

HAILEYBURY

NEWS

5 June 2026



From the Master

Monday evening's Academic Exhibition Fair was a highlight. It was excellent to see a record number of projects on display in SciTech and a delight to speak with so many pupils about their area of research.

We saw on Monday evidence aplenty of two of our core values. The level of intellectual curiosity demonstrated by pupils of all ages was impressive and everyone showed great courage in speaking about their work and taking questions on it. In addition, we saw pupils communicating effectively and confirming their ability to think creatively and critically – skills that will be central to success long after they have left school.

The 'Spotlight Talks' in the evening ended the event on a high note and a visiting Head from one of our strong feeder schools was hugely impressed by all he saw. Haileybury has a history of serious academic endeavour and Monday's event confirmed that this tradition remains alive and well.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Fourteen Middles pupils successfully completed their Silver DofE expedition in the Brecon Beacons last week.

They worked extremely hard, maintaining a positive mindset and cheerful spirits despite the heat. Throughout the expedition the pupils supported one another and we hope that they will all feel inspired to take on the Gold Award in future years. Well done all!



Celebrating Service

This week we marked Volunteers' Week, celebrating the invaluable contributions made by volunteers across our community.

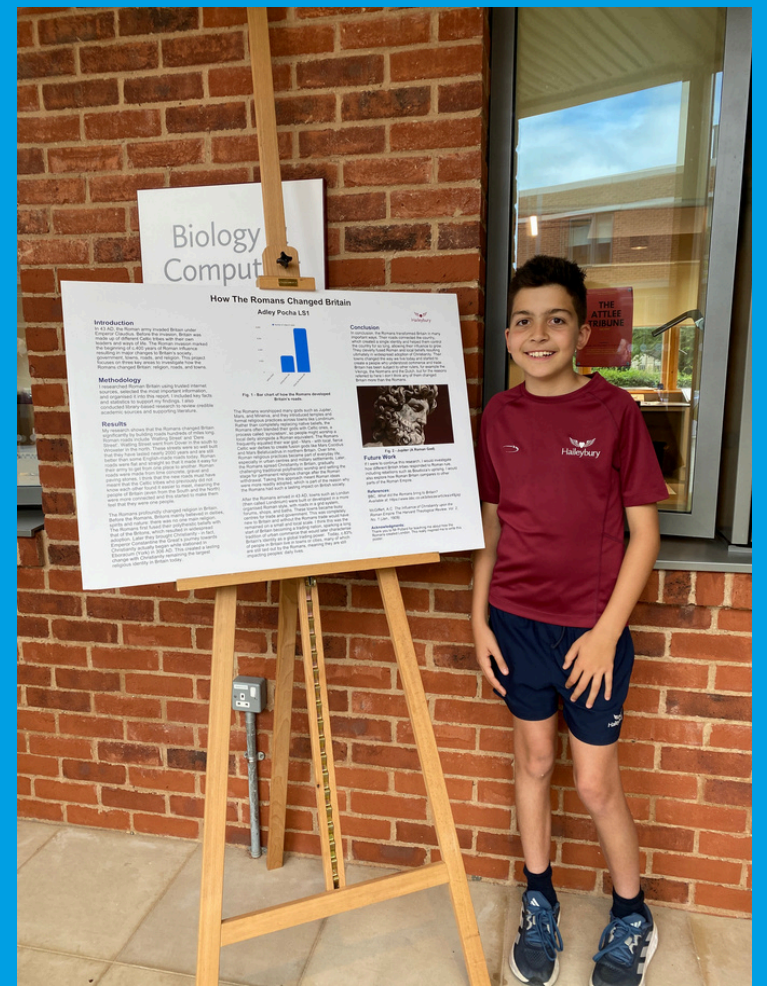


In Chapel, newly appointed College Prefects Giselle (L6, Allenby), Lujza (L6, Melvill) and Natália (L6, Hailey) delivered thoughtful reflections on service, gratitude and giving back and led a series of events to recognise those who give their time so generously.

We were especially pleased to acknowledge the dedicated team from our partner charity, Mudlarks, whose work continues to make a meaningful difference.

On Friday, Mrs du Toit joined us as Guest of Honour to formally appoint our new Service Projects Coordinators. Together with the College Prefects, they will form a strong service team, leading and supporting initiatives across the School in the year ahead.





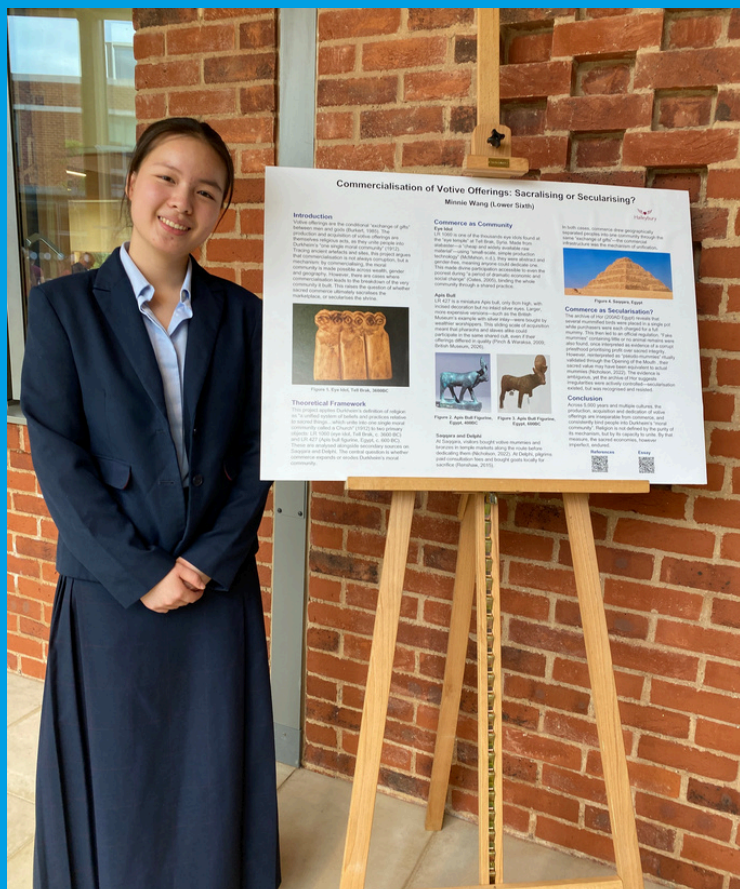
Academic Exhibition Fair

On Monday, the SciTech centre hosted an inspiring celebration of academic enquiry as pupils from across the School presented their independent research at the annual Academic Exhibition Fair and Spotlight Talks.



77 pupils from Lower School to Sixth Form exhibited university-style research posters exploring a remarkable range of topics from ancient democracy and astrophysics to game theory, geopolitics and cultural history. The enthusiasm, confidence and depth of understanding with which pupils discussed their work, explaining research methods and findings with parents, staff, friends and guests, was outstanding.

The event concluded with Spotlight Talks in the Ayckbourn Theatre, where **Lauran (LS1)**, **Georgia (LS2)**, **Wilfred (Removes, Batten)**, **Giovanna (Middles, Allenby)**, **Carolyn (L6, Colvin)**, **Matthew (L6, Kipling)** and **Rian (L6, Edmonstone)** delivered engaging TED-style talks. The day represented the full spectrum of intellectual curiosity and ambition, at Haileybury, and was a fitting celebration of research and scholarship. Congratulations to all involved!



LS2 Outdoor Education

Lower School pupils became geographers for the morning as they explored Haileybury's woodlands during their outdoor education morning, on Tuesday.



They measured the wind speed and temperature with anemometers, as well as light levels, to find out the difference between grass and woodland microclimates.

Analysing their findings with bipolar scales to discover the variances in soil moisture, they were able to explain why footfall levels, rain coverage and other factors affected their results. We were delighted to see pupils putting their newly learned skills and knowledge to practical application which resonates with the School's aim of using our wider campus to support classroom learning.



Geography Field Day

As part of their Geography field day, Middles pupils carried out fieldwork in a woodland environment, investigating the impact of abiotic factors on vegetation coverage and diversity.

Throughout the day, pupils used a range of fieldwork equipment, practised different sampling methods and explored how factors such as light, temperature, moisture and soil compaction influence the distribution of vegetation.

This hands-on experience will help pupils develop the skills and understanding needed to answer GCSE fieldwork examination questions with confidence.



Deutsche Schule

On Tuesday, our Middles pupils studying German spent a day at the Deutsche Schule in Richmond, attending lessons and learning about life in a German school.



Next Tuesday, it will be our turn to host the exchange and we look forward to giving the Deutsche Schule pupils a warm welcome and the opportunity to learn about British boarding school life by joining our pupils in lessons and sport.

This marks the third year of this enriching cultural exchange, and we hope it will continue for many years to come.

Sports Update

More fantastic sporting news this week: **Daisy (U6, Lawrence)** made her **Netball Super League on-court debut** on Saturday against Nottingham Forest - an outstanding achievement.



Meanwhile, the **U13A girls' cricket team** were crowned **County Champions**, beating Berkhamsted by 12 runs in the final.



Apply Day 2026

Haileybury Connect hosted a series of webinars to support our Lower Sixth pupils on Apply Day, focusing on universities in the UK and Europe, as well as apprenticeships, placements and gap years. We were joined by Old Haileyburian university and apprenticeship representatives, who generously shared their experiences and answered questions from our pupils.

The sessions covered a range of topics, including how courses vary between universities, the differences between campus and city institutions, how to choose a degree subject if you are unsure and applying for an apprenticeship or year in industry.

A huge thank you to all of our panellists for sharing such valuable insights. If you would like to watch the webinars, please visit Haileybury Connect.

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.



EAL Day

Our recent English as an Additional Language (EAL) thinktank was an amazing opportunity to share good practice within teaching EAL, bringing together staff from St Edmund's College & Prep School, Bishop's Stortford, Wellington College, Brentwood and Norwich schools.

Guest speaker Dr Szabo gave an insightful presentation on emotion vocabulary in EAL classrooms which was inspiring for introducing the topic within lessons.

Many thanks to Mr Rau, EAL Specialist Teacher, for organising and hosting the event and to all of our attendees.

Goodnotes



We were delighted to welcome the product development, engineering and academic teams from Goodnotes to Haileybury for an immersive, collaborative visit. With Haileybury being one of the key institutions trialling their latest educational tools, the visit provided a fantastic opportunity for our community to help shape the future of digital note-taking and classroom technology.

The day was packed with invaluable interactions across all levels of the School:

- **Live Lesson Observations:** The Goodnotes team stepped directly into our classrooms to see their app in action. They observed lessons and spoke face-to-face with our pupils, gathering crucial first-hand feedback on how the younger generation interacts with their digital workspace.
- **Teacher Feedback Panel:** A dedicated panel of our staff met with the visitors to share their pedagogical insights. Our educators highlighted what works brilliantly in the day-to-day classroom environment and pitched innovative ideas for future app developments and features.
- **IT Infrastructure Sync:** The visit also included a collaborative session with our IT department. This technical deep-dive allowed our team to discuss backend deployment, system integration and future technical features directly with the platform's engineers.

It was a great honour to host the team behind an application that is so central to modern digital learning. We look forward to building on this relationship and working closely with them on future developments.

Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 June

- Lower Sixth IB & ESS Biology Field Trip, *Wales*

Saturday 6 June

- Athletics County Championships, *Hemel Hempstead*
- Class of 2027 Removes - Wilderness Day, *Hailey Wood*

Monday 8 June

- Bronze DofE Qualification Expedition, *Local Area*
- LS1 Parent BBQ - 6.30 pm, *Pavilion*

Tuesday 9 June

- Bronze DofE Qualification Expedition, *Local Area*
- Deutsche Schule Pupils Visiting Haileybury

Thursday 11 June

- LS1 Outdoor Education Morning - 8.50 am, *Hailey Wood*

Friday 12 June

- Pupils' BBQ Dinner and House Tug of War - 6 pm, *Terrace*

Monday 15 to Sunday 21 June

- Arts Week

Coming Up



Arts Week 2026

Monday 15 June

7.30 pm EXHIBITION

60 Years of the Art School
Art School

Tuesday 16 June

9.00 am CLAY WORKSHOP

Darren Glyde
Arts Tent

5.00 pm SPOTLIGHT RECITAL

Rohit (L6, Ed)
Bradby Hall

5.45 pm LECTURE

The Death of Art, Tom Wade
Arts Tent

7.30 pm IMMERSIVE SHAKESPEARE

Ayckbourn Theatre

Wednesday 17 June

9.00 am SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

Arts Tent

10.30 am ARTISTS OF ST ALBANS

Terrace

6.00 pm SHAKESPEARE BY HEART

Arts Tent

7.00 pm A NIGHT ON BROADWAY

Ayckbourn Theatre

9.00 pm LATE NIGHT CHORAL COMPLINE

Chapel

Thursday 18 June

6.00 pm ART EXHIBITION

James Robinson
SciTech

7.30 pm SUMMER CONCERT

Bradby Hall

Friday 19 June

10.30 am GOSPEL WORKSHOP

Bradby Hall

1.30 pm SPOTLIGHT RECITAL

Gospel Choir
Arts Tent

7.30 pm DRAMA SHOWCASE

Ayckbourn Theatre

9.00 pm MADRIGALS

Great Amwell Pool

Saturday 20 June

6.30 pm POP ON PAVILION

Pavilion/Arts Tent

Sunday 21 June

10.00 am FESTIVAL SERVICE

Chapel

11.00 am AVENUE RUN

Avenue



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