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HAYES SCHOOL Newsletter

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Message from the Head of School



as I vowed to?

As we come towards the end of January I am wondering how many of our new year's resolutions are still in place and how many have been broken. With all the best intentions in the world, I am asking myself if I am really putting my running trainers on as many times

Knowing how hard it is to set a goal for the year and stick with it, I spoke to students at the start of January about their goals and aspirations for the next 6 weeks. I challenged them to think of one positive thing they could change for themselves and something they could do for their community or other people. Therefore, revisiting academic tutoring targets seemed an appropriate way to start a new school year and I invite you as parents and carers to check in with your child and see how these are going as we approach the February half term.

Our Year 13 students have been completing their Mock Exams over the last two weeks and despite the pressures this brings we know how beneficial this dress rehearsal is in solidifying study habits and techniques, giving opportunities to reflect on topics and skills that need that little bit more focus, and also in providing recognition for the enormous amount of work and commitment that is currently going into their studies. It is great to see the Sixth Form Centre and Silent Study spaces so busy and humming with such a high level of collective brain power.

We have also received the results of the November exams in GCSE English and Maths and have seen students improving on their achievements in the summer in resit examinations.

We have launched a programme in Year 11 which will see a large number of students receiving small group mentoring from leaders, tutors and other staff and all being encouraged to set and achieve 'implementation intentions.' This is all about habit forming and ensuring that good intentions become more than just intentions and are realised. I am certainly enjoying meeting with a group of students weekly as I work with them to support them in preparing for their GCSEs in just a few months.

Our Year 13 students have also been submitting university applications to UCAS (218 in total) and those students who participated in interviews at Oxford and Cambridge before Christmas are starting to hear whether or not they have been offered a place; only yesterday 4 students received offers from Cambridge University.

Following on from the hugely successful lower school production of Matilda before the Christmas break, rehearsals are well underway for our upper school students as they prepare to entertain us with two plays, Lord of the Flies and This Changes Everything. I look forward to welcoming sell out audiences to the two performance nights in March.

Applications for Hayes Sixth Form have closed and we have received a record number of applications, with our Year 11 students selecting their chosen courses for continuation into Year 12. We will be in contact with Year 11 students and applicants from other schools within the next few weeks.

Miss Thompson
Head of School

Assembly Themes

w/c 3rd February (Week A) LGBT+ History Month w/c 10th February (Week B) Safer Internet Day



MFL
in the spotlight



CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students:

Amelia Maher

Jasmine Kings

Angela Pembroke

Who have all received offers to continue their language studies at Oxbridge.

Hayes MFL is very proud of you!

Trips abroad

Several trips are taking place in the next term.



Our German Sixth Formers are off to Munich next week to practise their language and broaden their historical

and cultural knowledge. The itinerary includes a walking tour focusing on how Hitler rose to power, as well as an important and poignant tour of Dachau Concentration

Camp Memorial Site. Three Year 12 German students from one of our Trust schools, Langley Park School for Girls, are also joining us so that more of our IMPACT students can benefit from opportunities to travel abroad.



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Our KS4 students also have two upcoming trips with the French department heading to Lille and the Spanish department to Malaga before the Easter break.

Keep an eye on the newsletter to hear more about these in the near future!

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Languages closer to home



Three of our Year 12 French students will be visiting Hayes Primary School next week to talk about their language learning journeys. As many of our Year 7s join us from Hayes Primary, building these links and encouraging our younger students

to aim high is really important.

Something new this year is our Spanish pen-pal scheme. Our new Head of Spanish, Mrs Bolaji, has been busy setting this up with IES Vega del Prado school in Valladolid. 25 letters are on their way to Spain right now, and Hayes students are eagerly awaiting their replies!



We have also been forging links within school with the launch of our Year 11 Speaking Support sessions on Thursday mornings. Year 11 students across all three languages have been paired up with Sixth Formers to give them some extra practice before their GCSE speaking exams.

Well done, Team Hayes!



Celebrating Student Achievement

Oxford and Cambridge University Entry 2024

We are delighted to congratulate five Year 13 students who have been offered places at these universities (conditional, of course, on obtaining very high A level grades).



Jasmine Bahal
Kings College,
Cambridge
Modern and
Medieval Languages
(Spanish and
Portuguese)



Sam Carter
Queens College,
Cambridge
Engineering



Huey Hares
Sidney Sussex
College,
Cambridge
Land Economy



Amelia Maher
St Hilda's College,
Oxford
History and Modern
Languages
(German)



Angela Weinthrop
Pembroke College,
Cambridge
History and Modern
and Medieval
Languages (German)

Needless to say, the pressure on places is huge, and growing: it varies from subject to subject. The average is about 1 in 6 applicants gaining places: in Engineering, it is 1 in 10!

Fourteen Hayes School applicants obtained interviews this year (a clear Hayes record) and, statistically, about 1 in 3 or 4 interviewees will get an offer. All of our students (and, indeed, the overwhelming majority of all applicants) are students of a very high academic quality who will undoubtedly obtain the highest A Level grades. All of our interviewees at Oxbridge have already obtained offers from very high ranking universities such as Bristol, Durham, Exeter, Imperial, Warwick and one or two others. The fact that they have had practice at working at a level above A Level will have been noticed and will hold them in good stead at university.

Mr Stephens

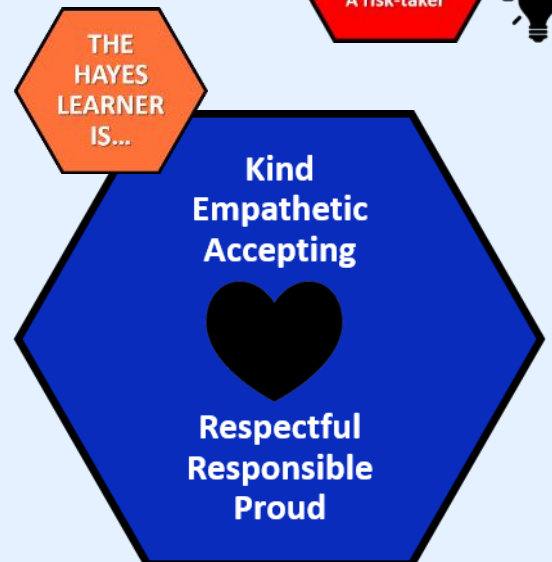


'Act of ultimate kindness'

We were made aware by a member of the public that Isla Kulendran, year 10, demonstrated a remarkable act of kindness on Sunday afternoon. An elderly lady fell badly on the street and had a suspected broken hip, and Isla and her friends immediately went to assist. Isla remained with the injured lady for 2 hours, despite Sunday's strong winds and torrential rain. Isla and her friends helped to keep the lady comfortable, held an umbrella over her, and even brought her tea. They also provided comfort to the lady's distressed granddaughter. The member of the public who wrote to us pointed out Isla's extraordinary compassion, resilience and selflessness throughout the ordeal.

Isla was celebrated in the year 10 assembly this week with a special recognition award. A huge well done to Isla, thank you for being such a kind person and a role model to all of our students at Hayes.

Mr Mitchell



Duke of Edinburgh

Awards Ceremony



A TEAM PLAYER

- Positive
- Engaged
- Cooperative
- A leader



On Thursday evening, nearly 100 students were awarded with their Bronze and Silver DofE certificates at our first DofE awards ceremony. In order to achieve the award, students had to complete a Volunteering, Physical and Skills activity over a three or six month period of their choosing and also completed two expeditions.

Students had the opportunity on Thursday evening to share their own expedition experiences and also heard from our DofE Operations Officer.

Thank you to all who have supported students to complete their award (parents/carers and staff) and congratulations to all students for their hard work and dedication.



Ms Andrews, Mr Frost, Mr Whittle and Ms Thompson

REFLECTIVE

- Learning ...
- ... how we learn
- ... to be resilient
- ...from mistakes



Year 11 English Revision Conference

A group of Year 11 students attended an English revision conference at Langley Park School for Boys, organised by the Trust and attended by all Trust schools. The session strengthened their analytical skills, helping them refine their approach to text analysis. This valuable experience has boosted their confidence and equipped them with key strategies for their upcoming GCSE exams. Congratulations to all students for their excellent attitude and engagement throughout the event.



INDEPENDENT

- Motivated
- Organised
- Aspirational
- Resourceful

Bromley Rotary Youth Awards

A COMMUNICATOR

- Articulate
- Observant
- Receptive
- Informed



The annual Bromley Rotary Club Youth Awards took place last Friday. These awards were established 10 years ago to recognise the achievements and contributions made by young people to the community. A total of 40 young people from 16 different Bromley Secondary Schools received awards at the event.

Jacob Fenwick-Read in year 11 received an award for his outstanding contributions to the school and the community. Jacob has been the mastermind behind the student led 'Hayes Communicates' organisation which now has over 150 students taking part and contributing. Jacob has also been involved in raising money for charity and being part of the Bromley Youth Council.

The Awards Ceremony concluded with the award of the Stuart Jack Trophy to the student who most embodied the ethos of the awards (awarded to one of the 40 winners). It was a pleasure to see Jacob was the recipient of this prestigious award as well.



Congratulations Jacob on your well deserved awards.





DANCE FEST



Last week over 40 students from Years 7-13 took part in the annual dance showcase 'Dancefest'. Students performed work from GCSE and A Level exam classes and extra-curricular clubs, and performed to a packed hall of staff, students, friends and family. The quality and variety of the performances was excellent and contributed to a great atmosphere.

Feedback from the audience was incredibly positive and the performances were inspirational!

Everyone involved should be proud of their efforts and achievements, both in rehearsals and on the night.

A huge thank you to all involved!

Mrs Jefferies



CHESS TOURNAMENT

It was a knockout blitz chess tournament and the players had 10 minutes total for each match. 20 people took part. The semi-final matches were between Billy James & Johnny Sizer and Scott Jackson-Man & Dylan Morshead. The thrilling final was between Dylan & Billy and the match ended in a tie due to the three fold repetition rule, where, if the same



position is repeated 3 times a draw can be claimed. It was an extremely exciting match as it was between a year 7 & a year 13. All players were extremely skilled but these two in the final were certainly a cut above the rest.



We would like to thank our Chess coach, Mrs Kirdar for expertly running the tournament!

By James McCay, Lewis Foard and William Preston

Music Department trip to Pizza Express Live, January 2025



On Tuesday 14th January, 15 students ranging from Year 9 to Year 12, travelled up to London for an evening of pizza and music at the Pizza Express live music venue in Holborn. We were there to see the *Old Dirty Brasstards*; a tweed-clad 10-piece contemporary brass and drum collective comprising some of London's leading freelance musicians, playing an eclectic fusion of pop, rock, hip hop, R&B, funk and soul covers. We heard arrangements of songs by Rhianna, The Arctic Monkeys, Blur, Tina Turner Fleetwood Mac, The Killers and many more. We all thoroughly enjoyed the gig and the meal and hope to return next year.

I really enjoyed the trip. The music was amazing and the pizza was good too. Thanks for the experience. *Jemima*

The trip was so amazing, the sound of the brass was just so overwhelming and brilliant in every way. *Emma*



Thank you for taking us to Pizza Express Live, I really enjoyed it! My favourite part was either Parklife or Bad Guy. *Will*



The Pizza Express trip was so much fun! I really enjoyed all the music that the band played and it was really cool to experience this type of gig. Thanks to all the teachers for taking us! *Katia*

The pizza express trip was so much fun. Not only because of the pizza (which was delicious) but also The old dirty brasstards who were truly amazing. Each piece of music was so different from each other but still everyone knew the tunes. Overall the environment was so nice and I really hope we go again. *Charlie*



www.olddirtybrasstards.co.uk

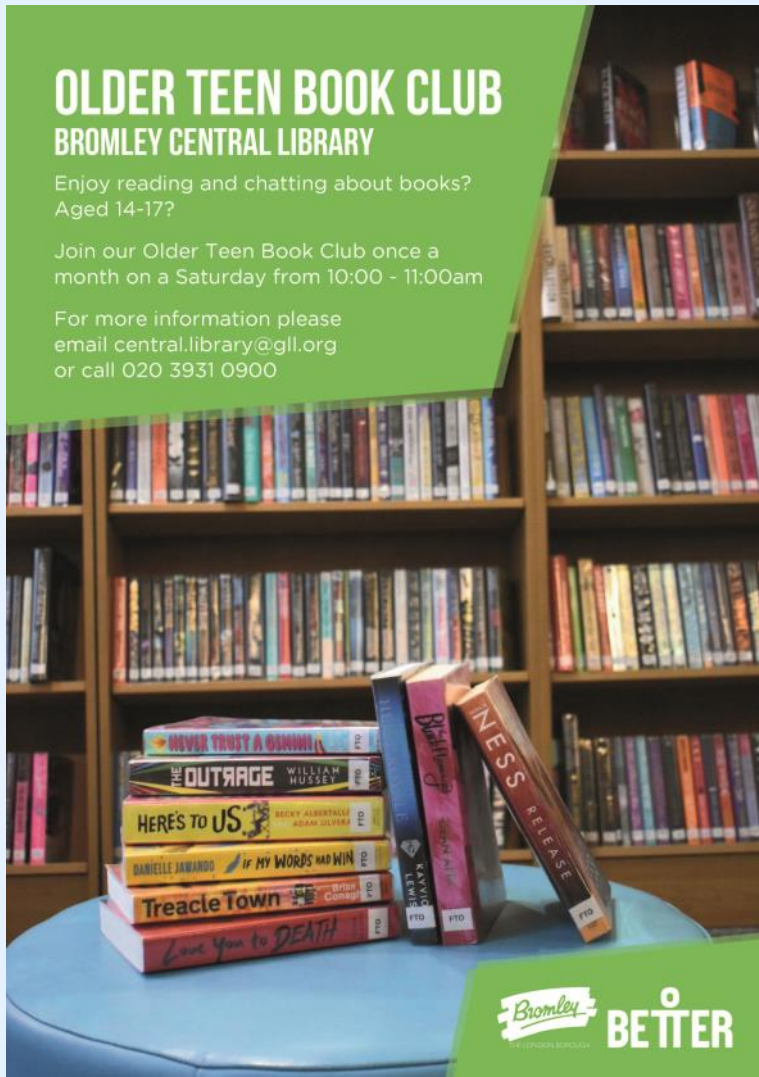
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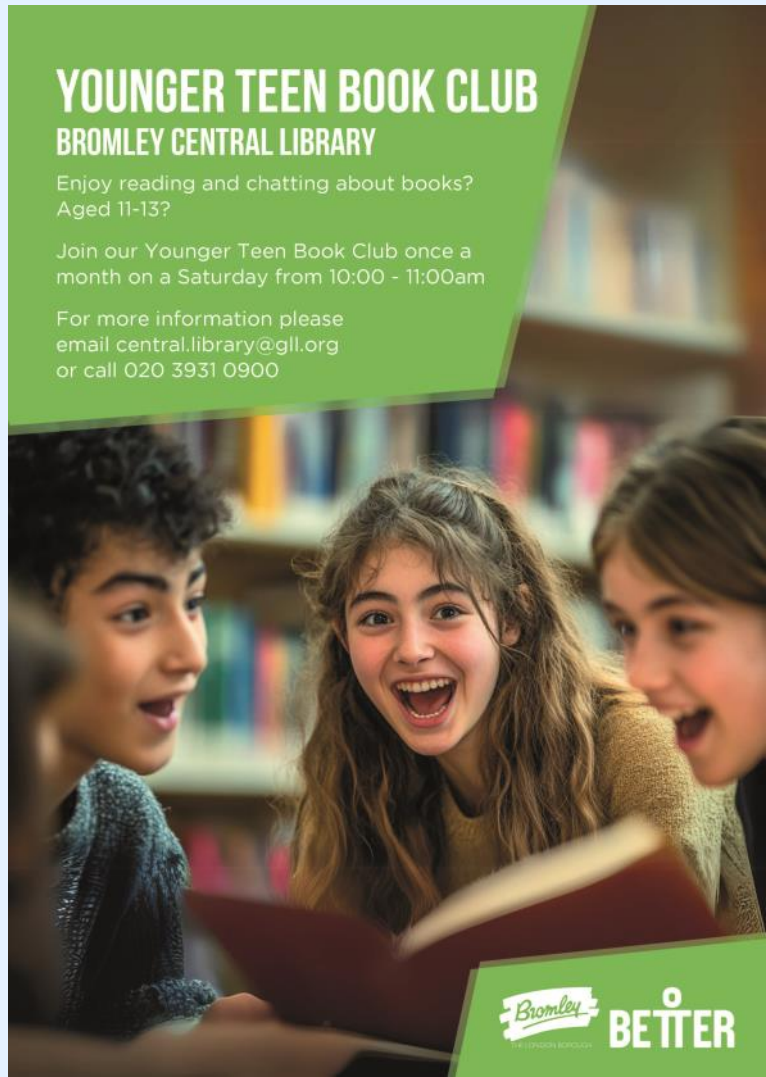


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OLD WILSONIANS CRICKET CLUB



GIRLS' INDOOR TRAINING



AGES 8-16

Email elz.thomas23@gmail.com to sign up.

THURSDAYS
7-8PM

Hayes Secondary School, West
Common Rd, BR2 7DB

EXCELLENCE THROUGH
ENDEAVOUR



#wearehayes

Attendance

Top Attendance W/C		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7MRS	99.35%
8	8LAT	96.67%
9	9MLJ	93.75%
10	10JWH	97.74%
11	11SZB	96.77%
12	6NAM	98.67%
13	6JIP	100.00%

Top Attendance W/C		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7BRB	96.88%
8	8LAT	97.00%
9	9CAT	96.06%
10	10ZEO	95.76%
11	11CMC	96.79%
12	6KAR	99.09%
13	6KRE	99.09%

TEACHING INFORMATION EVENT

DATE
14th February 2025

TIME
Drop in between
10am - 12:30pm

Location
Langley Park School for
Boys (BR3 3BP)

To register please email
administrator@gradteach.uk

Looking for a career that makes the difference to the lives of children and young people?
Find out about:

- Routes into teaching (Tuition-fee, Salaried and Apprenticeship)
- Financial support available
- Individual career coaching on the day (please bring your CV if you have one)
- Application process guidance

Entry requirements:

- Undergraduate degree (2:2 minimum)
- GCSE English and Maths at grade C/4 or higher (plus Science for Primary)
- A desire to help young people to thrive and achieve

Benefits:

- Starting salary for qualified teachers in Bromley £36,413
- Generous Teacher Pension Scheme
- Great career opportunities



AN INSPECTOR CALLS



'An Inspector Calls' is being performed at New Wimbledon Theatre in May half term

The classic Stephen Daldry version of J.B. Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls' is being performed from the 27th to the 31st May 2025 at New Wimbledon Theatre. This version is not only very accurate to the text, making it a valuable experience for Year 10 students who have been studying the text for their GCSE exams, but also highlights the enduring relevance of the play in 2025.

Tickets start from £15 and are available from:

<https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/an-inspector-calls/new-wimbledon-theatre/>

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