

HAILEYBURY NEWS

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From the Master

I always find that the end of term comes at just the right time. Terms are busy at Haileybury; there isn't a lot of spare time during the course of our typically long and full days. While the breadth of opportunity on offer is energising and ensures that our talented pupils realise their potential, batteries are running low when holidays arrive.

Summer assessments will rightly see pupils revising over the break, but it is important that everyone also gives themselves time to recharge.

Hard work and a healthy self-discipline are entirely in order, but it is important that everyone returns well rested and strong of heart so that the summer challenge can be faced head on.

As you will see in my end of term letter, there is so much we can all celebrate and be proud of. Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope that you enjoy a restful Easter break.

With my thanks and best wishes,

Poems and Trees

In a wonderful pupil-led initiative to celebrate the **International Day of Happiness**, CAV pupils shared saplings from the Woodland Trust with members of the Haileybury community this week. Each tree was accompanied by a carefully chosen poem, highlighting the connection between literature and the natural world. Each poem card also featured a QR code linking to a recording of the poem being read aloud by our pupils.

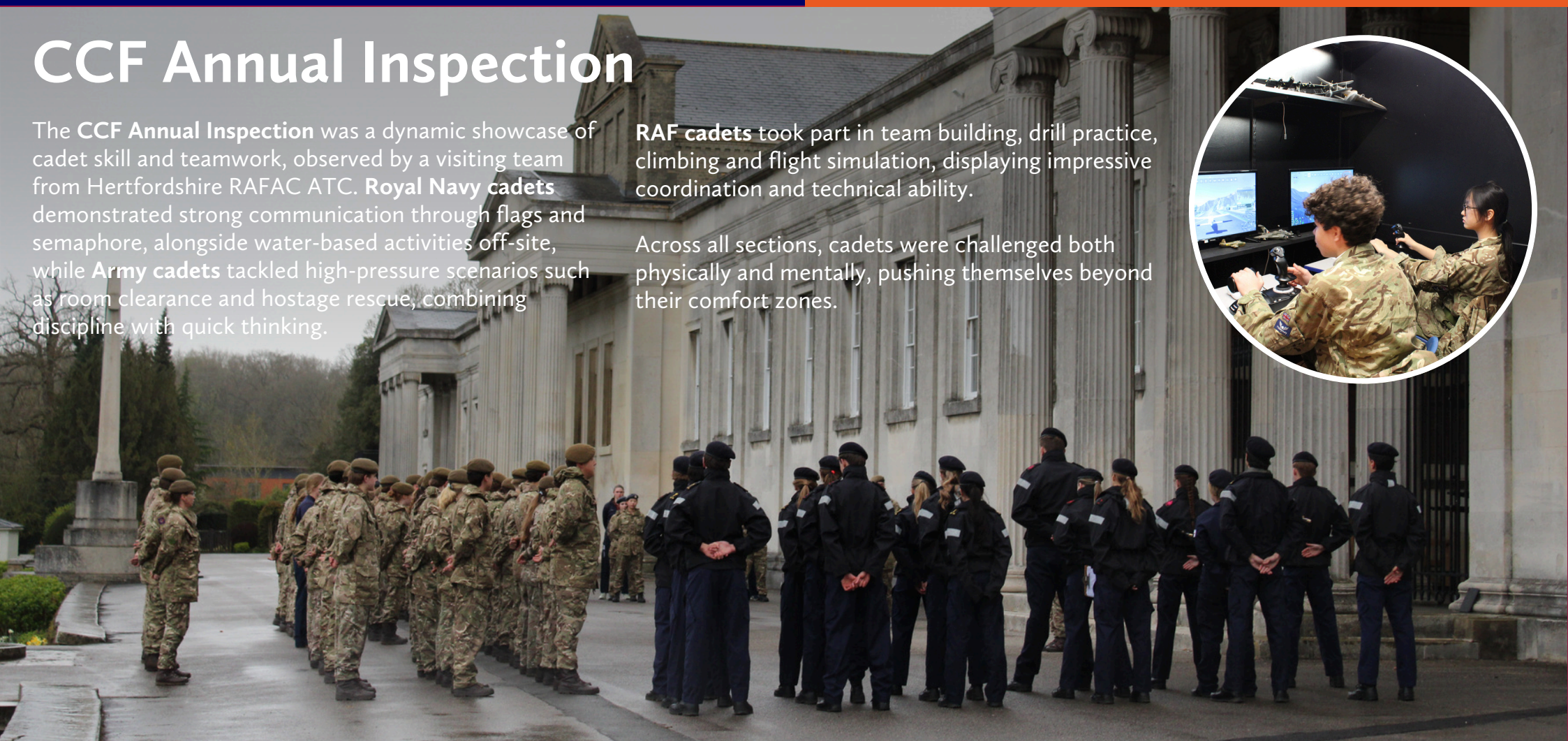


CCF Annual Inspection

The **CCF Annual Inspection** was a dynamic showcase of cadet skill and teamwork, observed by a visiting team from Hertfordshire RAFAC ATC. **Royal Navy cadets** demonstrated strong communication through flags and semaphore, alongside water-based activities off-site, while **Army cadets** tackled high-pressure scenarios such as room clearance and hostage rescue, combining discipline with quick thinking.

RAF cadets took part in team building, drill practice, climbing and flight simulation, displaying impressive coordination and technical ability.

Across all sections, cadets were challenged both physically and mentally, pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones.



Theatre Visit Supports GCSE Drama



Middles and Fifts pupils recently attended a special performance for schools of Sabrina Mahfouz's adaptation of Malorie Blackman's seminal YA novel *Noughts and Crosses*. The group travelled to the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich to see this innovative and striking production, which is also the GCSE set text for the Eduqas drama qualification.

Pupils were impeccably behaved throughout and found the performance both highly engaging and an excellent revision tool ahead of their summer exams. Our thanks go to the drama staff and technicians for organising and supervising such a valuable and enjoyable trip.

The Inkwell: Celebrating Young Creative Voices

The Lower School's literary talent is taking centre stage with the launch of *The Inkwell*, a new pupil-led magazine showcasing the very best of Haileybury's emerging writers. Every pupil in the Lower School entered a creative writing competition, with the winning and runner-up pieces set to appear in the magazine's first edition.

Alongside these winning entries, *The Inkwell* will feature articles, reviews, poems and short stories written by the pupil editorial team (below), as well as contributions from pupils from Haileybury Turnford. The level of creativity and enthusiasm among the pupils has been outstanding, and anticipation is building as the publication date approaches.



Internal MUN Conference Showcases Pupil Leadership

It was not an easy decision to cancel our **Model United Nations (MUN)** conference this year, however we were proud to see how all involved united to create an "Internal MUN" that was both meaningful and enjoyable. Over 225 pupils took part, split across two committees and a Security Council, and were reallocated to new countries with enthusiasm and commitment.

Secretaries-General Lucy (U6, Alban's) and Agastyaa (U6, Edmonstone) did an outstanding job redesigning the conference and motivating pupils to participate fully. The Secretariat chaired the committees with great skill, creating a friendly environment that encouraged many new pupils to take part.

Debate over the weekend was impressively strong. In the Big School committee, a resolution on increasing surveillance to prevent terrorist attacks by Charlie (Middles Trevelyan), representing Japan, was the first to pass.



Meanwhile in the Attlee Committee, a resolution by Matthew (L6, Kipling) on the safe usage of drones in warfare was also passed. The Security Council tackled a crisis scenario involving a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse over Eastern Europe, culminating in a dramatic standoff between the United States and the Russian Federation.

Over 40 prize winners were recognised in the closing ceremony.



Academic Enrichment: Spring Term Roundup

This term, our **Academic Enrichment Group** has once again been a hive of curiosity and conversation. Each week, pupils and teachers have gathered for a series of **fast-paced, twenty-minute academic talks**, exploring topics that challenge perspectives and spark discussion.

This half term has been particularly inspiring, with a predominantly pupil-led programme. Our Academic CPs and Lower Sixth pupils have taken the lead in planning and presenting sessions, including a recent two-part series by Lower Sixth pupils Max and Jonathan exploring

artificial intelligence, examining how AI is shaping language and questioning whether society's growing reliance on it poses risks to our future.

By engaging critically with contemporary issues, members of the Academic Enrichment Group continue to build their confidence, research abilities and analytical thinking, skills that will serve them well far beyond the classroom.

We look forward to another thought-provoking series of talks next term.



Highfield Stars

Each week, our **Highfield boarders** collect stars for their dorms, which are awarded for positive contributions such as making their beds, showing kindness and being helpful around the boarding house. This continues to be a fantastic way to encourage teamwork, responsibility and a supportive boarding house. At the end of each week, the dorm with the most stars earns a small treat to enjoy together.

At the end of term, all stars are counted and the dorm with the highest number of stars is awarded **Dorm of the Term** in recognition of their consistent effort and teamwork.

This term, **Birch** were our well-deserved winners, collecting an impressive 127 stars across the Spring Term. They celebrated with a pizza night in Highfield alongside Miss Bright.

As a whole house, Highfield achieved a fantastic total of 412 stars, a fantastic achievement!

After such a successful and hardworking term, all of this star collecting has certainly earned everyone a very well-deserved break over the Easter holidays.



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Alumni News

Giulia Brotto (Alban's, 2016) spoke at "Give to Gain: Exploring Reciprocity, Boundaries, and the Organisational Systems that Support Equitable Leadership", hosted by the Wo+Men's Leadership Centre and the Women and Gender Equality Special Interest Group at Cambridge Judge Business School. Giulia shared thoughtful insights on reciprocity and leadership, contributing to an inspiring discussion on supporting others and fostering equitable growth.

Zara Everitt (Alban's, 2018) has now reached the fantastic milestone of 150 Netball Super League caps.

Lilibet Philpott (Hailey, 2022) will be running the London Marathon 2026 in April for the charity Lord's Taverners.

Upcoming Events:

- Haileybury Schola Cantorum at Westminster Abbey - 16 April
- 60 years of the Art School Celebration - 15 June
- The Master's Choral Event - 26 June
- Haileybury Schola Cantorum in Malta - 5 July

Visit www.haileyburyassociation.com to explore these stories in more detail, find out what's new and how you can take part.

Lucas Accelerates his Racing Career

Lucas (L6, Batten) has recently signed with SVG Motorsport as a Ginetta GT driver, an exciting step forward in his racing career. He is also competing in the GT Academy (GTA), which he hopes will support his progression into GT4 and, potentially, GT3 racing in the future. Many renowned motorsport names, including Formula 1 driver Lando Norris, W Series Champion Jamie Chadwick and multiple BTCC champions, began their careers in Ginetta racing, making this a particularly promising opportunity for Lucas.



Musical Theatre Pupils Take the Lead

Sabrina (L6, Allenby) took part in the Watford Festival of Singing, Speech and Drama over the weekend and won both of her categories, achieving an outstanding mark of 90/94 for each song. She performed *So Big / So Small* in the Years 11–13 Musical Theatre Song from Show/Film category, and *Come To Your Senses* in the Any Age Musical Theatre Song from a Show/Film category.



Meanwhile, Millie (L6, Allenby) and Sophia (Middles, Allenby) reached the semi-final of *West End Calling*, a prestigious contest for aspiring musical theatre performers that attracts hundreds of young people aged 7 to 21.



Congratulations to all three pupils on their achievements, and we wish Millie and Sophia the very best of luck in their upcoming performances.



Ella Supports Royal Visit in Prestigious Role

Cadet Sergeant Ella (U6, Lawrence), from our RAF CCF section, recently took on a distinguished duty as part of a royal visit to **The Royal Veterinary College**, Brookman's Park. In her capacity as **Hertfordshire Lord Lieutenant's Cadet**, a prestigious appointment she received earlier this year, Ella assisted with the visit of **Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal**, who officially opened a new building at the college.



Coming Up

Friday 27 March - Monday 30 March

- DofE Silver Practice Expedition, Peak District
- DofE Gold Practice Expedition, Peak District

Friday 3 April to Tuesday 7 April

- Lower School Girls' Netball and Cricket Tour to Malta

Friday 10 April to Friday 17 April

- Middles and Fifths History trip to Vietnam

Sunday 12 April to Friday 17 April

- Lower School trip to Sicily, Italy

Sunday 19 April

- Boarders return by 8.30 pm

Monday 20 April

- Day pupils return by 8.10 am - start of the Summer term