

HAILEYBURY

NEWS

22 May 2026



From the Master

We announced next year's Heads of School and team of College Prefects in Lists on Monday morning. Our congratulations go to the pupils who were called forward, but we received many more applications than there were places available and it is entirely understandable that some will feel disappointed about not having been appointed.

What does it mean to be a College Prefect? There are many answers to that question but, to me, it means serving others, being a role model and setting the right tone across all areas of school life. It is not about wearing a badge or a different tie. It is about exemplifying our core values and working well with others for the greater good of our community.

The sun is shining and we are set for a glorious long weekend. I hope you enjoy it.

With my best wishes,

New College Prefects Announced

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new team of College Prefects and Heads of School for the academic year 2026-27.

This year's selection process has been both rigorous and highly considered, with decisions informed by input from Sixth Form pupils and staff, alongside extensive consultation with Housemasters, Housemistresses, and senior leaders. The strength and depth of applications were exceptional, with many more candidates than places available, making the final decisions particularly challenging.

We congratulate all those appointed and look forward to the leadership, energy and commitment they will bring in the months ahead.



Google for Education Visit

We were incredibly honoured to welcome a prominent delegation from Google for Education, led by Ben Gomes, Google's Chief Technologist for Learning and Sustainability, to Haileybury yesterday.



The visit was prompted by Google's interest in our trailblazing approach to digital and AI-integrated education.

- Director of Digital Innovation and Enterprise, Tom Wade, kicked off the day by detailing our philosophy of using technology to enhance learning.
- We discussed our curriculum focus on practical AI literacy, enabling pupils from Year 9 (Removes) and upwards to utilise tools like Gemini and NotebookLM responsibly for academic research.
- The delegation also gained direct access to the pupil perspective through a focused AI discussion group and saw our blended learning model in action by observing Digital Innovations and other academic classes.
- The day concluded with high-level discussions with the Master and Director of Teaching and Learning during a productive roundtable.



It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase how we are shaping the future of learning, ensuring our pupils are prepared to engage with technology ethically and effectively.

Spotlight on the King of Instruments

Last Friday's Spotlight Recital was a triumphant display of the School's Klais organ brought to life by performances by our leading organists.



The programme opened with Austin (L6, Trevelyan) who performed Sigfrid Karg-Elert's *Chorales improvisation on Nun Danket alle Gott* and John Stanley's *Trumpet Voluntary in D*. Charlie (M, Trevelyan) then delighted the audience with J S Bach's 'Short' *Prelude in G minor* and John Rutter's upbeat *Toccata in Seven*. Bérenger (L6, Thomason) followed with the lyrical *Allegretto* from Felix Mendelssohn's *Organ Sonata No.4 in B flat* and the impressive *Festive Trumpet Tune* by David German. The recital concluded with Mr Ali playing Mozart's famous *Fantasia in F minor*, which rang out magnificently across the Chapel.



Junior Music Showcase

Last night's Junior Music Showcase rounded off the first half of the Summer term with a wonderful range of performances by pupils from LS1 to Middles.

The evening began with the **Lower School Concert Band** setting the tone with *Do You Hear the People Sing* from *Les Misérables* and *Money, Money, Money* by Abba. The audience then enjoyed a varied programme of solo performances, ranging from the *Theme from The Muppet Show* on the piano to a movement from J S Bach's *Flute Sonata in E minor*.

The second half of the concert proved no less diverse, with performances from the **Lower School Rock bands** and the **Junior Sax Quartet**, as well as wonderful piano duets. The evening was brought to a fitting close by the **Lower School Choir** with a rousing performance of *Sing* by Gary Barlow and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.



Big Week for Cricket

This week has seen some fantastic play on the Cricket field.

Friday night saw the **Boys' XI** competing in the **National T20** against St Benedict's. **James (L6, Bartle Frere)** and **Benji (L6, Trevelyan)** shared a 150-run opening stand, with James scoring 71 and Benji reaching 119* off 66 balls. The team will now play Berkhamsted in the regional semi-final on Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, the **1st XI Girls** put on a dominant performance against Bedford Modern to win by 7 wickets. There were also wins for the **Girls' 3rd XI** and **U15Bs**, where **Philippa (Middles, Melvill)** took 3 wickets.

Saturday also saw the boys take on tough fixtures against Merchant Taylors, leading to excellent wins for the **U15As and Bs**. **George (Middles, Thomason)** and **Ashton (Middles, Bartle Frere)** both hit half-centuries, whilst leg spin bowling by **Dominic (Middles, Edmonstone)** created real problems for the opposition batsmen. The performance of the day came in the **3rd XI**, where **Matthew (L6, Kipling)** (75*) and **Sully (L6, Kipling)** shared a 7th wicket stand of 100, which was followed by a devastating spell of bowling from **Gabriel (Fifths, Kipling)**, who took 3-22.



County Tennis Success

Wednesday saw a busy and successful afternoon of county tennis, as our teams competed in the Herts U14 and U18 County Schools' competition.

Edoardo (L6, Edmonstone) and **Carlo (L6, Kipling)** enjoyed a standout result, winning the **Plate Competition**, after edging past Chancellor's in a tightly contested final.

There was further success against New Hall School, where our **U18 girls' and boys' tennis teams** both won matches. **Adam and James (both L6, Bartle Frere)** won two rounds before being edged out by the eventual finalists. **Julius (L6, Edmonstone)** and **Tim (Middles, Edmonstone)** also impressed, winning a round of their own.

There was also some excellent play in the younger age groups from the **Boys' U15 tennis teams** and **Girls' U14 teams**.



The house athletics competition took place on a lovely warm afternoon with ice cream to fortify both competitors and spectators alike.

Everybody enjoyed a festival of friendly inter-house rivalry. **Megan (U6, Alban's)** broke the **Senior Girls' Javelin** record with a throw of 31.10 m and there were many other notable performances in both track and field. In the end **Thomason** were victorious in the Junior boys' competition, **Kipling** took the **Senior boys' competition** and **Kipling** were also the winners of the overall boys' competition. For the girls, **Hailey** took a clean sweep, winning both the **Junior and the Senior competitions**.



House Athletics



Serving in Spanish

On Tuesday, our LS2 Hispanists enjoyed a lively and hands-on tennis lesson delivered entirely in Spanish by Mr Ruiz, Haileybury's Director of Tennis.

The session gave pupils the opportunity to put their Spanish tennis vocabulary into practice through a range of fun activities, including warm-up games such as 'pilla pilla' and 'comecocos'. The pupils then moved on to tennis matches, keeping score in Spanish and perfecting the language they had learned. It was a brilliant blend of sport and language learning, and a great way to bring Spanish to life on court.



The Master's Lunch

The Master and Mrs du Toit were delighted to welcome parents of **Fifths and Sixth Form** pupils on Saturday for a wonderful afternoon in the Lodge garden.

The weather held firm, allowing guests to enjoy a delicious lunch and speeches from the Master and the Chairman of Council, Martin Rayfield, who shared insights into the exciting future developments planned for Haileybury.



Once again, the event provided a valuable opportunity for parents to connect with one another within the Haileybury community.

Batten House Update

The **Batten boys** have enjoyed a lively and engaging programme of **House Nights** this term, bringing everyone together for some friendly competition and shared fun. Highlights have included a spirited **water polo** evening, with truly epic performances from pupils across all year groups, as well as a relaxed **pizza-and-pool** night that proved equally popular.

The **pool competition** sparked plenty of excitement, with Andy (Removes) emerging as the overall Batten champion after a closely contested tournament. Jayden (Removes) delivered a standout moment by knocking his Housemaster out of the competition.

Looking ahead, there is much anticipation for the **annual outing to Foxholes Farm**. The boys, and tutors, will once again enjoy a visit to Two-Two's for a delicious burger in what will be a wonderful way to round off the term.



World Bee Day



To celebrate World Bee Day, our wonderful catering team created a delicious honey-themed pop-up. There was a real buzz around the station, with pupils swarming to enjoy the treats.

Thank you to our generous supporters

We would like to take a moment to offer our heartfelt thanks to all the Upper Sixth families who have donated their deposit to the Opportunity Fund. We are thrilled to share that over **£41,000** has already been raised, thus far. This Fund will be used to support transformative bursaries, helping to ensure that talented pupils can access a Haileybury education regardless of financial means.

Messages for William Flint Cahan

Thank you to everyone who has shared wonderful messages, videos and images for the William Flint Cahan retirement tribute. It has been so lovely to read all your stories and kind words. For those who would still like to contribute but haven't yet done so, we wanted to send a final reminder ahead of the Friday 22 May deadline.

Should you wish to send any messages, photos or videos, please contact us at association@haileybury.com

Alumni News

- Congratulations to Robert Okunnu ChartPR FCIPR FCMI (Batten, 1996) who recently represented the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Read more [here](#).



Upcoming Events

- [60 years of the Art School Celebration](#) - 15 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.



An Ideal Husband

On Monday, our Lower Sixth English A-level pupils travelled to the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre to see Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*.

The visit provided a valuable cultural enrichment opportunity for all, whilst being particularly relevant for those who study the play as part of their exam texts. The performance offered a chance to deepen their understanding of the play's main themes and to see the drama brought to life on stage.

The production was set in the present day and featured modern songs and contemporary cultural references, while remaining faithful to Wilde's sharp commentary on individual responsibility and perceptions within relationships.

Friday 2 May

- Half term starts - 1.30 pm

Friday 22 May - Monday 25 May

- Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessment Expedition, *Brecon Beacons*

Sunday 31 May

- Boarders return by 8.30 pm (Houses Open at 6.00 pm)

Monday 1 June

- All pupils return by 8.10 am
- U13 Girls' Cricket County Cup, *Terrace*
- Academic Exhibition Fair 2026
 - Exhibition - 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm, *SciTech (parents welcome)*
 - Spotlight Talks - 7.30 pm, *Ayckbourn Theatre*

Tuesday 2 June

- Middles Visit to the Deutsche Schule, *London*
- LS2 Outdoor Education Morning, *Hailey Camp*

Wednesday 3 June

- Middles Geography Field Trip, *Hertford Heath*
- CCF (RAF) Flying Day - all day, *RAF Wittering*
- U10 Cricket Festival - all afternoon, *Pavilion*

Coming Up

     HaileyburyUK

+44 (0)1992 706 200 haileybury.com

Hertford Herts SG13 7NU Reg. charity no. 310013