

Haileybury Sport



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“Sport gives pupils the opportunity to learn about themselves and others, often within pressure situations, as well as enhancing academic performance.”

Andy Searson Director of Sport

Sport plays a pivotal role in Haileybury life.

Every pupil develops their confidence and character through physical, technical and mental stimulus as well as through teamwork and leadership opportunities.

Our ‘sport for all’ ethos means that we want all our pupils to enjoy sport regardless of experience or ability. We regularly have 20 teams for each of our core sports, hockey, rugby, netball and cricket with well over 1,000 fixtures a year across more than 25 different sports in total.

The High Performance Programme provides our top athletes with personalised support from professional mentors and Strength and Conditioning coaches.

There are opportunities for every pupil to try a specialist sport such as climbing, rackets, golf and rowing.

A great start



Nurturing young talent

From a pupil's first day at Haileybury, they are encouraged to learn through all that they do – from the classroom to the sports pitch.

We provide an [extensive range of co-curricular opportunities](#) which enables pupils to indulge their passions or take up something new as they learn to be part of a team and reflect on their blossoming talents.

Sports [fixtures and training sessions](#) are built around [each individual](#) and we are committed to ensuring that every pupil represents the school in competitive sport during their Lower School career.

There are a large number of [teams for every age group in most sports](#), making for a rewarding and inclusive experience.



“Haileybury is a special community which has so much to offer. Be ambitious and make the most of every opportunity, in both academia and sport.”

Zara Everitt Old Haileyburian & England Netball Vice-captain





Stronger together

Our core sports



As a pupil progresses into the Main School, they are offered extensive opportunities to participate and enjoy sports throughout the year irrespective of level of experience and ability. There are regular fixtures across our core sports of **hockey, rugby, netball and cricket**. In these sports in particular, we are considered one of the top schools in England.

Matchplay is supported by the **Strength and Conditioning (S&C) programme** which lays

solid foundations ahead of systematically challenging pupils to reach their full potential. It runs all year round and is available for all students to access in an academic week.

While our setup allows talented athletes to thrive, there is also an emphasis on ensuring that **every pupil plays competitive fixtures** – there are up to 10 teams in some year groups.



“The Haileybury Strength and Conditioning Programme has helped me excel in my sporting performance by allowing me to have more confidence in my game.”

Jack Lower Sixth pupil



Allianz  Park

Making
the best even
better



“Our High Performance Programme complements sporting expertise with first class strength and conditioning and nutritional advice to help all pupils achieve their full potential.”

Joseph Satt Head of Strength & Conditioning

Expert support

The Haileybury **High Performance Programme (HPP)** enables our most able and committed athletes to realise their full sporting potential including representation at a regional and national level.

Pupils benefit from technical and tactical insight from our team of professional coaches, as well as development sessions, rehabilitation and target-setting.

Guidance is provided in the areas of nutrition, psychology and wellbeing.

We also maintain a close relationship with the relevant governing bodies, clubs and county set-ups to ensure that our programme falls in line



“Our netballers are surrounded by a culture of sporting finesse, passion and healthy competition.”

Dani McFarlane Director of Netball

with what is expected of our pupils when they are competing outside of School.

High Performance Mentors are in regular contact with our athletes to ensure their training targets are specific, measurable and ambitious.

Programme Director **Graeme Tyndall** is a top-ranked rackets player. He oversees a team of HPP mentors who include our Director of Rugby, former Wales and Lions captain **Michael Owen** who manages a team of more than 20 coaches. Haileybury's Director of Cricket is **Rupes Kitzinger**, who enjoyed a 13-year playing career with Dorset. Former England player **Dani McFarlane** is Haileybury's Director of Netball and **Rob Schilling**, our Director of Hockey, is a former American international.

Underpinning the HPP is Head of Strength & Conditioning **Joe Satt** (former coach at Exeter Chiefs).





A rich specialist
programme

“The School has an outstanding reputation for sport.”

Good Schools Guide

Flexibility and variety



A pupil's access to **specialist sports** allows them to try an activity for the first time or develop their skillset in a more niche area.

We have a **Golf Simulator** on site and our **rackets court** – used by world number one and Old Haileyburian Tom Billings – is one of only a handful across the country.

Our competition-standard swimming pool is the ideal environment for young athletes to develop their technique and build fitness.

Options range from football, tennis and athletics to more specialist sports such as sailing and archery. As a sport elective, dance now forms part of our extensive programme.

We also encourage pupils to further their development in sports that are not currently available as options. This has led to pupils achieving national success outside of school, in sports such as **fencing, eventing and motorsport**.



“I’m hugely grateful for the time and effort the coaches have invested in me – hopefully I’ve repaid that.”

Sam Billings Old Haileyburian & England international cricket player





Outstanding
facilities

“Sport is mighty here.”

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Highlights



Haileybury sporting life is rich with resources and opportunities for pupils, many of whom continue on after Haileybury into significant professional careers at the highest levels.

Sport is an integral part of what Haileybury has to offer and with this comes an impressive sporting infrastructure. Our [facilities](#) include a 25-metre swimming pool, all-weather pitches, fitness suites and indoor courts.

Outside, among 500 acres of woodland, we have more than 20 pitches for rugby, cricket, lacrosse, hockey and football. The Sports Hall is home to regular netball, badminton, table tennis and trampolining sessions while our indoor cricket nets and bowling machines allow cricketers to train all year round.

There are four glass-backed squash courts, a rackets court, and the Legends Tennis Centre.

Our rugby and hockey teams not only regularly win [County Championships](#) – they are among England’s finest, across all age groups. Our lacrosse, cricket and netball teams have also enjoyed considerable success in recent seasons, with a burgeoning crop of immense talent.

Some of our [recent tours](#) have included trips to countries such as Argentina, Barbados, Canada, India and South Africa.

Haileybury has helped launch many [professional careers](#) with former pupils such as Jamie George, Nick Isiekwe, Sam Billings, Tom Billings and Zara Everitt all enjoying top-flight success. We have also seen Old Haileyburians go on to reach high standards in athletics, football, hockey, motorsport and sailing.

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