

# HAILEYBURY

# NEWS

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## From the Master

On Saturday we welcomed prospective families to our Open Morning. While the sun didn't shine, the campus looked spectacular, activities and tours were excellent and our guests enjoyed a typically warm welcome. We have received some lovely emails of thanks.

In my address, I spoke to a few key points. We live, learn and work in a magnificent setting and the outstanding facilities across our beautiful campus enable pupils to make the most of our exceptional academic and co-curricular programmes. We care deeply about the progress and wellbeing of our pupils and it is important to us that every young person at Haileybury feels known, valued and understood.

I also spoke about expectations, making clear that we work to uncompromisingly high standards and challenge every pupil to achieve to the very best of their ability. We offer support, encouragement and guidance, and we want pupils to enjoy their learning – both in and outside the classroom – but Haileybury is a school where ambition, aspiration and serious endeavour are the norm.

We have an in-weekend ahead, with a cabaret on Saturday night and Chapel on Sunday morning. Let's hope the lovely weather we have enjoyed this week continues into the weekend.

With my best wishes,

## Haileybury BookFest

To celebrate **World Book Day**, our wonderful librarians transformed the library into a BookFest - a fun, camping-themed pop-up designed to inspire a love of reading. Pupils were able to snuggle up in cosy reading tents and enjoy a fantastic selection of new books, creating a magical atmosphere that truly captured the spirit of the day.



## Edufuturists Uprising Awards 2026



We are delighted to share that Haileybury has been shortlisted for **Independent School of the Year** at the **Edufuturists Uprising Awards 2026**, and we are equally proud that **Tom Wade** has been recognised as an **AI Pioneer**.

The Edufuturists Uprising Awards celebrate the individuals and organisations who are boldly reimagining education, skills and the future of work.

To be shortlisted places Haileybury alongside some of the most forward-thinking and inspiring people and projects across the sector and we are truly honoured to be included.

Public voting is now open and plays an important role in the judging process. If you believe in the work we are doing and the vision we share for the future of education, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Please consider casting your vote via the voting form below.

[VOTE NOW](#) →

Winners will be announced at the Edufuturists Uprising Awards 2026 this June.

Thank you for voting and being part of our innovative and inspiring community.

# U16A Netball Team Reach National Final Four

Congratulations to the **U16A netball team**, who have secured their place in the **Sisters n Sport** National semi-finals following a superb 49-32 victory over Godolphin and Latymer in the quarter-finals.

The team's skill, determination and teamwork shone throughout the match, earning them a well-deserved spot at Loughborough University for the finals. We wish them the very best as they continue their outstanding run in the competition.



# Rugby Success at the County 7s

It was another superb outing for our rugby teams this week at the County 7s tournament. The U16 7s side were crowned **County Champions** after an outstanding performance, clinching a hard-fought 14-12 victory over Berkhamsted in the final. Having finished second in their group, the team battled through several close contests to lift the trophy - a fantastic achievement!

The U18s, fielding a relatively young squad with our Year 13 players unavailable due to exams, also showed great spirit and determination, finishing sixth overall.

It has been a very promising 7s season across the board, and the boys now look ahead with excitement to next week's Mudlarks game.

# Serving for Inclusion: 24-Hour Tennis Marathon

Isla (Vths, Colvin), Calum (U6, Kipling), and our Director of Tennis, Fran Ruiz Lopez, joined forces with Herts Tennis at the National Tennis Centre for a **24-hour Tennis Marathon in support of Bright Ideas for Tennis**. The charity focuses on making tennis more inclusive and accessible for everyone, and together participants helped raise over £70,000 for disability and inclusion programmes.

During the marathon, the team took part in a range of disability tennis formats, including visually impaired and wheelchair tennis, gaining valuable insight into the sport's inclusive side. They also had the exciting opportunity to play against Alex Slabinsky, former UK No. 4, making it a truly memorable experience for all involved.



# Tennis Masterclass

Pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in a tennis masterclass with **David O'Hare**, an ATP Tour Coach and former professional doubles player with a career-high world ranking of 117. David, who still represents Ireland in the Davis Cup, shared his expertise through focused doubles drills on court.

During his coaching career, David has worked closely with Joe Salisbury, former world No. 1 in doubles and two-time Grand Slam champion, bringing a wealth of top-level experience to our pupils' session.

# Haileybury Secure Quarter-Final Place in England Hockey Cup

The Boys' 1st XI delivered a superb performance against a well-organised Bedford side in the Round of 16 of the **England Hockey U18 Tier 2 Cup**.

The match was played at an impressive tempo, with both teams creating clear chances during a competitive first half.

Bedford opened the scoring from a penalty corner, but Haileybury responded just before the break with a composed finish from Alex (U6, Trevelyan).

The second half continued in the same spirited fashion, and Haileybury gained the upper hand when Tommy (U6, Batten) found the net after a fine passage of build-up play. Despite late pressure from Bedford, the team showed excellent resilience to maintain their lead and **progress to the quarter-finals**.

A fantastic result and a performance full of determination and composure. Congratulations to the squad on their achievement!



## Lower School 1 Explore Yorkshire's History and Heritage

Lower School 1 pupils enjoyed an exciting three-day trip to Yorkshire this week, combining History, Classics and Geography in a hands-on exploration of the county's rich heritage.

The adventure began at Whitby Abbey on Monday, followed by time exploring the harbour town before settling into their accommodation near Robin Hood's Bay. Tuesday brought a morning of geography fieldwork on the beach, and an afternoon in York discovering the city's fascinating past and gaining insight into life during the Viking era.

Evenings were just as memorable with a local historian sharing tales of Robin Hood's Bay and a few ghost stories for good measure! On the final day, pupils began their journey home with visits to Selby Abbey and Pontefract Castle, both of which play significant roles in Yorkshire's history.

The trip was a great success, with pupils returning home with new knowledge, happy memories, and plenty of stories to tell.

## Strong Performances at the VEX Robotics Nationals

Our VEX Robotics teams travelled to Telford last week to compete at the VEX National Championships - an exciting culmination of months of design, coding and competition.

In the Senior (Metals) category, the team performed brilliantly, reaching the elimination stage and progressing to the quarter-finals despite facing the toughest schedule in the competition. Their perseverance and teamwork were clear to see throughout.

The Junior (Plastics) team also delivered an excellent performance, demonstrating great consistency and determination throughout the competition and finishing just outside the finals. Their enthusiasm, resilience and composure in such a strong field of competitors were truly commendable.

Congratulations to all involved on an excellent showing at national level.



## German Society

Every Wednesday at lunchtime, our German Society meets, providing a wonderful opportunity for both native speakers and learners of German to come together and immerse themselves in a German-speaking environment.

This year, pupils have enjoyed a range of engaging, pupil-led presentations exploring different aspects of German culture. During the most recent half term, members have been working collaboratively in groups to prepare their entries for the prestigious Oxford German Olympiad.

Inspired by this year's theme, "*Immer unterwegs – Mobilität und Reiselust*" ("Always on the move – mobility and wanderlust"), pupils have taken on a variety of creative challenges. These have included producing a podcast on sustainable travel and creating a video sketch entitled "*I pack my suitcase.*"

We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork - *gut gemacht!*



## From Mentoring Match to New Colleagues: Haileybury Leaders Success Story

This week, we looked at the inspiring partnership of Sofia Tseliou (current parent) and Adam Emam (Thomason, 2021) in the Haileybury Leaders Mentoring Programme. This connection evolved from mentor-mentee career guidance to professional colleagues.

Midway through his architecture degree, Adam sought direction on his path forward and joined the programme for vital industry insight. Matched with Sofia, whose own career had been shaped by mentors, they built a flexible schedule of monthly meetings. Sofia delivered tailored advice, from industry insights and CV/portfolio recommendations to encouraging Adam's passions like music - providing unwavering support throughout the process.

As a result of this relationship and what he learned, Adam has landed a role at Sofia's infrastructure consulting firm, AECOM. Within the article, both Adam and Sofia emphasised the programme's benefits and encouraged others to participate.

[Read the whole story here.](#)



## Melvill Mondays

This week, we were delighted to host the very first 'Melvill Monday'. This new series of socials is designed to give different year groups the chance to host pupils from across the School, fostering a sense of community and allowing pupils to build new friendships across houses.

This week, the Melvill Middles took centre stage as hosts, inviting their peers from Lawrence and Alban's for a lunchtime gathering. The common room was buzzing with energy as the girls enjoyed a spread of party favourites, with the chicken nuggets and chocolate cake proving to be particular hits! The games table was also in constant use, with friendly inter-house competition over pool and air hockey helping to break the ice.

Seeing the girls building new friendships and strengthening old ones is exactly what the Melvill spirit is about. It was valuable for our day pupils, offering another opportunity to feel fully involved in the social life of the House. For Miss Cragg, the acting Housemistress (maternity cover), it was a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with the Middles. We are already looking forward to the next instalment of Melvill Monday!

### Upcoming Events:

- U6 Professional Headshots - 10 March
- CV Writing Workshop - 10 March
- 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

### Saturday 7 March

- Cabaret, 7.30 pm, Big School

### Sunday 8 March

- In Weekend Chapel Service, 10.30 am, Chapel

### Tuesday 10 March

- Class of 2027 Removes, 6.00 pm, Grubber
- Haileybury Lecture: Professor Dr. Seung Kim, 7.30 pm, Attlee Room

### Thursday 12 March

- Concerto Concert, 7.30 pm, Big School