



EDITION 10
7TH MARCH 2025

HAYES SCHOOL Newsletter

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Message from the Head of School



It is certainly nice to write this newsletter on a day when the sun has been shining, the days seem to be getting that little bit longer and the first shoots of spring colour are popping up around the school site. We have started the term in the same vein as we finished the last, with lots of events and wider enrichment experiences which has already seen the largest ever

MusicFest with 32 sensational acts taking the stage with every year group represented, a group of intrepid explorers taking in the breathtakingly sights of Iceland as part of a Geography visit, our Year 8 & 9 mathematicians take part in the UKMT Maths Challenges and our Year 9 students taking part in a Careers Week.

I had the pleasure on Wednesday evening of judging the Year 9 First Give charity projects alongside Miss Krystal and Mr Turrell (Local Councillor). The event was a chance for students in each form group to creatively present, in front of an audience, their charity and talk about the social action activities they had completed in support of their chosen charity. From car washes to bakes sales, from book collections to raffles, the groups had certainly been creative in their social action choices. Wednesday was a culmination of all of the hard work and it was wonderful to see pupils from across Year 9 confidently presenting on the stage and answering questions from the panel about their work.

Well done to 9ELF and their tutors Mrs Foster and Mrs Redway-Handel whose chosen charity was ABC Books, an organisation who collect pre-owned books to build and develop libraries in the local area. The form group impressively collected in excess of 1500 books and were worthy recipients of the £1000 prize money which will be used by their chosen charity to further support their ongoing work.

We had double success in Sixth Form rugby last week with our Senior Girls team winning the Kent Rugby 7's tournament and our Boys First XV winning their semi-final in Torquay and making it through the final of the National Under 18 Bowl Final which will be held next week at Ealing Trailfinders Rugby Club. I could not be more proud of both teams and I know you will join me in saying a huge well done to our girls and wishing our boys good luck for next week's final.

Further to the enormous success of our inaugural Hayes School Question Time last May we were delighted to host students from across our Trust schools alongside 200 of our own students to participate in the audience of Hayes School's second 'Question Time' event on Thursday. This was an event run by our school's student media organisation, 'Hayes Communicates' and provided a unique opportunity for students to engage with key decision-makers in our community and pose questions to a panel of experts on matters of concern. I was privileged to be on stage with a panel of experts including members of parliament, local councillors, Bromley police, school and youth leaders.

This week we have launched our Year 9 Options process to students, parents and carers. There will be valuable opportunities in the coming weeks to talk to teachers and tutors in school and at Year 9 Parents' Evening. There is a range of online material including subject videos to support preparations and decision making, as well as a step by step guide on how the process works and I urge students and families to take advantage of this wealth of information prior to attending the parents evening.

Our upper school students are busy putting the finishing touches to their performances as they prepare to entertain us with two plays, *Lord of the Flies* and *This Changes Everything*. I look forward to seeing many of you at the performances on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March.

Finally, Ramadan Mubarak to all our families and friends at Hayes and in our local community. It is wonderful to see our 'Living Wall' reflecting this holy time in the Muslim calendar and for all students to be able to interact and learn more about our diverse Hayes community with this new feature of our school.

#wearehayes

Miss Thompson
Head of School

Assembly Themes

w/c 10th March (Week A) International Women's Day

w/c 17th March (Week B) Art



Geography

In the Spotlight



Iceland Trip



Our journey to Iceland was an unforgettable experience. One of the highlights was visiting the Secret Lagoon, a natural hot spring surrounded by snow-covered landscapes. Relaxing in the warm water and then heading into the cold plunge and back to the warmth again.

Another standout moment was the glacier walk on Solheimajokull. Equipped with crampons and ice axes, we hiked across the ice, taking in the breathtaking views of the glacier's dramatic formations. Our group also got briefly caught up in a hailstorm but made it out safely thanks to our guide!



Throughout the trip, we explored Iceland's incredible natural wonders, from powerful waterfalls to erupting geysers. We also had time to explore Reykjavik, taking in the city's culture and charm. This trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and Iceland's stunning landscapes will stay with us forever.

A huge thank you to Ms Bouckley, Mr Dunn, Mr Brown and Miss Horsler for giving up their time to take us!

Summer Chinniah and Ella Doyle



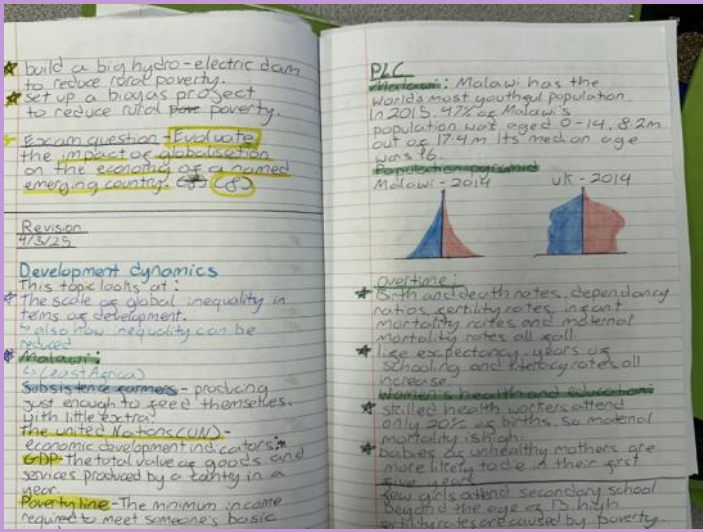
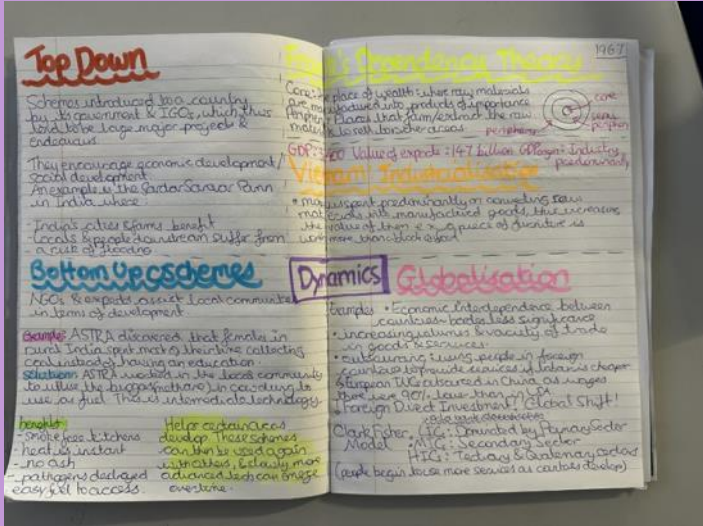
Year 12 Fieldtrip to Hayes High Street

Year 12 have made the short trip down to Hayes high street to investigate 'is Hayes a homogenised high street?' the students worked very hard and were able to gain lots of information from those that live in Hayes.



Year 10 Development Dynamics Student Work

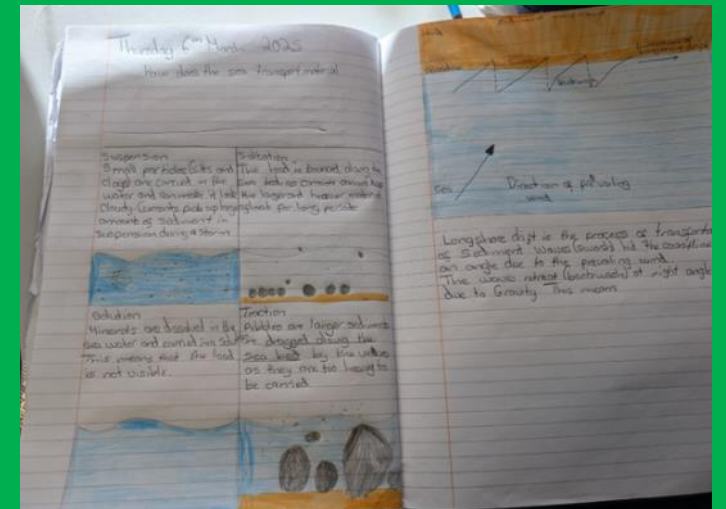
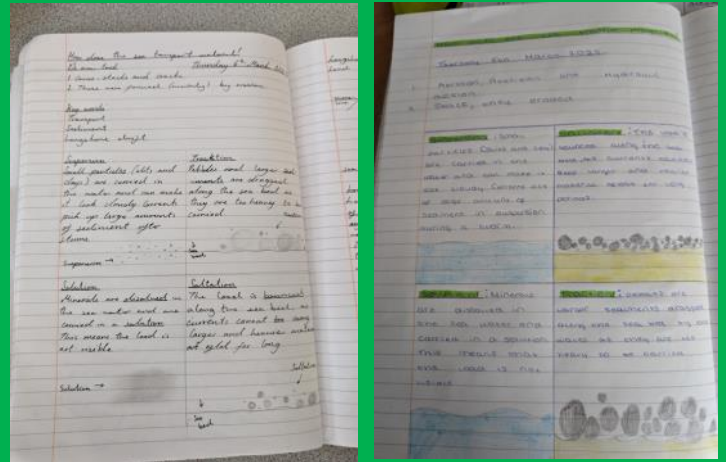
Year 10s have recently been studying 'Development Dynamics'. Here is some brilliant work from Mr Brown's class, looking at population pyramids and approaches to development



Year 7 Coastal Work Student Work

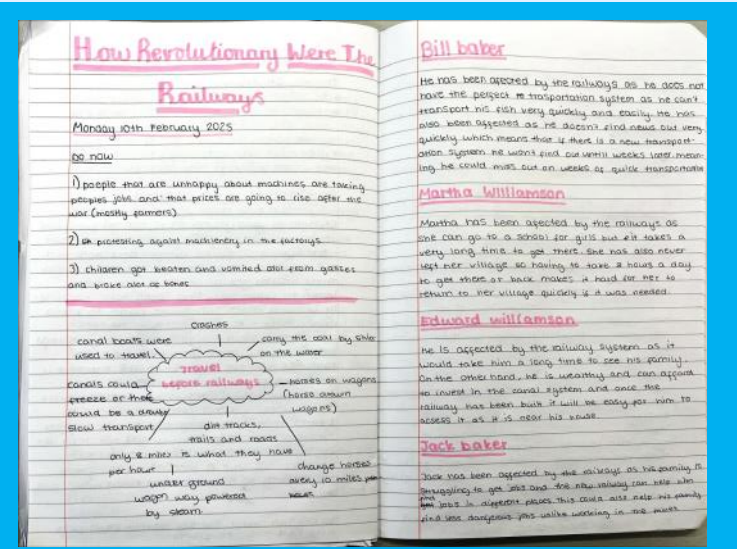
Year 7s have been looking at coastal process. These are examples of brilliant pieces of work from Miss Parkinson's class. We even ventured outside to demonstrate longshore drift!

Well done 7UV4!





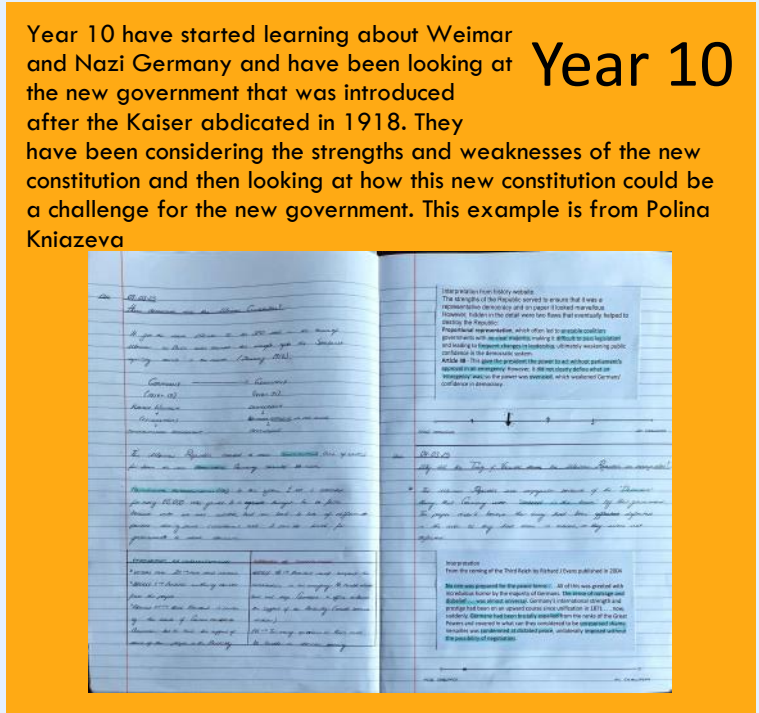
In the Spotlight



Year 8

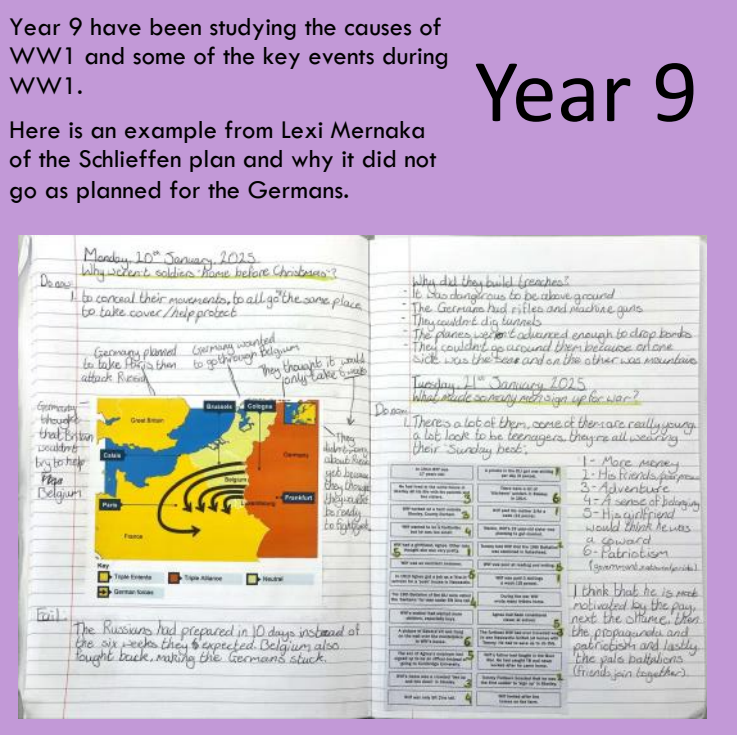
are currently studying the Industrial Revolution and have been looking at the impact railways had on Britain.

Work example from Darcey Brewerton



Year 10

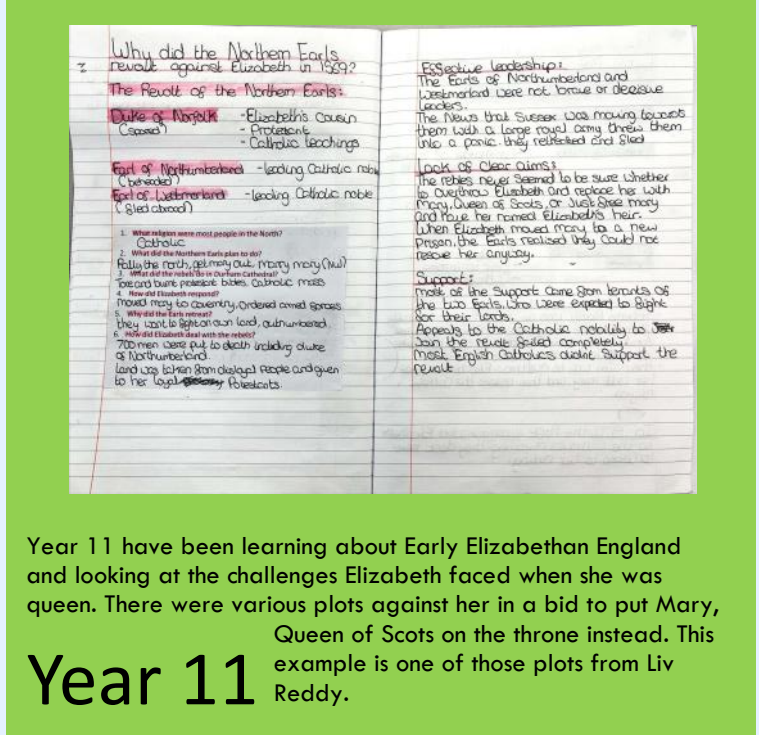
have started learning about Weimar and Nazi Germany and have been looking at the new government that was introduced after the Kaiser abdicated in 1918. They have been considering the strengths and weaknesses of the new constitution and then looking at how this new constitution could be a challenge for the new government. This example is from Polina Kniazeva



Year 9

Year 9 have been studying the causes of WW1 and some of the key events during WW1.

Here is an example from Lexi Mernaka of the Schlieffen plan and why it did not go as planned for the Germans.



Year 11 have been learning about Early Elizabethan England and looking at the challenges Elizabeth faced when she was queen. There were various plots against her in a bid to put Mary, Queen of Scots on the throne instead. This example is one of those plots from Liv Reddy.

Year 9 Somme Visit



Year 9 also got to visit the Somme in November 2024 and visit various key sites including Thiepval which is the memorial to those who died during the Battle of the Somme. Students were led around the different cemeteries and key sites by expert guides. They also got to witness the last post in Ypres which takes place every evening.



From Saturday 1st March 2025, Orpington Library will open in a temporary location at Unit 27, The Walnuts Shopping Centre (near the Central Atrium), Orpington, BR6 0TW. The library will be operating normal opening hours with adult and children's lending, a programme of activities, PC access and printing services. Please note: payments by card only at this time.

Orpington Library Update

For late night opening on Mondays and Thursdays, access to The Walnuts Shopping Centre is available from the Walnuts Square entrance only between 5.30-7pm (High Street entrance closes at 5.30pm).

The refurbishment programme for the current Orpington Library is due to be completed in Autumn 2025.

RE - Visitors from Al-Emaan Mosque



Last week, we had visitors from the Al- Emaan Mosque speak to the Year 9s about Belief in God and their personal reflections on their religion. The aim of which was to support them with their GCSE.



SPORTS NEWS

Hayes Senior Rugby – History Makers!

The Hayes 1st XV have made their mark on the national stage before, but last week, they wrote a new chapter in the school's rugby history. For the first time ever, the team has reached the final of the Continental Tyres National Bowl!

The semi-final against Torquay Boys' Grammar School was an unforgettable experience. A six-hour minibus journey, an overnight hotel stay, and a late return home were all made worthwhile as the team delivered a dominant 31-12 victory.

Now, all eyes are on the final against Kings Ely, set to take place on March 12th at 12:00 PM at Ealing Trailfinders ground. More details on how to support the team will be shared soon—let's get behind them and make history together!



Hayes Girls' Rugby 7s – Kent Champions!

On the same day that the boys' 1st XV secured their place in the National Bowl final, the Hayes Senior Girls' Rugby 7s team made history of their own, claiming victory at the Kent Schools 7s tournament!

The girls put in a phenomenal performance, defeating Gravesend Grammar, Archbishops, Judd, Colfe's, and Sevenoaks on their way to the final. In a hard-fought match, they triumphed over Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School (SJWMS) to lift the trophy.

Every player should be incredibly proud of their efforts as the team continues to build momentum towards the Rosslyn Park 7s later in March. Well done, Hayes Girls!



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Hayes School PE department are incredibly excited to announce a new partnership with Hewley Griffith Table Tennis Academy. Hewley will be running free sessions for school pupils on a Monday 3.15-4.15 this will be on a sign up only basis and due to the anticipated popularity a waiting list will be created. Pupils will be updated on the in-school session but please sign up for the clubs running 5-8pm directly through Hewley.

Hewley Griffith Table Tennis Academy @Hayes School

Location: Hayes School, West Common Rd, Bromley BR2 7DB

Day: Every Monday

Club Session Times:

- ✓ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- ✓ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- ✓ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- ✓ **Double Sessions Available!**

These sessions are charged at £9 per session

School club will run on **Mondays**

Session Times:

3:15 PM-4:15 PM

Please speak to PE department about this. More sessions will be added if and when possible.

These sessions are free to Hayes pupils
Sign up only

Musical Stars

Congratulations to the following students, who have all recently passed graded music exams:

- Alden Chan
Grade 6 Viola
(Merit)
- Alden Chan
Grade 6 Piano
(Distinction)
- River Gettens
Grade 3 Piano
- Noah Brookes
Grade 4 Piano
- Fabian Bailey
Grade 6 Piano
(Merit)

HAYESCREATES PRESENT
LAWLESS
TWO PLAYS ABOUT STARTING AGAIN

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING



LORD OF THE FLIES



Tickets are now on sale for this year's HayesCreates Main School Production - **LAWLESS** - a double bill of plays featuring students from Years 10-13. The two plays are Nigel Williams' stage adaptation of William Golding's classic novel *Lord of the Flies*, and Joel Horwood's Animal Farm inspired *This Changes Everything*.

Both plays focus on the ongoing battle between mankind's desire for freedom and need for order, making for a challenging and uncompromising evening of theatre!

The two casts have been working tirelessly since late September to bring these shows to life and we look forward to welcoming you to performances on Thursday March 20th and Friday March 21st, at 7pm in the School Hall. Both pieces have a running time of about an hour.

Tickets are available online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/hayescreates priced £10 for adults and £5 for Under 18s and Seniors.





Last week saw the first musical event of 2025 - our biggest ever MusicFest, with performances from students in all year groups. A huge variety of styles was in evidence - to see the incredible range of what was performed, take a look at the programme [here](#).

Congratulations to all performers: Bibi Borgese, Henry Copper, Jess Dunn, James Champkins, Helena Goci, Dolly Miller, Anaya Baig, Lavinia Cretu, Elliot Bull, Jess Dunn, Abidemi Adenule, Emma Sandford, Will Foster, Liliana Frisoli, Connor Hill, Dervla

Rynne, Sivangi Yellopogranda, Lucy Marshall, Evie McKale, Ava Gillam, Dominic Wiggins, Tom Slater, Ella Leite, Isla Winch-Bullen, Amber Shields, Samantha Henao Zapata, Vanessa Ashley, Fabian Bailey, Tallulah Fitzgerald, Sophia Harris, Albie Carroll, Beau Carroll, Matilda Abbott, Liam Abbott, Ewan Abbott, Ed Pickett, Elena Prozhmi, Eva-Marie Koukidis, Samuel Curzey, Katia Burgess, Isobel Camm-Jones, Annabelle Jones, Bella Rose Janes, Elinor Wigmore, Angela Weinthrop, Eoin Matthews, Mrs Castle, and Grace Iyashere.



Paul Cabb Parent/Carer Workshop:

Exams: Preparing your child for success

Does your child struggle with preparing for exams? Either becoming anxious or needing much support in getting organised? Perhaps he/she over revises or doesn't focus on the concepts which will give the greatest potential for marks. It could be that they prepare well but become overwhelmed in the exam situation itself? Struggles with time or just struggles to move on from a challenging question? Well, we can help provide some general but hopefully helpful tips, advice and resources to help your child (and yourself!!) through these challenges times.

Come and join us for this parent/carers workshop session:

27th March 2025, 4.30 - 6.00pm

If you would like to attend the Parent/Carer forum please e-mail our SEND Administrator CMB@hayes.bromley.sch.uk



Modern Foreign Languages Munich Trip



On the 5th of February we took an afternoon flight to Munich and made our way to A&O Hostel München Hackerbrücke. We woke up in the morning for our buffet breakfast to get ready for a third Reich tour from Marienplatz with our tour lady! Of course, on our way there we had to fit all 17 of us into a small U-Bahn lift, which it is safe to say was quite a tight squeeze. Besides freezing from the crazily cold weather, we learned about the rise of Hitler, where he held his important meetings in Hofbräuhaus and had interesting 'swastika-like' mosaics on his office buildings, one being demolished and one a renowned music university building. This tour was greatly enlightening and very interesting to participate in, even with the cold! Following from this we made our way back to Marienplatz for a bit of

free time: buying souvenirs, eating 'Zimtschnecke' (cinnamon rolls), having a coffee and getting warm. We returned to Odeonsplatz from our tour to look at the stunning church, Theatinerkirche, which was gorgeous and extravagant both inside and outside. After being left in wonder at its beauty, we made our way to the Alte Pinakothek, after a debate on whether we'd rather see modern or old art, we landed on the older art. The museum was large and displayed traditional artworks in high ceiling rooms, even a Leonardo da Vinci painting. There was some very not visible lines in front of the paintings that set off an alarm... which we most definitely did not set off... Once we had viewed some art and relaxed a bit, we made our way to an Italian restaurant, which was a much-needed energy boost. In addition to that, we played a group game of I-spy at the end of the meal, which is a standing tradition for our German trips which was and always is fun! To end the night with even more fun, we played mini golf, which was challenging but nevertheless enjoyable. With another night of sleep came another early start for us to make it in time for our tour at Dachau, a Nazi concentration camp. We were presented with the lovely Hans as our tour guide who delivered the tour with passion and a deep understanding and knowledge of what he was speaking about. It was upsetting and devastating to see and hear about the camp's brutal past, but important in gaining our own understanding of events. After Dachau, we returned to central Munich to get lunch (a German döner for the cultural experience) and have an explore of gorgeous city. We reconvened at sunset, to get the best view of Munich, at the top of the 'Alte Peter' Church. After climbing for what seemed like years we reached the top of the church, where the view was definitely worth the climb. As it became dusk, we descended back to ground level to get to our dinner at the iconic Hofbrauhaus. The atmosphere was so lively, and we all experienced authentic German cuisine, which some enjoyed more than others.... We ended the day with a trip to the cinema to see Paddington 3 auf Deutsch, which we all really enjoyed! On our final day, we had our last

early start, heading off to the Allianz Arena, where we had a tour booked. We got to explore so much of the arena, even going into the changing rooms of the players and the press room. After a quick stop at the museum and gift shop, it was time to go, as we unfortunately had a flight to catch. After a long wait at passport control, where a lot of charades was played, we boarded our flight and made our way back to Hayes. Although we were all very tired and couldn't wait to sleep, we were all very sad about leaving Munich. It was such a fun and memorable trip. Thank you, Frau Castle and Frau Ridley, for everything!



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Amelia Maher & Daisy Parker in Year 13



Wednesday night, we rolled our cases out of Hackerbrücke station. Lampposts lit up the German street, illuminating the walk down to our hostel, where a tram or two would pass us. Conveniently, the hostel was only a short walking distance from two stations that would get us to the centre of Munich in no time. The town hall in Marienplatz, a large gothic revival building with its signature glockenspiel facing the heart of Munich, was the spot we were joined by a guide to receive a walking tour illustrating Munich's relevance in Nazi history. She spoke of Germany's previous monarchy and the Kaiser's love for the arts and showed us the places Hitler utilised during his time in power. After taking many backstreets, passing beerhalls, the Residenz that housed Bavarian monarchs, we ended at Odeonplatz — a square between the former concert hall, the Odeon, and the golden path of bronze bricks.



We visited the Alte Pinakothek the next day, one of the oldest art galleries. It housed portraits and paintings dating between the fourteenth and eighteenth centuries. On the Friday, we travelled to Dachau. The tour guide and the site were able to convey its past suitably, most especially in a way that could reach a group who'd never seen a time where the abuse of power was so prominent and rid us of the disconnect that would be caused from simply reading an article far away in the warmth of a person's home.

Later that day, we climbed St Peter's tower which gave us the vast view of Munich's streets in its entirety. What felt like hours climbing those stairs were worth it as we received front row seats to the sun setting over Baroque-style roofs. Dinner took place at the Hofbräuhaus, a three-floored grand beerhall which provided us a refreshing traditional München meal, greatly eclipsing the McDonalds we had for lunch. Our last day, we arrived to a crisp blue sky over the Allianz Arena, where we received an in-depth tour. The floors were still sort of sticky from the big game the night before but whatever enthusiasm those fans had was still left behind as we were taken into the conference rooms, the rented business rooms, changing rooms, and along the pitch to sit in the plush chairs, special for the team's coach and management. There was both a museum and a large shop we wandered around in for a while.



Overall, not one complaint was uttered the entire trip and on behalf of the Hayes A-level German students and those that joined us from Langley Girls, thank you to Frau Castle, Frau Ridley and everyone else involved for organising this unforgettable trip.

Maia Richards in Year 12

This month at Hayes we celebrate the Holy month of Ramadan. Our EDI wall has been filled with the reflections of a cross section of Hayes community. Students were asked what they can learn from the Muslim practice of fasting and how we can support Muslim students at Hayes who will be fasting this month.

**Equality, Diversity,
& Inclusion**



Living Wall



Young Artists' Summer Show 2025

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-18 years living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online.

How to enter

From 6 January 2025, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 5 March 2025.

Important dates

6 January – 5 March 2025
Registration and submission open

May 2025
Judging

15 July 2025
Online exhibition opens

15 July – 10 August 2025
Display at the RA open

Sign up and find out more
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RA Royal Academy of Arts

The Royal Academy Competition

Students in Years 7-13 have been working hard to produce their own artwork to take part in the Royal Academy Summer show.

There has been a fantastic response this year with some talented artists emerging. We will have to wait and see if they get a place.

You will be able to see all their work at the Hayes Summer art show. We invite all parents and family to have a look and celebrate these fantastic students. Well done everyone.

Mrs James



An Invisible String
by Heidi Nicks



A Silent Conversation
by Sophie King



The Fig Tree
by Jasmine Bahal



Untitled, 42L x 90W cm cardboard
by Daisy Parker



The Bubble Girl
by Layana Laifa



Window to a vibrant World by Oscar Richardson



Galactic by Ava Gillam



Dreamland by Ava Brackstone



Self Portrait by Alice Killington



Landscape by Sienna Munroe



Brick by Brick by Samuel Hallybone



The Maclaren Senna by Maxwell Caines



Dreamland by Ava Brackstone



The Great Depression by Emilia Ng



Array of Birds by Ava Fardon



The look through pink glasses



Digital Work by Georgie Johnson



Lilypad by Iona Davis



Maya Vadukul



Freya Elbourne



GAMING AND GAMBLING AWARENESS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND GUARDIANS



METROPOLITAN
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Ygam are working with the Metropolitan Police to offer an online information session to help develop your understanding of gaming and gambling harms, enabling you to have open conversations with your children.

Workshop overview:

- **Gambling: exploring the influences on children and young people**
- **Gaming: discussing the benefits and concerns**
- **The blurred lines between gaming and gambling**
- **How to spot the signs of harm**
- **Useful tips to create a healthy gaming balance**
- **Where to get help and support**

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A YOUNG PERSON
TO GAMBLE?

WHAT IS
A LOOT
BOX?

WHY ARE
IN-GAME ITEMS
SO IMPORTANT
TO YOUNG
PEOPLE?

We also have a dedicated Parent Hub which aims to provide information and guidance to help you safeguard your children against the potential harms of gaming and gambling. Find out more here: parents.ygam.org

Book your **FREE** place now!

DATE: Tuesday 6th May 2025

TIME: 19:00 - 20:15

VENUE: Online via Microsoft Teams

To register, please scan the QR Code
or click [HERE](#)



Attendance

Top Attendance W/C 10 th Feb 2025		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7MRS	97.74%
8	8CFM	97.88%
9	9CAT	96.06%
10	10KAN	97.00%
11	11MJD	99.35%
12	6JIP	100.00%
13	6SGR	93.12%

Top Attendance W/C 24th Feb 25		
Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7MAT	97.58%
8	8MJE	97.19%
9	9MLJ	98.06%
10	10JWH	98.12%
11	11MJD	96.10%
12	6KTG	99.09%
13	6JAS	96.88%

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