

I enjoyed DofE because it was fun to explore new places with my friends.
Matt

I really enjoyed the DofE expedition, it was fun and a good bonding activity for working with friends.
Ben



I enjoyed DofE as I overcame challenges with my friends that was fun.
Noah

I liked being at camp and eating marshmallows.
Hajar





Finished Your Activity and Need An Assessor's Report?

[Click here to visit the Assessor's Report Portal](#)

Here you can find information about what must be included in an Assessor's Report and forward this information to your DofE Assessor.

Remember your Assessor is the person you named on your eDofE planner, they must be over the age of 18 and cannot be related to you.

INDUCTION EVENING AND INDUCTION DAY FOR 2024 STARTERS

We are delighted to welcome our next generation of lifelong learners into our Hayes School community. Such lofty aims start with a single step and for many that will come next week. Parents and carers will receive a letter informing them of the following:

Induction Evening - Monday 8th July - from 5:00pm

We look forward to welcoming parents, carers and of course, our new Year 7s! Presentation from Miss Thompson and Mr Brett

A chance to meet your tutor and learn more about the rhythm of the school day and our community

Induction Day - Tuesday 9th July

We are delighted to invite our new Year 7s into school and, over the course of the day, we will give them a small taste of what life is like as part of our community. Each student will be given the opportunity to have a tour of the school, ask questions of their older peers, experience 3 taster lessons, teambuilding within tutor groups and to tell us a little bit more about themselves...we'd love to get to know you!

Parents and carers are reminded that children will leave Hayes at 2.30pm from the West Common Road entrance.

We wish all a great Induction!
Mr Brett and Mr Hazlehurst

ONE-TED DAY

On Tuesday 25th June, we welcomed 21 Year 6 students to Hayes Secondary. These students, who are soon to join us in Year 7 are arriving on their own from their Primary School, so we give them an early opportunity to meet others in the same position. What makes this event truly special is the chance for these newcomers to shadow current Year 7 students (ambassadors), who were in their position just last year. Throughout the day, our 'wanted individuals,' or 'One-teds' as we've dubbed them, experienced real Year 7 classes in Modern Foreign Languages, Science, IT, Maths, and Design Technology. They also enjoyed lunch in the Hayes restaurant, took a tour of the school, and participated in a Q&A session. Students were able to spend break time on Gadsen Lawn and have already started to form friendship groups. It's a fantastic event, and judging by the smiles and comments, our One-teds already feel at home.

'I feel much more confident after today and am really looking forward to starting in September'

Y6 Student

Mr Brett and Mr Hazlehurst

Tickets are now on sale for The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl House Drama 2024

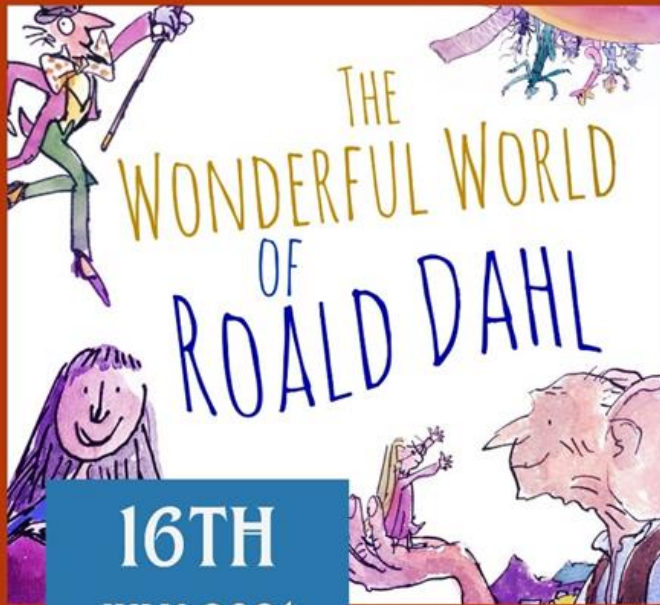
Over 50 students from Years 7-9, directed by a crack team of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 have been working since April on a series of 4 classic Roald Dahl stories – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, The Fantastic Mr Fox and The Witches, for this year's House Drama Competition, which takes place on Tuesday July 16th at 6.30pm in the Main Hall.

This year the competition is the final House event of the year, so it's possible the results could have a huge influence on the final positions. As always there will be huge house point prizes for Best overall production, best direction, best Actors and best newcomer.

The House Drama competition is always a very well attended event so be sure to get your tickets quick at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayescreates

£5 Adults and £3 for Under 18s and Seniors.

[We look forward to seeing you there](#)



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Top Attendance W/C 10th June 2024

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7NXF	98.21%
8	8SRH	94.67%
9	9HMD	96.87%
10	10JEH	94.33%

Top Attendance W/C 17th June 2024

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7SZA	98.43%
8	8SMC	96.66%
9	9JMS	96.45%
10	10MJD & 10GMJ	98.71%

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| 2. Squirrel | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Robin | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Frog | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Dragonfly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Butterfly | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Let's count together... in 4s!



How many butterflies can you see?

ANSWERS



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