

# HAILEYBURY NEWS

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## From the Master

We continue to hear so much about how AI is going to impact education. The need to separate speculation and hype from meaningful insights has never been greater. We know that waves of change have swept through society in the past and that adapting to these changes has not always been easy. Steam preceded electricity and computers followed. The knowledge economy emerged and globalisation shaped trade. Now we are adjusting to new and powerful digital technologies. Change is constant.

What must not change, however, is pupils acquiring knowledge; it is central to firing curiosity and to enabling young people to engage with the world around them.

What cannot change is providing pupils with the opportunity to grapple with difficult concepts; doing so is a critical component of deepening understanding. What will not change is ensuring that we cultivate and nurture what makes pupils distinctly human – character, relational intelligence, empathy; algorithms cannot replicate these.

We will face new challenges and opportunities with courage and a sense of curiosity, but we will be discerning and confident in deciding what we change and what we hold on to.

With my best wishes for the weekend,

## Concerto Concert Showcases Sixth Form Soloists



This year's Concerto Concert was a superb celebration of Sixth Form musicianship. Soloists performed first movements from Haydn's *Cello Concerto No. 1 in C major* (Luca - U6, Bartle Frere) and *Violin Concerto in G major* (Vera - U6, Melvill), followed by compelling piano performances of Prokofiev's *Sonata No. 3* (Jesús - L6, Bartle Frere) and Bach's *Keyboard Concerto in D minor* (Vy - U6, Melvill).

After the interval, Joseph (L6, Bartle Frere) impressed with Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor*, before the Haileybury Symphony and Concert Orchestras, conducted by Director of Music Richard Brain, brought the evening to a rousing close with Grieg's much-loved *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1*.



## Batten/Mudlarks Rugby 7s Tournament Raises Over £2,500 for Charity

The third annual **Batten/Mudlarks Rugby 7s tournament** proved another tremendous success, raising more than **£2,500 in support of the Mudlarks charity**.

Three combined House teams represented Haileybury, competing energetically against each other and The Perse in a fantastic afternoon of sport and community spirit. The players looked particularly sharp in their bespoke kits, proudly designed by pupils for the occasion.

A big crowd gathered to cheer on the teams, enjoy the action, and savour the traditional hog roast that has become a highlight of the event.

Our sincere thanks go to all the sponsors, players and supporters who made the day possible. Donations to the Mudlarks 7s Tournament 2026 are still welcome.

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# National Success Across the Sports Programme



Our pupils have, once again, been excelling on the national stage, showcasing talent, teamwork and determination across multiple sports.

In the **National Schools' Bath Cup** at the Olympic Aquatic Centre, Faiiq (U6, Kipling), Matthew (U6, Trevelyan), Emilio (U6, Trevelyan) and Tako (Middles, Kipling) delivered outstanding performances, making the national final and finishing among the top seven teams in the country in the medley relay.

Their commitment in training and composure under pressure were a credit to the School and their coaches.

Meanwhile, the **Girls' 1st XI hockey team** continued their remarkable run by reaching the **Tier 1 National Finals**. In a fiercely contested semi-final, they were edged out 3-5 by Clifton, before facing Repton in the bronze medal match. In a thrilling rematch of the indoor national gold medal game, the team produced a superb performance, drawing 2-2 in normal play and clinching victory via shuffles.



The **Golf team** won the **East Region Championship**, with a fabulous performance in hugely challenging conditions on a very windy links course, overcoming Uppingham 5-0 in the final, and thus winning the **Ratcliffe Cup**.



The **Boys' 1st XI hockey team** played a thrilling match against Bradfield College. Haileybury made a strong start, converting two penalty corners in the first half. Bradfield responded after the break, narrowing the gap to 2-1, before Alex (U6, Trevelyan) restored Haileybury's advantage with a superb strike. The closing minutes were nail-biting, with Bradfield scoring again and then earning a penalty corner in the final play of the game. However, a brilliant goal-line clearance by James (U6, Trevelyan) secured Haileybury's place in the semi-final.



## U18 Lacrosse Claim National Division 2 Title

The **U18 Lacrosse team** enjoyed an outstanding weekend at the **National Championships**. After a challenging first day, the team showed exceptional determination and skill to dominate Day Two in Division 2, winning all seven matches to reach the final.

In an exciting finish, they secured a 3-2 victory over Cheltenham Ladies' College to be crowned **Division 2 National Champions**.

Congratulations to the 1st X Lacrosse squad on this fantastic achievement - a well-deserved reward for their teamwork, resilience and competitive spirit. 🏆🥇



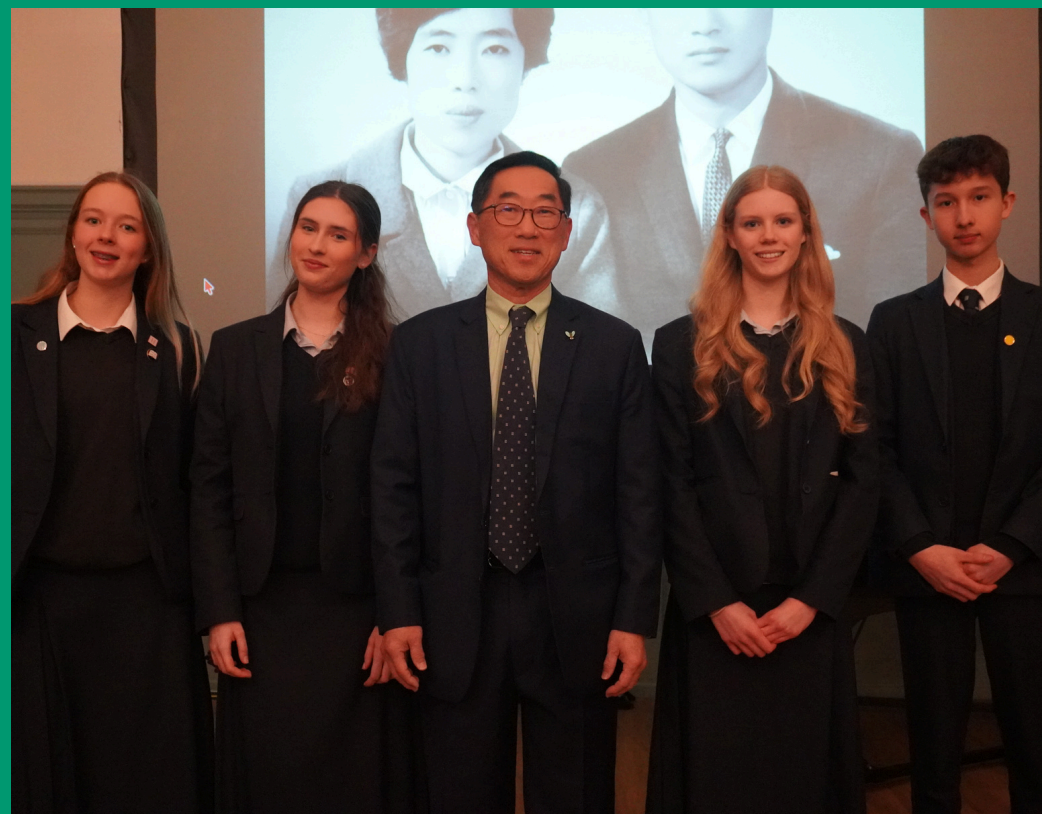
# Maths Stars Shine at Regional Final

Our mathematicians enjoyed a fantastic day at the **Team Maths Challenge Regional Final** in Elstree last week, putting their problem-solving skills to the test against some very strong competition.

Andrew (Removes, Batten), Grace (Removes, Allenby), Georgia (LS2) and Simran (LS2) had spent several weeks preparing and their hard work certainly paid off. Across a series of fast-paced and demanding rounds, including relays, shuttles and a cross-number challenge, they demonstrated impressive mathematical flair, sharp logical thinking and great composure under pressure.

Many of the rounds required them to work in smaller sub-teams with only limited communication, making teamwork and clear thinking just as important as numerical ability. They rose brilliantly to the challenge and represented the School with real determination and enthusiasm.

A superb enrichment opportunity and a thoroughly enjoyable day for our talented mathematicians.



## Haileybury Lecture

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome **Professor Dr Seung Kim** to deliver this month's Haileybury Lecture. Professor Kim, a distinguished Professor of Developmental Biology at Stanford University, is internationally recognised for his pioneering research into the mechanisms that govern organ development and function.

In his lecture, Professor Kim shared insights from his scientific work and personal journey, reflecting on the people and experiences that have shaped his life. Drawing on these themes, he encouraged pupils to think purposefully about the choices they will make in the years ahead and to consider how inspiration from others can guide their own paths beyond Haileybury.



## A Wonderful In Weekend of Music and Performance

The In Weekend was a true celebration of music and community, with the School alive to the sound of outstanding performances from start to finish.

Saturday evening's Cabaret was a particular highlight, bursting with energy and talent. From electrifying rock bands and confident soloists to accomplished brass players and a superb Contemporary Choir, the breadth and quality of music on display were exceptional. It was a joy to see pupils performing with such confidence, flair and evident enjoyment.

The high standard continued on Sunday morning, as the choir sang beautifully and the whole school joined in fine voice during the Chapel service. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, collaboration and musical excellence across the weekend.



# Middles Enjoy Action-Packed Field Day

Field Day offered Middles pupils a variety of exciting, hands-on experiences that encouraged teamwork, adventure and learning beyond the classroom.

The **Adventure Skills** group travelled to **Nuclear Races Wild Forest in Essex**, where they faced a day of outdoor challenges, from high ropes and a puzzle-solving game in a nuclear bunker to a tough mudder-style obstacle course. Pupils embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, showing impressive teamwork, resilience and plenty of muddy smiles!



The **CCF Middles** enjoyed a wide range of activities. **Royal Navy cadets** visited the **Historic Dockyard in Chatham, Kent** - former home of HMS Victory and several Royal Navy submarines - for guided tours and interactive workshops, including rope making and ship design. The day helped bring their study of naval history vividly to life.

The **Army cadets** took part in field training at **Merville Barracks in Colchester**, tackling enjoyable and demanding activities with great spirit. A highlight was the chance to fire live rounds on an MOD range, a memorable first-time experience for many.

The **RAF cadets** began the day with **rifle drill training** led by Father Matt Austen before heading to the air rifle range to work towards their Blue Shot and Blue Leadership qualifications. In the afternoon, they took to the **climbing wall**, building new skills and confidence ahead of summer camp activities.

Meanwhile, **Middles Music pupils** visited the **Foundling Museum in London**, exploring an exhibition on Handel's *Messiah* and gaining unique insights into the composer's legacy.

It was a fantastic day of challenge, discovery and creativity for all - a true celebration of Haileybury's adventurous spirit!





# Thomason Gala Night Brings the Community Together

The second annual Thomason Gala Night took place last Friday, bringing the community together for an evening of fun and fundraising. The Lower Sixth took full charge of the event, coordinating a wonderful night of food and entertainment while working hard to raise money for the School's charities.

Throughout the evening, the boys demonstrated impressive leadership as they served food, performed on stage and hosted a range of interactive fundraising games. Entertainment highlights included a reprise of the House Music song, a Removes band performance and a lively Sixth Form game show.

Their energy and professionalism ensured the evening ran seamlessly and that every guest felt warmly welcomed.

The gala was a resounding success. It was fantastic to see the Thomason community unite in support of such worthy causes and a huge well done goes to the Lower Sixth and all of the boys, for their hard work in making the evening so memorable.



## U6 Headshot Activity

This week, Upper Sixth pupils enjoyed their annual opportunity to have professional headshots taken, in preparation for life beyond Haileybury. Captured by an experienced headshot photographer, each pupil received a selection of high-quality images that they can use to present themselves professionally in digital settings after they leave the School.



## CV Writing Workshop

We welcomed alumni Greig Malpass (Batten, 2006), former Senior Account Manager at Indeed, and Megan Hunter (Allenby, 2020), Senior Consultant at Ivory Rock Partners, for an online webinar on CV writing this week. Greig and Megan shared valuable insights with pupils on how best to prepare their CVs, alongside key insights on how to craft the best resume to secure interviews. Pupils came away encouraged: Greig and Megan highlighted that pupils have more to put on a CV than they think. Their focus should be on sharing a clear and honest story of what they have achieved so far, using it as a way to open the door to conversations to allow their personalities to shine through. Thank you to Greig and Megan for sharing their valuable insights and experience with us.

If you wish to access the webinar, you can do so via [Haileybury Connect here](#).

## Upcoming Events:

- Pupil Networking Evening - 17 March
- Haileybury Schola Cantorum at Westminster Abbey - 16 April

Visit [www.haileyburyassociation.com](http://www.haileyburyassociation.com) to explore these stories in more detail, find out what's new and how you can take part.



## Coming Up

### Monday 16 March

- **Haileybury and Haileybury Turnford 10 Year Partnership Concert - 7.00 pm, Bradby Hall**

### Wednesday 18 March

- **Dance Show - 7.30 pm, Big School**

### Thursday 19 March

- **A-Level English Trip to see The Tempest, Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, London**
- **GCSE Drama Trip to see Noughts and Crosses, New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich**

### Friday 20 March - Sunday 22 March

- **Haileybury Model United Nations Conference 2026 - Haileybury**