

# HAILEYBURY

# NEWS

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## From the Master

It was a privilege to listen to Haileybury's choristers leading Evensong in Westminster Abbey and a pleasure watching our pupils playing tennis and cricket last weekend. Attending the launch of an independent research project on our use of technology at Apple's headquarters in Battersea Power Station confirmed Haileybury's genuine thought leadership in this field.

No two days are ever the same at Haileybury and each day brings with it moments to celebrate and savour.

But there are certain moments that are especially memorable; moments which lift our spirits and spur us on. Aiming high and setting ambitious goals is simply what we do at Haileybury; working to high standards is a given. It is important, however, that we enjoy those moments when the hard work pays off; we must remember to enjoy the view before setting off to conquer the next summit.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

## A Remarkable Career



Haileybury will be saying farewell to William Flint Cahan, who retires after an extraordinary 47 years of service to the School.

A dedicated and much-respected teacher, William has inspired generations of pupils through his teaching of French, German, Theory of Knowledge and English. A strong advocate of the IB, he has consistently brought depth, insight and enthusiasm to his classroom practice.

He served with distinction as Head of Modern Languages for 19 years, alongside senior roles as Director of Studies, Head of French and Head of General Studies, contributing significantly to the academic life of the School.

Beyond the classroom, William has played an integral role in the wider life of the School. He has served as a tutor across several Houses, including Allenby (then a boys' House), Batten, Melvill and Kipling, and has contributed extensively as GCSE Examinations Officer, as well as an Oxbridge and scholarship advisor. He has also been closely involved in Prolusiones and Speech Day prizes over many years.

William has been a familiar and much-valued presence in Pastimes, served as a Lieutenant in CCF and was Master in Charge of 3rd XI cricket. Throughout all aspects of school life, he has brought a sense of good humour and a genuine willingness to get involved. William's contribution to Haileybury has been immense and he will be greatly missed by colleagues and pupils alike. We will mark his service to our School appropriately across the term.

## Pathfinding Excellence: Haileybury Launches Impact Report

Haileybury was proud to launch its pioneering impact research report, 'Pathfinding Excellence. Pathfinding Futures' at Apple HQ in Battersea Power Station this week.

Tom Wade, Director of Digital Innovation and Enterprise, presented the report's key findings, developed in collaboration with Dr Aubrey-Smith, to an invited audience of national policymakers and industry leaders. Representatives from the Department for Education, Ofqual, Pearson and Goodnotes were among those in attendance, reflecting the report's national relevance and reach.

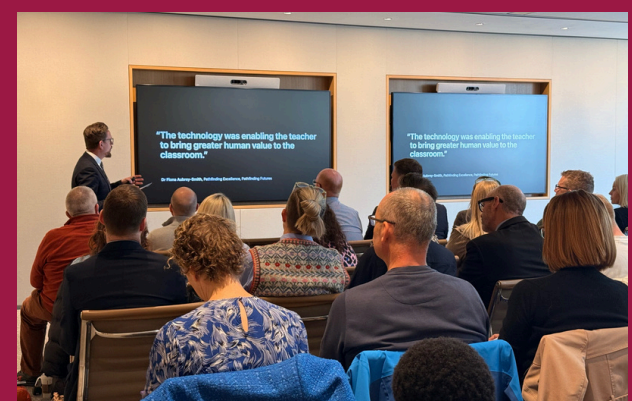
The research highlights the measurable impact of a pedagogy-first approach to integrating digital technology in education, placing teaching and learning at the heart of innovation.



Haileybury was delighted to share how this approach is shaping meaningful outcomes for pupils and helping to inform best practice more widely.

As an Apple Distinguished School, Haileybury remains committed to a thoughtfully blended approach to learning, one that champions academic excellence while nurturing curiosity, creativity and confidence in an increasingly digital world.

We invite you to read the full report [here](#) to explore these insights in greater detail.





# Sunshine and Smiles

Lower School 1 pupils made the most of the glorious sunshine with an action-packed morning of outdoor activities in Hailey Camp.

Pupils threw themselves into a wide range of outdoor activities, from trying their hand at archery and tackling an exciting obstacle course, to gathering around the campfire, cooking fresh naan bread and enjoying refreshing dandelion squash.

A highlight of the morning was the woodland challenge, where pupils navigated a trail that tested both their teamwork and determination by crawling under netting, balancing carefully along a zipwire and using ropes to land safely along the way.



Marking the end of their summer assessment period, the pupils embraced every moment with enthusiasm and energy, relishing the opportunity to learn in the great outdoors.

A fittingly upbeat end to a busy and productive period.



# Stepping Up for Haileybury Youth Trust

Last weekend saw the return of one of the highlights of the school year: the Allenby and Bartle Frere Marathon.

This much-loved charity event brings both Houses together to run or walk the distance of a marathon over two days, completing themed laps around the Haileybury campus in support of HYT. Pupils set their own goals, from a few laps to the full marathon distance, while the focus remained firmly on community and encouragement.

This year's challenge was especially ambitious, with a collective target of 1,408 km, the distance from the southernmost point of Uganda to the northernmost and back again. We are delighted to report that the pupils not only met this goal but surpassed it, reaching an extraordinary total of 1,508 km.

The weekend was a wonderful example of the strong House spirit and camaraderie, with pupils and staff from across the School also joining in. The themed laps kept energy high, with the popular Colour Run lap a definite highlight.

Congratulations to all involved and to JJ (U6, Bartle Frere) and Sam (U6, Edmonstone) for recording the fastest laps!



## Canned Heat: A Night of Music and Talent

*Canned Heat*, an inspiring pupil-led charity concert in support of the Haileybury Youth Trust, was a resounding success and a true celebration of talent, creativity and community spirit.

The evening featured an outstanding and varied programme, with audiences treated to vibrant covers of artists such as Jamiroquai, Casiopea and The Eagles, alongside a number of original compositions that reflected the imagination and musicianship of our pupils.

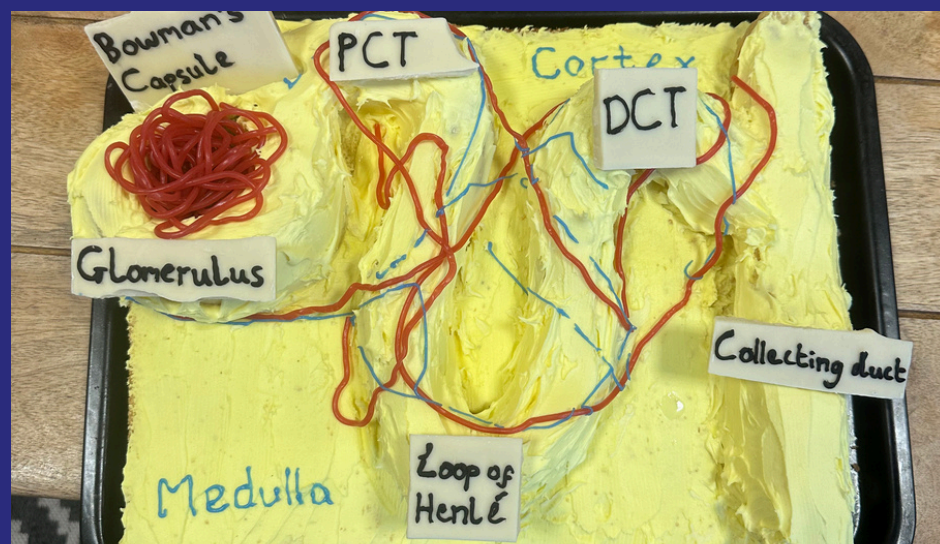
From start to finish, the concert was filled with energy and enthusiasm, with performers demonstrating not only impressive musical skill but also great confidence and collaboration. Most importantly, the event embodied a strong sense of purpose, raising valuable support for the Haileybury Youth Trust.

Well done to Joe (U6, Kipling), Ilhan (U6, Kipling), Oscar (L6, Trevelyan), Sofiiia (L6, Melvill) and Charlie (Middles, Trevelyan) for their fantastic performances!

## Alban's Update

The sun has been shining on Alban's this week as the girls have been working exceptionally hard.

Removes, Middles and Lower Sixth have had their 'End of Year' exams, whilst the Fifts and Upper Sixth are preparing for their GCSEs, A Levels, and the IB exams have begun. I could not be more proud of the determination and resilience all of the House has shown. The girls have also discovered creative ways to revise. The medulla cake below was baked as part of a GCSE biology project by Pauline and Melody (Vths), to assist them with their biology revision.



We are very much looking forward to lots of celebrations this Summer term. Next week we will honour the Upper Sixth with our annual poem tradition; the Lower Sixth will read and perform poems for each member of the Upper Sixth, as well as producing a thoughtful video of their experiences throughout their time at Haileybury. On Tuesday 2 June, our previous four Heads of House return to Alban's to celebrate with the incoming Head of House for 2026/27, which is always a lovely event. We also have the HPA Alban's and Edmonstone croquet event on Thursday 4 June; we are looking forward to seeing lots of you there.  
**Amy Sparrow, HM**

# Sporting Success

It has been a great week for Haileybury pupils in sports again, with outstanding performances across athletics, cricket, rugby and golf.



Lower School 2 pupil **Blake** set a new U16 girls' **high jump** record with a superb leap of 1.49m at the U15 County Heptathlon Championships. Blake finished second overall and has qualified for the Regional Finals in May. Her performance also included strong showings across the long jump, hurdles, shot put and 800m.



Meanwhile, **James** (L6, Bartle Frere) enjoyed a spectacular start to the **cricket** season, scoring an unbeaten 156 from just 83 balls in the first round of the National U17 Cup. His innings included four sixes and 21 fours, and helped set up the team's progress to the next round where they will face Brentwood.



There was further **cricket** success for **Ben** (U6, Kipling) who earned a place on the honours board with a superb five-wicket haul, taking 5/21 in the 1st XI's all-day victory over Haberdashers on Saturday. He followed this up in style on Tuesday, scoring a blistering 88 from 44 balls in the 1st XI T20 against Tonbridge. Haileybury posted 270/5, with Tonbridge dismissed for 142 in reply.



**Omar** (Middles, Kipling) had a tremendous week. Not only did he contribute a superb unbeaten 83 from just 29 balls in a devastating team batting display, he has also been selected for the Bunbury competition, a prestigious festival which brings together the top 48 cricketers in the country.



This is quite an achievement and he is the first player since our current 1st XI captain Leo (U6, Thomason) to have been selected for it.



In **rugby** news, we are delighted to announce that **Will** (Vths, Thomason) has earned a call-up to the Wales U17 training camp this May, marking an exciting step forward in his development on the international stage.



Finally, congratulations are in order for **Rohit** (L6, Edmonstone) who has achieved outstanding sporting success, placing among the top three qualifiers for the Sky Sports Junior European **Golf** Open Finals in Spain. This follows an excellent round of 77 over the weekend, securing his place on the international stage. A superb achievement and we wish him every success in the Finals.



Congratulations to all!

## Celebrating Former and Current Pupil Leaders: Heads of School Reunion Lunch

It was a great pleasure to welcome back our former Heads and Deputy Heads of School for a special reunion lunch held in the beautiful surroundings of the Master's Garden on Saturday.

The occasion provided a wonderful opportunity for former pupil leaders to reconnect with long-standing members of staff and to meet the Master. Conversation flowed freely as guests reflected on their time at Haileybury, sharing memories, stories and experiences that continue to connect them to the School.

Set against the backdrop of the Master's Garden, the lunch offered a warm and relaxed setting for celebration and reflection, bringing together generations of Haileybury leadership past and present.

Read more about the event and view a selection of photographs [here](#).



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## Upcoming Events

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

# History's Mysteries at Haileybury

What is history?  
How do we know  
what happened?  
Can we ever truly  
know?

On Thursday, the History department hosted the unforgettable, immersive History's Mysteries discovery event, encouraging local Prep School children to ask themselves these very questions in a day of intrigue, investigation and discovery. Pupils journeyed across centuries through a series of historical "mysteries," brought to life by the fantastic History department.



We began in 1066, with pupils entering the Battle Of Hastings asking 'Was King Harold really shot in the eye with an arrow?'. Pupils examined contemporary written accounts and visual sources of competing interpretations, beginning to understand that history is often less certain than it first appears.

Next came the shadowy world of 1605. In a low-lit scene of eerie sights and sounds, the young historians analysed evidence, debated motives investigating whether the Gunpowder Plot was a genuine attempt to overthrow the government or part of a more complex conspiracy.



Their final mystery took them into the smoggy, dark streets of Victorian East London, where they took on the chilling case of Jack the Ripper. Entering a carefully staged crime scene, pupils quickly assumed the role of detectives, sifting through clues in an effort to identify the infamous killer. The day concluded on a lighter note with a History-themed tour of the School in the beautiful sunshine, led by Head of History and Politics, Miss Cragg.

An outstanding day was had by all, with academic curiosity, critical thinking and an enthusiasm for learning about the past at the very heart of it.

## Parent Forum

We were pleased to welcome parents to our recent online Parent Forum, where Senior Leaders shared updates and future priorities. A recording of one of the sessions is available [here](#).

## A Challenge Worth Counting



Lower School pupils took part in an exciting maths challenge on Wednesday 29 April, putting their problem-solving skills to the test in a focused, exam-style setting.

We are delighted to share that pupils conducted themselves impeccably throughout, approaching each question with determination, resilience and impressive concentration. Their perseverance and thoughtful effort were evident across the board, reflecting both their hard work and positive attitude to learning.

Well done to all who took part.

Thursday 30 April - Wednesday 6 May

- Stan-X trip to Lawrenceville, New Jersey and New York, USA

Friday 1 May

- Kipling Pop-Up Event - 6.30 pm, Kipling House

Sunday 3 May

- Middles Trip to Paris, France

Wednesday 6 May

- 11+ Open Morning - 9.30 am, Bradby Hall
- Blood Brothers Theatre Trip - 1.45 pm, BEAM, Hertford
- Girls' Football House Competition (Removes to Upper Sixth) - 8.45 pm, Sports Hall

Thursday 7 May

- Bartle Frere HPA Social Event - 7 pm, Hailey Camp

Thursday 7 May - Saturday 9 May

- Lower School Musical: School of Rock - 7.30 pm, Ayckbourn Theatre
- Matinee - 2.30 pm on Saturday 9 May

Friday 8 May

- Upper Sixth Leavers' Service - 5.15 pm, Chapel
- Followed by drinks in the Master's Lodge

Saturday 9 May

- The Master's Parent Lunch for Lower School, Removes and Middles - 12.30 pm, The Master's Lodge

## Coming Up