

# HAILEYBURY NEWS

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## From the Master

The Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) represents boarding schools in more than fifty countries. It is based in the UK and works to promote boarding, while also providing training to staff who work in boarding schools. As you would expect, Haileybury is a member.

Every year the BSA presents a variety of awards to boarding schools who have excelled in a particular area of school life. We were delighted to receive on Tuesday night the BSA Award for Best Community Service. Of all its member schools, Haileybury's community service was selected as being 'best in class'.

This is an achievement which we can all celebrate and be proud of.

'Service' is one Haileybury's core values and our pupils – alongside a dedicated team of staff – do so much to support communities both near and far. In doing so, pupils put to one side the many demands in their own lives to give time to others; they develop important life-skills and build character along the way.

Tomorrow's weather looks to be fine and Angela and I look forward to a convivial 'Lunch in the Lodge'. Whatever your plans, I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes,

## Haileybury wins Best Community Work Award

We are delighted to announce that Haileybury has been awarded Best Community Work for its 'On Board' Initiative in the BSA Supporting Excellence Awards.

This recognition reflects our strong culture of service and social responsibility here at Haileybury. We are especially proud that the judges described our pupils' initiatives as "An exceptional and extensive **Community Action Programme**, supporting a wide range of people in the local area, with initiatives encompassing the whole Haileybury community, including the **Hearts and Wings** residential experience programme."



## Pupils Take Part in Mock Elections



As voters went to the polls across the country yesterday, Haileybury held its own Mock Election, giving pupils a first-hand experience of the democratic process.

Lower Sixth A level Politics pupils worked hard to develop their party platforms and messaging, leading energetic and well-organised campaigns across the School in the days leading up to voting.

Five parties contested the election, with each House acting as its own constituency alongside dedicated staff and Lower School constituencies. The initiative provided pupils with valuable insight into the full electoral process, from campaigning through to voting and the final count.

The campaign culminated in a **Hustings event**, where candidates presented their policies and debated key issues.

Voting then took place on Thursday in the Grubber, with all pupils and staff eligible to take part.

After an exceptionally close contest, the Green Party secured the popular vote (24.2%) while the Conservatives won the most seats (4 of 14), with coalition negotiations now underway following a record-breaking 53% turnout. Congratulations to the Lower Sixth Politics pupils for their hard work.





## Lower School Production: School of Rock

Last night's premiere of this year's Lower School musical, *School of Rock*, was an electrifying, riff-and-drum-snare success, bursting with energy, talent and no shortage of rock-and-roll spirit.



Haileybury pupils were involved at every level of the production, from **Millie (L6, Allenby)** in the technical booth to **Oscar (L6, Trevelyan)** on drums, alongside a dedicated team of Lower School stagehands and, of course, the **outstanding Lower School One and Two cast**. The result was a vibrant and memorable performance that showcased our pupils' talent.

A true collaboration between the Drama, Music and Dance departments, the production brought together an enthusiastic and committed cast of pupils who impressed with their ability to sing, dance, act and - of course - rock!





After a traditional lunch in a French bistro, pupils took a walking tour along the Seine, taking in landmarks including the Louvre, Place de la Concorde, the Assemblée Nationale and the Eiffel Tower.

The day also included time at Galeries Lafayette, where pupils explored the stunning domed department store and sampled Ladurée's renowned macarons.



## A Day in Paris

A group of Middles pupils enjoyed a memorable and enriching day in Paris last weekend, making the most of the capital's culture, cuisine and language.

The trip offered pupils the opportunity to experience the city's iconic sights, sample delicious food and, most importantly, practise their French.



Experiences such as this can often spark a lasting enthusiasm for language learning and it was clear that pupils made the very most of their time in the French capital.

## Stan-X in the USA

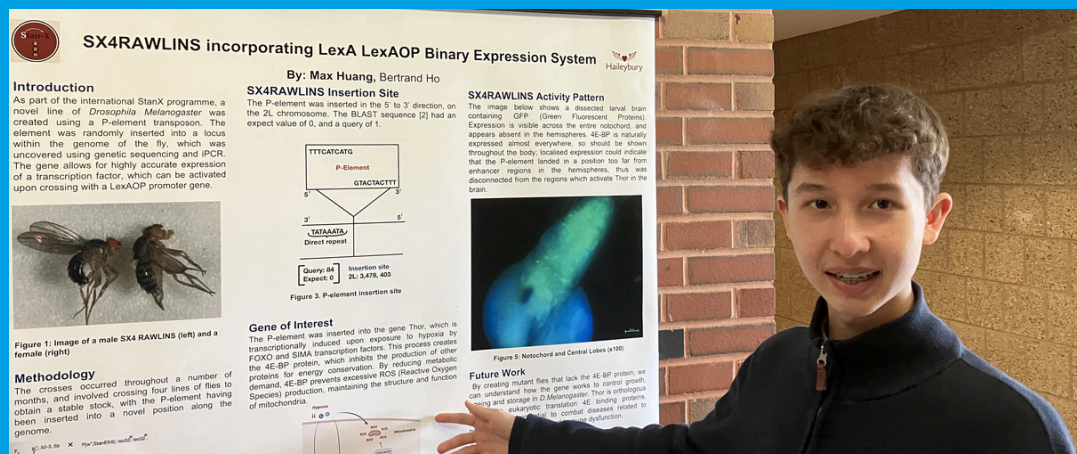
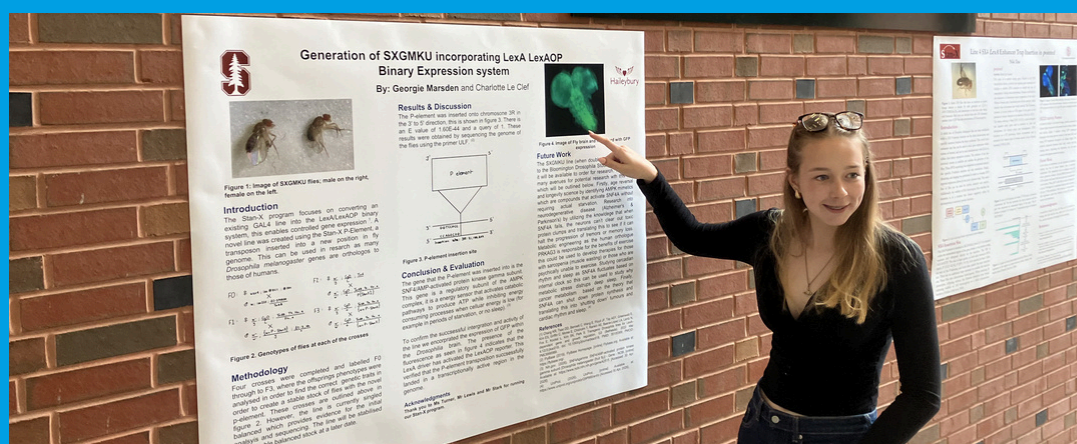
Our Stan-X pupils travelled to the United States to attend the 2026 Stan-X International Interscholastic Fly Conference joining other young scientists from across the globe.

At the conference in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, pupils presented their research on novel fly lines developed during the first term, contributing to work that may advance understanding of human disease.



They also had the opportunity to meet and network with leading scientists from institutions including **Harvard Medical School** and **Stanford University**, as well as collaborate with peers from other Stan-X schools.

During their visit, pupils also experienced lessons in an American high school and enjoyed exploring New York, including visits to the Statue of Liberty and other iconic landmarks.



# Creative Success in Writing Competitions

Sophie (L6, Allenby) has achieved notable success in the **Oxford Ashmolean Museum's creative writing competition**, where she was awarded **third place** in the 17-18 age category for her poem *Vae Victis*, inspired by the bronze sculpture *Boxer at Rest*. She was also named as an overall runner-up; an impressive accomplishment in a highly competitive field.



Minnie (L6, Hailey) has likewise been recognised for her academic writing, receiving a **Certificate of Commendation in the Archaeology Essay Competition** run by **Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge**, as well as a **'Highly Commended' award in the Humanities Writing Competition** run by **Girton College, Cambridge**.

Congratulations to both pupils on their achievements!



## A Special Evening for the CCF Community

The recent Haileybury Cadet Force mess dinner, hosted by Contingent Commander Lt Col Igolen-Robinson, was a superb embodiment of the finest military traditions, distinguished by polished regimental silver, immaculate presentation and a palpable sense of pomp and ceremony.

The evening brought together **Upper Sixth cadets, CCF staff and supporters of the Contingent**, including **The Master** in his role as Head of CCF, creating a warm atmosphere of shared pride and community.

In his address, Lt Col Igolen-Robinson thanked the dedicated staff whose ongoing commitment plays such an important role in the success of the Contingent. He also reflected on the many opportunities the CCF provides for young people to develop leadership, resilience and character.

Combined with excellent food and enjoyable company, the dinner was a wonderful celebration of tradition, service and the strong spirit of the CCF community.

## Launching the Richard Haslam MUN Memorial Fund



It has been an honour to launch the **Richard Haslam MUN Memorial Fund** in memory of **OH Richard Haslam (Lawrence, 2012)**, a dedicated Haileyburian and long-serving Rapporteur of Haileybury Model United Nations. Over more than a decade, Richard was a key member of the Approvals Panel, where his sharp mind and generous spirit guided countless delegates through over a thousand resolutions.

Richard sadly died in August 2023 and the fund was established in his memory to reflect his enduring commitment to inclusion and opportunity within MUN. Together with a gift from his siblings, Richard generously directed support towards helping Haileyburians who may face financial barriers to participating in MUN conferences.

Find out more about the fund [here](#).

## Alumni News

It was wonderful to welcome back **OH Peter Blackmore (Edmonstone, 1979)** at the weekend. We enjoyed reminiscing with him and his daughter Sophie and hearing the wonderful stories of his time at the School.

**Oscar Piastrri (Kipling, 2020)** was on the podium twice during the weekend of the Miami F1 Grand Prix - coming second in the sprint and third in the race.

## 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.

# Health and Wellbeing

Haileybury was delighted to host the Health and Wellbeing conference in partnership with the Health in Education Association (HIEDA) last week.



This marked the first in-person **Health and Wellbeing Conference** since HIEDA was established, representing an important milestone in bringing together professionals dedicated to the care and development of young people.

The programme featured expert-led sessions on key topics, including nutrition and allergy management, policy development, suicide prevention and understanding bereavement. Each session provided both strategic insight and practical approaches to supporting young people in educational settings.

The conference also created valuable opportunities for knowledge exchange, interactive discussion and reflective practice, ensuring that delegates left with renewed confidence and an enhanced toolkit for addressing the evolving challenges faced by school communities.

Haileybury has recently been awarded the HIEDA Seacole Standard for excellence in health care and was presented with the certificate at the conference.



## 11+ Open Morning

We were delighted to welcome a wonderful group of prospective 11+ families to Haileybury this week for a lively and engaging Open Morning.

Visitors enjoyed guided tours of the Lower School led by our enthusiastic and knowledgeable pupils. Families explored classrooms and facilities, experienced subject demonstrations and gained a real sense of the warmth and energy that characterise life at Haileybury.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative morning and we look forward to welcoming many of the families back to Haileybury in the future.

## Coming Up

### Friday 8 May

- Upper Sixth Leavers' Service - 5.15 pm, *Chapel*
- Lower School Musical: School of Rock - 7.30 pm, *Ayckbourn Theatre*

### Saturday 9 May

- The Master's Parent Lunch for Lower School, Removes and Middles - 12.30 pm, *The Master's Lodge*
- Lower School Musical: School of Rock - 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm, *Ayckbourn Theatre*

### Saturday 9 May - Sunday 10 May

- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

### Sunday 10 May

- Confirmation Service - 2.30 pm, *Chapel*, followed by a Reception in *The Master's Lodge*

### Friday 15 May

- Spotlight Recital - 5.30 pm, *Chapel*
- Bérenger (L6, Thomason), Charlie (M, Trevelyan) and Austin (L6, Trevelyan) will perform works by Bach, Karg-Elert, Rutter, Mozart and more on the famous Haileybury Klais organ.

### Saturday 16 May

- The Master's Parent Lunch for Sixth Form - 12.30 pm, *The Master's Lodge*