



WELCOME FROM HEADTEACHER

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear School Community,

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Hailey Hall newsletter.

The Spring Term has been another busy one for all involved with the school, with many things to celebrate. This includes the strengthening of links with our local community, especially with Haileybury College. We regularly welcome 6th form students from Haileybury to support our pupils in class and this is proving to be a huge success.

We have also been working hard on achieving many of the school's strategic aims, which include excellent progress with our anti-bullying agenda. I am extremely proud to see anti-bullying ambassadors supporting other pupils around the school, and how the whole community is supportive of our goal of achieving the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark UK.

I would like to thank everyone, for their effort and ongoing support and to wish all pupils, parents / carers, staff, Trustees and Members, a great Easter break.

I look forward to welcoming all pupils back, on Monday 15th April 2024.

Mr P Delamaine
Headteacher



We say goodbye and send best wishes for the future to:

LA Fraser McPherson

Vivienne Dowton



We welcome new staff to Hailey Hall School:

Daniela Wooding – School Office Assistant

Laura Ciombor – Teacher

CHILDRENS' MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 5th - 11th February 2024

We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week from 5th – 11th February 2024.

Our theme this year was **'My Voice Matters'**.



'My Voice Matters' is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. This year, we wanted to empower pupils of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. Our aim for Children's

Mental Health Week was that our pupils can say and believe **"My Voice Matters"**.

Pupils had content input during Tutor sessions as well as activities during lessons throughout the week.

We held a non-uniform day Friday 9th February to raise the profile of our 'Hailey Hall Care Cupboard', so all pupils have access to hygiene products when they need them.

Staff and pupils were very generous. We collected lots of donations including 30 bottles of shower gel, 15 cans of deodorant, as well as toothpaste and toothbrushes.

We also raised nearly £100, which will be used to replenish items when needed. Pupils are free to access the care cupboard whilst at school or if you have a need at home for items for pupils, you can email

amymartin@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk or slong@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk and we can arrange for these items to be given to pupils discreetly.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. If you would like to continue supporting Children's Mental Health Week at home, you can download some resources from Place2be website which includes top tips for families and young people as well as activities.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#resources>

PUPILS ARTWORK ON DISPLAY IN SCHOOL

Art is a fantastic way for some of our pupils to express their exceptional creativity. We proudly have these Year 8 artwork pieces on display in our school reception area.



Yr 10 visit to Herts Regional College (HRC) Turnford - 17th January 2024



On Wednesday 17th January 2024, the Yr 10 pupils were taken by school transport to Herts Regional College (HRC) in Turnford. This is in conjunction with [Gatsby Benchmark 7, \(Encounters with Further and higher education\).](#)

This is Hailey Hall's ongoing commitment to supporting our pupils with their post-16 education and career pathways.

On arrival, we were met by Katrina, who is the college Community and schools Liaison Marketing Officer. She took us to a conference area, and she showed us a PowerPoint presentation of what the college can offer in terms of different types of courses from Level 1, T-Levels, Apprenticeships up to Higher education. Katrina had arranged a very informative morning where the pupils were shown around different subject areas such as Sports, IT, Creative Media, Public uniform Services, Performing Arts, Catering, Motor Mechanics, and Construction areas with a guest speaker at each point.



I explained to pupils that although HRC Turnford may not be their preferred Post 16 pathway into college, it was just to get them used to a different environment and see how different the school at Hailey Hall is and the college building. When they complete their applications next year. I will take them for a bespoke visit to their preferred college as required.

The pupils were well-behaved and asked appropriate questions from staff on college matters.

The pupils then returned to school to carry on their timetable and well-deserved lunch.



Thanks to HH staff Paul Foster, Ann Adams, and Vicky Lewis for their support on the day.

Peter Gregory – Careers Lead
Hailey Hall



Travel Training Year 11's - 25th January 2024

GB 3 (Addressing the needs of each pupil)



As part of Hailey Hall's commitment to supporting our pupils when they leave at end of Year 11, I had arranged for Travel Trainers from Hertfordshire to attend and give a talk regarding what is available for pupils who may not be aware of how they will be traveling to college and discuss options such as Bus, Trains, parental support and how to obtain Bus and train passes. All pupils and parents would have been advised of the support that is available for Post 16 travel as part of the 1-1 guidance from Coral and Laura (Independent carer advisors) that has previously been given.

Although most pupils appeared to be confident on travel matters, it is always good to reiterate certain safeguarding matters on personal safety. All pupils enjoyed the friendly manner in which the sessions went, engaged in

appropriate conversation, and asked relevant questions.

It is hoped to continue with these sessions again in the next academic year.

Parents and carers were informed on who and how to contact the County if any further support is required and will be dealt with on an individual basis.

My thanks to Julia, Jill, and Louis from the County for their support.

Mr Peter Gregory, Careers Lead

'MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS' - Department of Education Campaign February 2024



The Department for Education launched a national campaign – 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts' - to remind families of the importance of pupil attendance at school. The campaign responds to a worrying national increase in pupil absences, particularly in secondary schools.

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

The campaign outlines the importance of attendance for attainment, wellbeing, and development. Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing. Important moments in school help shape young people, building positive peer relationships, taking part in

extracurricular activities and trips, developing important personal skills and finding a sense of belonging within the school community.

You can access information regarding if your child is too ill for school or not via this link.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

As parents/carers and teachers, we all want the best for young people. Please help us to do our very best for them by ensuring they come to school each day.

Thank you for your support.

Pete Gregory – Careers Lead At Hailey Hall School



My name is Peter Gregory and I work at Hailey Hall School as the careers lead.

I work closely with colleges, and many outside and independent agencies in supporting our students with education and career pathway advice for when they leave school at the end of Year 11.

If you have any questions on this subject please do not hesitate to contact me at pgregory@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

Pete.

Yr. 8 Talk from 'Job Centre Plus' (JCP) (Department of Works and Pensions) - 6th February 2024



Regarding their 'Digital Footprint' and its possible effects on future career pathways.

GB 2/3/5 (GB2- Learning from career and Labour market information) (GB3 – Addressing the needs of each pupil)

(GB5 – Encounters with employees and employers)

jobcentreplus

This morning, we had a visit from Vivienne from Job Centre Plus.

This is part of Hailey Hall's commitment to supporting our pupils with knowledge and understanding of how to negotiate their future career and education pathways.

Vivienne has been coming to Hailey Hall in recent years and has spoken to many pupils on various aspects of career-related topics. Today she discussed what is a "Digital footprint" and how it could affect them in the future when they start applying for jobs. It was discussed that future employees would be researching on the internet all people who applied for a job with them and sometimes items they might post at an early age could affect their prospects of gaining employment. She discussed different platforms they would use in social media, the importance of privacy settings and knowing who they are talking to.

She discussed how Gender stereotyping has changed in recent years and gave some good

examples that the pupils could relate to, such as Policeman now Police officer, Postman now Post-office worker and more.

The pupils engaged and asked suitable questions and were surprised at some of the facts given that they were not aware of.

Thanks to Vivienne for her continued support.

Peter Gregory

Careers lead

Yr 11 visit to John Warner School, Sixth Form - 7th February 2024

GB7 (Encounters with Further and Higher Education)



As part of Hailey Hall's ongoing commitment to supporting our pupils regarding what options are open to them with Post 16 pathways, I arranged a visit to a local sixth form at John Warner School, Hoddesdon.

On arrival, we were met by Mr Stephen Cove who is the Head of sixth form at John Warner School. After the introductions were made, he very kindly showed us around the school facilities and subject areas that were options for all pupils who attended the school.

Mr Cove explained the differences between Colleges and Sixth form and the different pathways that are followed depending on what subjects you choose.

We finally ended up in the sixth form Bespoke canteen area where we met 6 current pupils

who attended sixth form. They individually told our pupils about their different subjects, the reasoning why they picked the subjects, and their future intentions regarding education, 5 of the 6 had applied for university in different subjects from sports to Business studies.

Hailey Hall pupils asked them a few relevant questions and hopefully now know what a Sixth-form pathway could offer them.

At the end, the pupils said thank you to Mr Cove and his pupils and we left and came back to Hailey Hall School.

Our Hailey Hall pupils who were in unfamiliar territory and out of their comfort zone, behaved well and were a credit to Hailey Hall School.



Many thanks for all the support from Paul Foster, Shelley Long and Helen Phelps.

Peter Gregory

Careers lead

Yr 10 Work Experience Week - Interviews with Julie Tripney (Services for Young People) - 4TH March 2024



Our Year 10's will be engaging in Work Experience Week from 1st – 5th July 2024. This is part of Hailey Hall's ongoing commitment to supporting our pupils regarding possible future career pathways. This comes under the banner of **(Gatsby Benchmark 5- Encounters with employers and employees)**, and **(Gatsby Benchmark 6 – Experience of workplaces)**.

Some pupils will be unable to engage in Work Experience Week off-site and will be doing on-site activities during this week.

On Monday 4th March I had a visit from Julie Tripney, who is an employment and skills advisor from Services for Young People. Julie spoke to all pupils regarding their preferences and will, if required, source placements suitable to their home and travel requirements. Some pupils have already sourced their placements and as part of her role will undertake all the required Health and Safety, DBS and Insurance checks, etc. to make sure all our pupils are in a safe environment.

In the coming months when placements have been found and the pupil and parent/carers agree, I will take the pupil for a visit to speak to the employer and understand the expectations that are required of the pupil for the work experience week.

I will complete a further newsletter regarding Work Experience Week from 1st – 5th July 2024.

Mr Peter Gregory

Careers Lead

Yr 9 Talk by Vivienne from Job Centre Plus (Works and Pensions Dept) - 5th March 2024

Re: 'Cost of Living'



This morning, we had a visit from Vivienne who works for Job Centre Plus (JCP) which is part of the Government Works and Pension Department.

She spoke to our current Yr 9 pupils on the topic of 'Cost of Living'. This is in line with Hailey Hall's Commitment to supporting our pupils about thinking when they leave Hailey Hall school and start to think about their work and career pathways and what it costs

to live on their own under the current economic climate.

(Gatsby Benchmark 5 -meeting with employers and employees)

The pupils were given a pen and paper and were asked to write down what they thought were the right answers to a series of questions as follows; Monthly costs of rent, mortgages, household insurance, council tax, gas and electric costs, water rates, monthly food bills, TV licenses, broadband/ internet, car maintenance, pet insurance, mobile phones, clothing, takeaways, leisure activities.

Every pupil's home background was not discussed but they were asked what they thought the answers would generally be if they

lived in a 2-bedroom flat in Hoddesdon.

In the end, Viv showed them a PowerPoint with the answers which surprised some of them about how expensive it was to live in Hoddesdon and pay everyday bills.

It showed them when you need to pay all the bills you need to earn a minimum of £2900. Minimum wages were discussed for different age groups which again surprised them with how low it was.

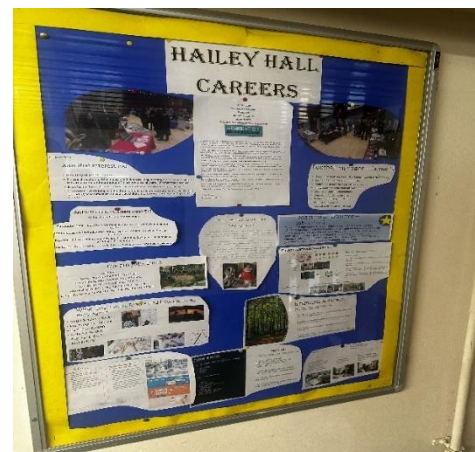
All pupils engaged with the lesson and asked relevant questions.

Peter Gregory

Careers lead

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK - 4TH - 8th March 2024

Gatsby Benchmarks
GB 2 – Learning from career and labour market information,
GB4 – Careers in the curriculum



All subject areas were asked to commit to at least one lesson per student during this week with careers in the curriculum lessons on their particular subject. Staff were asked to plan lessons that discussed all aspects of future careers using their knowledge, experiences and backgrounds, using resources I provided on the internet and appropriate websites.

Staff were given support with websites such as "HopintoHerts", "Mypath", "Careerpilot" and "Planitplus" that could look at Labour market information and current trends, Careers related information such as education pathways, salaries, and accreditations required. Topics such as Gender stereotypes, Past careers, Future careers, AI and dream jobs were discussed in all forms.

On Tuesday there was a guest speaker from Job Centre Plus, Vivianne who spoke to our Year 9 pupils about career pathways regarding what pay can be expected to pay for a typical 2-bedroom house in Hoddesdon and bills that can be expected.

On Wednesday our Year 10s went to a Careers Fair called "Generation Broxbourne" at The Spotlight in Hoddesdon. On Wednesday, Form10C did an assembly for all of the schools regarding careers and future pathways to be considered.

Students were asked to produce evidence in any form they felt was appropriate such as Word searches, PowerPoint and essays regarding what they had learnt. This was evidenced by updating all student and subject areas on Compass Plus.

Thank you to all staff for supporting National Careers Week.

Peter Gregory- Careers Lead

BRITISH MUSEUM TRIP - 12th March 2024



A group of pupils and teachers took a trip to the British Museum on a very rainy Tuesday for travel training and a history exploration day. We travelled on the main train line, meaning pupils had to navigate through the main train station, around all the commuters, as well as taking a trip on the underground tube line to complete the journey to their destination.

When we exited Tottenham Court Road station, it was pouring down with rain, and the pupils did a wonderful job walking to the British Museum. They were polite and courteous to other members of the public, and to each other.

When we arrived at the museum, we split up into different groups. Each group looked at different exhibitions. Some of us went to visit the Egyptian Mummy's exhibition, some went to visit the Greek sculptures and friezes, and others visited the Assyrian exhibitions.

Some of the pupils commented on how amazing it was they could look at original artifacts and wondered how they lasted so long?

Equally impressive, the pupils realized that as a nation, we have plundered these artifacts from other countries, they acknowledged they are lucky to see them before they are returned to their home countries.

We incorporated this visit with careers week, asking the pupils questions like:

How much do the museum curators make?

What did the train drivers' job entail?

Were they paid enough or even a living wage?

It was a good day out with the pupils. Watching the pupils have that sense of awe looking at the architecture of not only the building itself, but of the objects on display makes taking these trips worthwhile for all involved.

Ann Adams

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD MANAGE EXAM STRESS

YOUNGmINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Exams are often a source of stress for young people.

Youngminds have information available to help parents/carers support children to help them cope with exam pressure and achieve their potential, while also protecting their mental health.

You can find information available on their blog at the following link: www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/how-to-help-your-child-manage-exam-stress

Youngminds also have lots of other information and advice for young people and parents you may find helpful.

Take a look at their website to view their full range of advice pages.

HERTS POLICE – LIVES NOT KNIVES



Herts Police joined us in school to speak to small groups of pupils about knife crime campaign 'Lives not Knives'.

They spoke about knife crime and about staying safe in our community.



If you are concerned or have information about someone involved in knife crime you can report this by calling the Hertfordshire Constabulary non-emergency number 101.

ONLINE SAFETY COURSES

If you would like information to gain the skills and confidence you need to help keep safe online there are courses available for you.

If you would like some information regarding an Online Safety Course please contact Reception for details by phoning 01992 465208 or via email: reception@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29th Mar to 12th Apr (Easter Holiday)

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April – Pupils return

6th May – School Closed (Bank Holiday)

27th May to 31st May (Half Term)

3rd June – Pupils return

23rd July – School closes 1pm (Summer Holidays)

AUTUMN TERM 2024

2nd Sept – INSET DAY

3rd Sept – Year 7 pupils only

4th Sept – All pupils return.

21st Oct to 1st Nov (Half Term)

4th Nov – All pupils return.

20th Dec – School closes 1pm

23rd Dec to 3rd Jan 2025

(Christmas Holidays)

SPRING TERM 2025

6th Jan – All pupils return

17th to 21st February (Half Term)

24th February – All pupils return

4th April – School closes 1pm

7th April to 21st April (Easter Holidays)

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April – All pupils return

5th May – School Closed (Bank Holiday)

26th May to 30th May (Half Term)

2nd June – All pupils return

23rd July – School closes 1pm (Summer Holidays)

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to those pupils who have won awards this Spring Term 2024.

Achievement Awards – Spring 2024	
SUBJECT	NOMINATION
PLATINUM AWARD	Taylor
HEADTEACHER'S AWARD	Ebon
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER'S AWARD	Joshua
ATTENDANCE AWARDS	
Y7 Alfie	Y9 Michael
Y10 Ashley Max	Y11 Jake Charles Rocco
DT/RESISTANT MATERIALS KS3 DT/RESISTANT MATERIALS KS4	Alfie Alfie
SCIENCE KS3 SCIENCE KS4	Taylor Mason
PE KS3 PE KS4	Daniel Louis
ENGLISH KS3 ENGLISH KS4	Ebon Max
MATHS KS3 MATHS KS4	Ebon Oliver
MUSIC KS3 MUSIC KS4	Lucas Blu
FOOD TECH KS3 FOOD TECH KS4	Taylor Max
HUMANITIES KS3	Luke
ART AWARD KS3 ART AWARD KS4	Taylor Louis
EMPLOYABILITY KS4	Oliver
ICT AWARD KS3 ICT AWARDS KS4	Bailey Riley
PHSE	Max Kaiden
1:1 INTERVENTION	Louis

ATTENDANCE BREAKFAST 27th March 2024

Pupils were treated to a cooked breakfast by Shelley Long and Mr Aldiss. The highest attendance tutor group was awarded to 7A.



The most improved tutor group attendance was awarded to 9B.



REWARDS – CELEBRATION TRIPS 27th March 2024

Pupils were rewarded with day trips to recognise their efforts made over the last term at Hailey Hall School.

LONDON SIGHT SEEING TRIP WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2024



What a wild and woolly day for a trip to London! However, we Hailey Haller's are nothing if not resilient - so off we headed on a whirlwind tour of London.

We hopped off the train at Liverpool Street and marched off to The Tower of London, stopping to admire HMS Belfast, The Shard and Tower Bridge. We had a short trip to see the Millennium Bridge and had a tasty McDonalds in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral. As the rain set in we hopped on the tube to Leicester Square and admired the scene of many a glitzy premier, albeit through rain, before a return trip to Liverpool Street on the ever-popular Elizabeth Line.

All boys hustled for the train back to St Margaret's and we took the opportunity to dry off and reminisce about a lovely Rewards Trip to London!

NINJA WARRIOR WATFORD WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2024



We arrived at Ninja Warrior and everyone got ready with a warm up.

First up was the obstacle course which everyone attempted, some fell, others gave up but overall everyone made the wall.

Next up was the giant inflatable obstacle course which everyone loved (even when they got stuck including the staff!) The boys represented the school really well and everyone had a blast.

SCRATCH 18 – INTERACTIVE FOOTBALL & GOLD HARLOW WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2024



Students and staff had the best time at scratch18. We enjoyed playing golf at various 'golf courses' including St Andrews, Celtic Mannor and Sunningdale country club. We practiced our swings and tried out different gold clubs. We worked on our ball speed, accuracy, distance and angles. (Miss Taylor had to get some maths involved!)

When we got to the end of each hole and had to focus on the putting, things got serious and competitive – staff more than students!

We also had a little go on some of the fair ground games, which included football, bowling and darts, which also added to the competitiveness – and had a huge effect on the leaderboard at the end of the day!

Once we had finished our game we then had some food followed by a refreshing drink – luckily these were not virtual like the games!

ATTENDANCE



If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office by phone **01992 465208** or email reception@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk on the first day's absence and every morning thereafter with a reason for your child's absence.

LOST PROPERTY

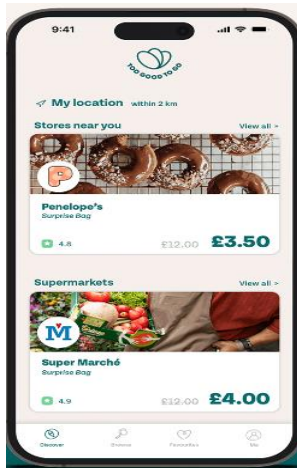
Please make sure every item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. In the event of personal belongings getting lost, items can be returned to the correct owner when clearly labelled.

Any unnamed clothing left at the end of term will be disposed of.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING

If you need any school uniform for your child's return to school next term, please phone or email the school office with your request and we will get back to you.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES HOME



Please make sure we have your up-to-date emergency contact details on file.

If any of your phone numbers, emails, home address details etc have changed, it is important you update the school office immediately.

CONTACT INFORMATION

School Office

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'TOO GOOD TO GO' APP

Discover food deals near you!

There's plenty of food in your area just waiting to be saved. Head to the 'Too Good to Go' app to find Surprise Bags from your favorite shops and restaurants.

The app is free to download, and Surprise Bags are sold for great prices that will differ depending on their contents.

You can find a list of local stores in your area in the app. There's different types of stores and restaurants, so you'll find anything from supermarket groceries to hotel breakfasts, to fresh pastries from bakeries.

Any fresh food that hasn't passed its use by date can be sold on the app.

Occasionally, you might receive an item that has passed its best before date.

This date is just there to indicate quality, not safety, so the food will still be perfectly safe (and delicious!) to consume.

Tasty Treat to try – Easter Nests

You can make 6 big Easter Nests or 12 smaller ones if you prefer.



Ingredients:

- 175g milk chocolate cut into pieces
- 1 Mars bar – broken up
- 1 tablespoon Golden syrup
- 15g Butter
- 100g Shredded Wheat - crushed
- 120g Mini eggs

Method:

- Melt the chocolate, Mars bar, butter and golden syrup in a large bowl
- Stir in the crushed Shredded Wheat
- Divide between muffin cases, forming a nest shape
- Fill it with Mini eggs and pop in the fridge to set.

