

HAILEYBURY NEWS

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From the Master

Speech Day was a great success and I hope you enjoyed celebrating the many highlights of the past year. The Commemoration Service was uplifting, Prizegiving Ceremony joyful and lunch - with flyby included - convivial. The marquee was transformed into a magical setting for the Leavers' Ball, which was enjoyed by all and provided a fitting send-off to the Class of 2026. An enormous amount of hard work went into preparations and I am very grateful to everyone who played their part in making the day such a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

Today's special Newsletter also shines a light on the many trips and activities which took place during the last week of term. These excursions are a wonderful opportunity for pupils to put books to one side and to 'learn by doing'. The Removes Battlefield trip to the Netherlands is a case in point: as critical as it is to learn about WWII in lessons, it is as important for pupils to visit a concentration camp and take in a guided tour of Dunkirk. My thanks go all those members of staff who supported the trips and ensured that our pupils were safe and well looked after throughout.

With my best wishes for the summer,

Enrique de Tórt





What a wonderful Speech Day we enjoyed on Saturday!

Following a reflective Commemoration Service, it was a joy to celebrate the achievements of our pupils over the past year in the Prizegiving Ceremony. This year, we were delighted to welcome Dr Olajide Williams (B 83) as our Guest of Honour, whose speech was both heartfelt and inspiring. Beautiful musical performances from our pupils added to an unforgettable occasion.

Please visit haileybury.com/photo-galleries/ to view the full Speech Day and Leavers' Ball photo galleries.



On this glorious summer's day, the Haileybury community came together in great spirits, rounding off the morning with a convivial lunch on Quad and Memorial Quad and a special flypast. The afternoon concluded with the art and archive exhibitions and some excellent cricket from our boys' and girls' 1st XIs v the MCC.

Thank you to all the families who joined us to celebrate this very special day.





Leavers' Ball

The Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball provided a fitting finale to our leavers' Haileybury careers, as the Class of 2026 marked the end of their time at the School in style, alongside their parents, who joined them for the evening. It was a wonderful occasion of celebration, with pupils looking incredibly elegant for the occasion.

The Speech Day Marquee was transformed into a superb setting for the Ball and, after a delicious dinner, a live band and plenty of dancing rounded off the night. As the Class of 2026 leaves Haileybury with lifelong friendships, many achievements and so much to be proud of, the evening was a memorable celebration of all they have accomplished.



We wish our Upper Sixth leavers every success as they begin the next chapter of their journeys. We look forward to staying connected with our newest Old Haileyburians and seeing where their paths take them as valued members of the **Haileybury Association**.



Lower School in Normandy

Our Lower School 2 pupils made the most of the gorgeous weather on their Normandy trip.

Pupils made their first stop at a local school to meet the pen pals they have been writing to throughout the year. They then enjoyed a delicious lunch before visiting the Batterie de Melville and later Bayeux Cathedral.

The following day included a climb to the dome of the Basilica of St Thérèse, exploring local boulangeries and an action-packed inflatables session at Lake Eole, which was enjoyed by pupils and teachers alike. The final day's high ropes, zip-lining and a visit to the Livarot cheese factory, where pupils sampled the local cheeses in order of "stinkiness", finished a brilliant trip off with plenty of fun and laughter - a fitting end to the pupils' time in Lower School.



Battlefields Trip

The Removes' Battlefields trip once again provided a superb opportunity to deepen their understanding of the impact of the Second World War and Nazi occupation across the Netherlands, as well as to visit Dunkirk, site of one of the war's most crucial moments.

This four-day trip, part of the June AEP Week, offered pupils invaluable insight into life under occupation and resistance, and the Holocaust.

During the visit, pupils explored a range of battlefields, museums, memorials and Holocaust centres, including Anne Frank's House. They also had the chance to discover Amsterdam, with a guided canal boat ride adding to the experience. A wonderful end to the academic year, the trip offered Removes a meaningful and memorable extension to their curriculum studies.



Adventure Skills Trip to Norfolk

Our Middles Adventure Skills pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Norfolk, making the most of the beautiful surroundings and a wide range of outdoor activities.

Throughout the week, they mountain biked through idyllic countryside, sailed and canoed across the waters and navigated a section of the **Norfolk Broads**.

A highlight of the Adventure Skills programme, the week-long trip took place during the final week of the summer term and was based at Barton Turf Outdoor Activity Centre. Pupils took part in a varied activity programme, including sailing, kayaking and raft building, as well as walking or cycling, camp activities and an evening trip to the beach. A memorable and rewarding experience for all involved!



RAF Camp

The RAF Section headed to Shropshire for a multi-activity adventurous training camp in the Bishop's Castle area.

RAF Camp got off to a lively start with dinner, games and navigation preparations for a walk in the Shropshire hills later in the trip. Before heading out trekking, pupils also visited the RAF Museum Cosford and were fortunate to witness a Battle of Britain Memorial Flypast from a Dakota Douglas C-47 Skytrain.

Their second and third days were spent traversing the Shropshire hills, followed by climbing and abseiling. On day four, pupils took on the Severn Canoe Trail and made it to Shrewsbury in good time, earning themselves a well-deserved BBQ and s'mores evening. The trip then continued to the Elan Valley reservoir, where pupils mountain biked early to beat the heat, before ending the week with the annual paper plate awards and pizza.



STEAM Week

This year's Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths (STEAM) Week explored the Science of Superheroes: Geoengineering.

Across their lessons, Lower School pupils worked in groups using project-based learning to identify a real-world problem, gather data and either design a prototype to help address the issue or create a model to demonstrate the problem.

Congratulations to all our teams for their excellent group presentations and findings. The prize for the best all-round idea went to **Charlie, Tom, Wilfred, Alyaan and James**, who were inspired by Japanese engineering and earthquake-proof houses to design their own model and demonstrate it live to the judges.



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From all of us at
Haileybury, we wish you
a wonderful summer!

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