

HAILEYBURY NEWS

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From the Master

Haileybury has been a hive of activity in preparation for tomorrow's Speech Day. The marquee is up and dressed, Quad is set, the grounds are looking beautiful and sound checks are underway as I write. The heat has made all this hard work all the more taxing and I am very grateful to everyone involved in preparations for powering on regardless.

The Lower Sixth Futures Fair was excellent, with pupils benefitting from having the opportunity to speak with university representatives and alumni about next steps. Trips week has been a great success. Some flexibility has been needed on occasion on account of the conditions, but staff and pupils alike have kept calm and carried on. Listening to our Lower School 1 pupils present the finding of their STEAM Week projects was a delight.

A great week final week of term, with Speech Day being the perfect note on which to end a great year.

With my best wishes,

Engage de Tait

Lower School Sports Day

Last Saturday, all Lower School pupils took part in the annual Lower School Sports Day, competing in a range of athletics events.

In front of an enthusiastic crowd of family supporters, pupils delivered some impressive performances. Recording excellent times, distances and heights, the pupils represented their tutor groups in some hotly contested races and competitions.

In Lower School 1, the winning form was **Miss Mullins' 1FM**, whilst **Miss Caffrey's 2EC** secured victory in Lower School 2. The overall winners were **1FM** - well done to all who took part!



A Decade of Shared Educational Excellence

Ten years ago, the Secretary of State officially approved Haileybury College's sponsorship of Haileybury Turnford. This milestone decision transformed the Cheshunt-based secondary school, forging a unique alliance between a leading independent school and a now vibrant state academy.



Over the past decade, this unique cross-sector partnership has expanded significantly. Students at Haileybury Turnford, and pupils from Haileybury, benefit directly from the relationship; and it has been a pleasure to welcome HT students to university application workshops, co-curricular activities and our shared concert earlier this year. Teachers and staff from both schools regularly collaborate, sharing professional mentoring expertise, and teaching strategies, to drive school improvement. This partnership and the dedication of the teachers and senior leaders at Haileybury Turnford has led to the success and recognition of the recent Ofsted inspection, celebrating ten years of rising academic ambition, pride and student success.



Pop on Pavilion

Haileybury’s talented singers and bands set the perfect tone for a gloriously sunny evening at this year’s Pop on Pavilion.

From lively group performances to impressive solo acts, pupils from the Lower School through to the Sixth Form showcased their musical flair with a dynamic repertoire, spanning a wide range of artists and genres. Pupils, staff and parents alike enjoyed this musical backdrop, to a balmy summer evening, with a BBQ and picnics on Pavilion; a fitting finale to our Arts Week programme.



Haileybury Gospel Choir

The newly formed Haileybury Gospel Choir had the exciting opportunity to work alongside the renowned London Community Gospel Choir. In an inspiring workshop, the Choir refined their performance skills and knowledge of Gospel music, before taking to the Arts Week tent for their lunchtime concert.

The vibrant and uplifting set saw an audience of staff, parents and pupils unable to resist the urge to tap their feet and clap their hands, sharing in the energy and spirit of a wonderful performance.



Drama Showcase



The Ayckbourn Theatre was brought to life by our pupils’ outstanding performances during the Arts Week Drama Showcase.

Dance pieces set to songs such as *Thriller* and *Get Down*, from the musical *Six*, were both evocative and mesmerising, captivating the audience throughout.

The showcase also featured *The Inheritance of Horace* - a hilarious play written and performed by our pupils’ newly-formed PACE (Performing Arts and Creative Events) initiative - which received rapturous applause.





Madrigals

Haileybury Chorus and Schola Cantorum continued a cherished tradition this year, performing madrigals and part-songs at sunset by Great Amwell Pool.

Despite a last-minute relocation due to nesting swans occupying the usual performance spot, the change did little to diminish the occasion. Audiences were treated to beautiful renditions of works by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Thomas Weelkes, creating a memorable and atmospheric evening.

Avenue Run

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Arts Week festivities culminated in the hugely enjoyable Avenue Run, where pupils tackled a 609 metre sprint along the Avenue, around Form Room Block and back again.

Well done to all who took part and to all who came to support and cheer on their peers in the Junior and Senior races. The winners were **Rahul (Middles, Edmonstone), Teddy (L6, Kipling), Isabella (Removes, Melvill) and Lujza (L6, Melvill).**



Futures Fair

On Monday, all Lower Sixth pupils took part in our annual Futures Day to support them as they begin planning their next steps beyond Haileybury.

The day featured a wide range of talks and activities, including CV and university application workshops as well as presentations focused on higher education and career pathways. A Futures Fair brought together representatives from leading universities and specialist education advisers, who offered valuable guidance and personalised advice to help pupils make informed decisions about their future.



Astrophysics Group

The Astrophysics Group has enjoyed an exciting and ambitious five-week project exploring the physics of rocketry.

Pupils developed their understanding of the forces and principles behind rocket flight before applying their knowledge to design and construct their own rockets.

The project culminated in a launch event on Twenty Acre, where all four of the pupil-built rockets were successfully launched. This marks the first time pupils at Haileybury have designed, built and launched rockets on site - it's a fantastic achievement!



AEP Week

This week's Academic Extension Programme (AEP) Week has been a busy and rewarding experience, with Sixth Form pupils and staff taking part in a wide variety of activities.

Whether volunteering in the local community, researching the stories behind items in the Haileybury Archives, completing biology field work, interacting with local businesses or debating the philosophy that sits behind some of the films we love, pupils have been enjoying being outside the classroom, learning new skills and working collaboratively.

AEP Week has also given lots of pupils who study subjects that involve coursework a chance to get ahead with these important tasks. This includes our IB pupils who have been working hard to sign off key elements of the Diploma 'core' ahead of a very well-deserved summer break.

AI Empowered Educator

Last Friday, Tom Wade, Director of Digital Innovation and Enterprise, was awarded AI Empowered Educator 2026 by Google at the Google Reference School event, held in their headquarters in King's Cross.

Tom also presented on Haileybury's Digital Innovations AI curriculum, which was highlighted as a leading example of innovation in the UK.

The award recognises educators who have championed the use of Google AI tools to reduce workload, personalise learning and support pupils in innovative ways. It is a richly deserved honour for Tom and a reflection of Haileybury's leading position in this field.



A Flame-cooked Breakfast

Mr Perrin and the Design and Technology team marked the end of GCSEs with an unusual celebratory breakfast for their hardworking DT Fifts class.

Demonstrating a creative alternative use for the forge and blowtorch, pupils enjoyed freshly made egg baps as they reflected on two years of dedication and achievement. Well deserved!



A Wonderful Send Off For William Flint Cahan



We were delighted to celebrate **William Flint Cahan’s 47 years at Haileybury** on Sunday. Joined by Old Haileyburians, staff and parents, we enjoyed a wonderful reception filled with shared memories, warm conversation and appreciation for William’s outstanding contribution to the School. Thank you to all who came along to mark this special occasion.

Art Exhibition

In addition to the OH artists who contributed works to last week’s 60 Years of Art School exhibition, we are extremely grateful to **David Shaw (Kipling, 1961)** and **Yo Hosoyamada (Melvill, 2015)** for also entering pieces.

Futures Fair 2026

We were delighted to be joined by a range of volunteers for this year’s Futures Fair. Through a series of dynamic workshops, Lower Sixth pupils received advice and support on how to create compelling CVs and LinkedIn profiles, alongside first-hand knowledge of life beyond Haileybury and what different university experiences provide.

We are extremely grateful to current parent **Anna Christofis**, as well as **OH Rhiannon Ludlow (Hailey, 2010)** and OH Uni Reps: **Maksym Astapov (Thomason, 2025)**, **Callum McGurk (Kipling, 2021)**, **Joey Wedge (Kipling, 2023)** and **Michel Zeitoun (Lawrence, 2020)** for giving up their time in order to share such insightful and invaluable advice with the Lower Sixth pupils.

To find out more about the event click [here](#). To learn about the Haileybury Connect platform and explore Uni Reps that are available to provide advice click [here](#).

Good luck, but not goodbye!

We wish Upper Sixth pupils all the best as they leave Haileybury and enter the next chapter of their lives after Speech Day. We look forward to keeping in touch with our newest OHs and following their journey as members of the Haileybury Association.



My Benefits

We are pleased to introduce Haileybury Benefits - a new rewards platform created exclusively for our community.

Delivered in partnership with My School Benefits, the platform offers a wide range of discounts, offers and experiences. We have brought together a mix of local Hertfordshire businesses and well-known national brands to provide everyday savings on shopping, dining and travel.

The collection will continue to grow, with new rewards added regularly throughout the year.

Signing up is quick and straightforward: Visit the [Haileybury Benefits Platform](#).

Register using your email address.

Verify your email to start exploring the available offers.

We hope you find something for you on this platform and look forward to hearing about what your family has enjoyed.

Coming Up

Saturday 27 June

- Speech Day and Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball
- End of Summer term

Sunday 28 June to Thursday 2 July

- Lower Sixth Duke of Edinburgh Gold Qualifying Expedition, *Wales*

Monday 29 June to Wednesday 1 July

- U15 Boys' and Girls' Cricket Festival, *Nottingham*

Monday 29 June to Thursday 2 July

- Lower School 2 / U13s Cricket Tour, *Jersey*

Saturday 4 to Thursday 9 July

- Choir Tour, *Malta*



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