



WELCOME FROM HEADTEACHER

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear School Community,

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some of our achievements.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils' contributions to the wider community. A particular highlight was our Head Boy representing the school with distinction at the Hoddesdon Remembrance Service. Additionally, a group of pupils visited a local home for the elderly to offer support, showing great kindness and maturity. Moments like these reflect the values we strive to instil and demonstrate the positive impact our school community can have.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the parent/carer surveys throughout the year. I was truly overwhelmed by the amount of positive feedback we received. Your input is invaluable as we continue to grow and improve.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr P Delamaine – Headteacher



GOODBYE



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

Laura Ciombor – Science Teacher

WELCOME!



We welcome new staff to Hailey Hall School

Tom Clark – PE Teacher

Sam Wheatley – Teacher

QR CODE TO ACCESS CURRICULUM INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

Parents / Carers can quickly access curriculum information on the school website by scanning the QR code below. This will take you to the home page of our website. Next click on the 3 bars and select 'What my child is learning' and the subject of your choice. Alternatively, you can click on the 'Curriculum' tab and looking under the drop-down listing for KS3 subjects: Years 7 to 9, and KS4: subjects: Years 10 to 11.

Please scan the QR code for quick access to what your child is learning

Scanning the QR code will take you to the home page of our website

What my child is learning

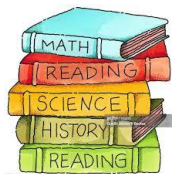


Please click on the three bars and select from the drop down - What my child is learning and then select your subject of choice

LEARNING REVIEW EVENING
8th OCTOBER 2024

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Learning Review Evening. It was lovely to speak to you in person. Your evaluation comments were very positive of our school and its communication on Learning Review evening.

The school has been looking at parents' suggestions on improving the event but overall the consensus was that it was a useful and positive evening.



CAREERS:

Year 9's Job Centre Talk re 'Cost of living' and planning for future employment – 2nd October 2024

GB 2 – Learning from carer and labour market information
 GB5 – Encounters with employers and employees



A visit from our friends Viv and Heather from "Job Centre Plus" (UK GOV - Health and Pensions) to our Year 9 students to discuss "Cost of Living, Expenses" is a valuable initiative to introduce young people to real-life financial responsibilities.

Here's a breakdown of what they discussed regarding living alone in a typical flat or house in the Hoddesdon area.

1. Mortgage/Rent - The average monthly rent for a 1-bedroom flat in Hoddesdon can range from £900 to £1,200. If students were thinking of purchasing a house, they might need a deposit (typically 10-15% of the property value) and would face monthly mortgage payments. For a typical starter home, these payments could be in the range of £800-£1,200 per month, depending on the loan terms and house value.

2. Bills - Council Tax bills in Hoddesdon varies depending on the property's size and band. For a small flat, it can range from £100 to £150 per month. **Utility bills** (Gas, Electric) can vary but typically cost around £60 to £150 per month, depending on the season and energy usage. **Water bills** approx £30-£40 per month.

3. Food Expenses - Grocery costs can vary based on diet and habits, but typically, an individual living alone might spend between £150 - £250 per month.

4. Other Essentials - Transport: If they need public transport or own a car, transport costs like petrol, insurance and maintenance can add up. For public transport, monthly costs could be around £50-£100 depending on commuting distance.

5. Internet & Phone - Internet packages typically cost £25-£40 per month, while a mobile phone plan can be £20-£40 per month.

6. Insurance: Home and content insurance for renters or owners can range from £10-£25 per month.

Types of work to cover these expenses

A full-time job: with at least a minimum wage salary would be necessary to cover these living expenses. For someone over 18, the UK minimum wage is around £10.42 per hour (2024 rates), so a full-time job (37.5 hours a week) would give a gross income of around £1,500-£1,700 per month. However, many jobs offering a more comfortable income would be at the skilled or professional level.

Entry-level jobs: retail, hospitality, customer service, or administrative roles could help cover these expenses, though saving for larger goals (like purchasing a home) could be more challenging at these income levels.

Skilled/Professional Jobs: jobs requiring higher education or vocational skills (e.g. electricians, healthcare, IT roles) often offer higher salaries, making it easier to cover living expenses and have disposable income for savings or leisure.

The session emphasized the importance of budgeting, managing expenses wisely, and considering potential career paths that align with one's financial goals. It also encouraged students to think about vocational training, education, and future job prospects that can support their desired lifestyle.

All Students, from Yr 10 onwards will receive impartial independent Post 16 support from our

advisors, Coral Thomas (Herts Students) and Laura Todd (Essex students) and support them through several one-to-one meetings and in Year 11 support with applications on their preferred Post 16 route.

Peter Gregory
Careers lead

CHARITY EVENTS AUTUMN TERM 2024

Friday 20th September 2024 – Jeans for Genes Day



School supported Jeans for Genes Day. Pupils and staff dressed in non-uniform clothing in lieu of a donation

to the charity and we also held a cake sale during enrichment.

On the day we raised £150. Many thanks to everyone who participated, donated and for your support to such a good cause.

Saturday 30th November 2024 – Hailey Hall Christmas Fair



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many students, past and present, with their families in attendance.

With your help, we managed to raise almost £900!

The money raised will help update equipment used by pupils in the Food Technology room.

In the Music department funds raised will be allocated to support instrumental learning programmes, providing students with access to instruments and essential resources.

Food and drink tombola prizes that were left over have been donated to our local Food Bank to help families outside of school, we also donated some of the Christmas decorations we made to Belmont Care home to help them add some Christmas sparkle to their day rooms.

Thank you to all students, staff, and everyone who donated prizes to the raffle and tombola.

We would also like to thank the following local businesses:

Tesco's Brookfield Farm
Marks & Spencer's Hertford
ASDA Ware
Jan Condon
Albany Radio Hertford
Wickes Hertford
Majestic Wines Hertford
Sainsbury's Hertford
Tesco's Hertford



CAREERS:

**Year 10 trip to GSK Stevenage
13TH NOVEMBER 2024**

GB 5/6



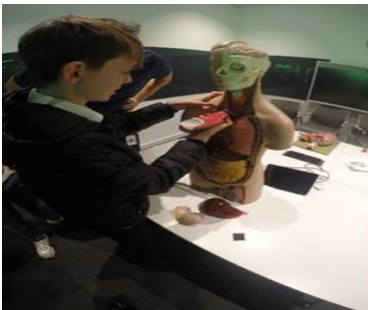
Year 10's visit to GSK in Stevenage on Wednesday, 13th November 2024, gave our students an exciting glimpse into the world of pharmaceuticals.

During this trip, the students had the chance to observe how a major pharmaceutical company operates. They met with GSK staff, who discussed pathways into employment and education in the science and healthcare sectors. The students also participated in science-related

activities and toured various work labs, providing them with hands-on exposure to a professional laboratory environment.



This type of visit is an excellent way for students to understand how classroom learning can translate to real-world career options, especially within scientific fields.



End of the trip the students enjoyed well deserved snacks and school transport back to Hailey Hall.

The students were well behaved and engaged with all activities and were a credit to Hailey Hall School.

A big thank you for Harry Hickey (GSK) and his team for supporting

with the visit. Thanks for Hailey Hall staff support from Sam Wheatley and Sean O'Sullivan, also support from Coral Thomas (SFYP) and Alicia Loxley (CEC)

Peter Gregory
Careers Lead

REMEMBERANCE DAY 2024

On Monday 11th November 2024 - staff, pupils, and visitors joined together in front of the school's memorial garden to reflect and remember those lost during Wars.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11TH – 15TH NOV 2024

Hailey Hall participated in the national Anti-Bullying Week 2024. The theme this year is '**Choose Respect**'.

During the week, pupils took part in several school-wide activities. They thought about what bullying is, the types of bullying and

thinking about what the word respect means to them.

We appreciate your ongoing support in fostering a nurturing environment for our pupils.

Together, we can make a significant impact and reinforce the values that are essential or a positive and respectful learning community.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has a wealth of information for parents, please use the link below to access information about what bullying is, signs to identify and ways to support you child when managing conflict with their peers.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers>

CAREERS:

**Year 11 visit to John Warner School, Sixth Form, Hoddesdon
20TH NOVEMBER 2024**

Gatsby Benchmark 7 –
Encounters with further and
higher education



On a cold frosty November morning our Yr 11's were taken by school transport to John Warner school in Hoddesdon to visit their sixth form facilities in accordance with Gatsby Benchmark 7 – (Encounters with further and higher education).

Our students in the coming weeks, with support from Coral Thomas and Laura Todd (Our

Impartial careers advisors), will be considering their post 16 pathways and sixth form as an option.

In the last 2 years we have had two students go down this route after visiting John Warner school. On arrival we were met by Mr Steve Cove who is head of sixth form and has very kindly hosted our school on similar visits in recent years.

The clear distinction Mr. Cove outlined between college and sixth form is such an important insight for the students. Understanding that sixth form typically involves studying three subjects with a more intense workload compared to the single-focus structure of college helps students weigh up their options carefully.

Being shown around the facilities and departments gave the students a clearer picture of the environment and expectations at sixth form. With this knowledge, they will be better equipped to decide whether sixth form aligns with their strengths, ambitions, and learning styles.

At the end there was an opportunity to meet with current sixth form students who gave their thoughts and observations of what they liked about sixth form.

The students were well behaved and showed respect to the school and our hosts.



Thanks to Mr Steve Cove (JWS), and HH staff, Sean O'Sullivan, Sam Wheatley, Helen Phelps for supporting students on this trip!

Peter Gregory
Careers Lead

CAREERS:

Year 11 Mock Interview Training with "Job Centre Plus" (Gov Uk, Works and Pensions) 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

Gatsby Benchmarks 2/3/5/8

On Tuesday 10th December 2024, our good friends and partners from Job centre Plus (Gov uk, Works and pensions dept) attended Hailey Hall school and engaged with our Yr 11 students who shortly will be making applications to their various Post 16 placements.

Each student met with an advisor who went through a mock interview, giving them advice on all aspects of a good interview. Students were given immediate feedback after the session and all students engaged with the

process and had good feedback from JCP staff.



Peter Gregory
Careers Lead

PUPILS ARTWORK ON DISPLAY IN SCHOOL

Art is a fantastic way for some of our pupils to express their exceptional creativity. Art allows pupils to express themselves through paint, drawing, photography and many other forms. We proudly have some Year 9 artwork pieces on display in our school reception area.





Well done and thank you to all our pupils and staff that took part in this festive day.



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION BREAKFAST 16th DECEMBER 2024

9B and 10A were awarded with the best attendance. Pupils were treated by staff to a cooked breakfast full of tasty treats.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Wednesday 18th December 2024

On Wednesday 18th December 2024, we held our annual Christmas lunch for pupils and staff.



It was a Christmas lunch of roast turkey, carrots, sprouts, peas, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets and stuffing, followed by Chocolate log and mince pies.

Pupils and Staff wore their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed the festivities of the season.

FIRE HOME SAFETY VISITS



Hertford Fire Service is actively engaged in promoting FREE Home Fire safety visits and if anyone would like a visit, please feel free to contact the phone number on the attached flyer.

REWARDS TRIPS

We had numerous Rewards Trips happen on Thursday 20th December 2024 including Ice Skating, Go Karting, Skatch 18, London Sightseeing and in school Netflix.

REWARDS TRIPS – Ice Skating

The boy's reward trip to Planet Ice in Hemel Hempstead was a great success.

It was a joy watching the boys' confidence grow on the ice and enjoying the experience. It was also good bonding experience for them as all different age groups were supporting each other with the technique!

After ice skating the boys choose a Subway or McDonald's lunch to spend their money on.



Well done boys!



We all had a very enjoyable day.



REWARDS TRIPS – Go Karting

The school trip to Rye House Go Karting was a huge success, with students thoroughly enjoying the day filled with excitement and adrenaline.

From the moment they arrived, the atmosphere was buzzing with anticipation, and the friendly staff made sure everyone was briefed on safety procedures before hitting the track.

The students had a blast racing against each other, displaying competitive spirit and enthusiasm, while also cheering on their peers.

The well-maintained go-karts and the great track provided an excellent experience, making it both fun and safe for all participants. The event also fostered teamwork, with students collaborating to ensure smooth race transitions and cheering each other on. Overall, it was an unforgettable adventure that combined excitement, teamwork, and friendly competition in an enjoyable environment.

REWARDS TRIPS – Scratch 18

All the boys (and staff) had a great time at Scratch 18 in Harlow.

We started off playing an interactive darts tournament featuring killer, 301, block blast, farmland and traditional 501.

The boys managed to play a lot more games than the staff as they couldn't manage a double out.

We then moved on to the interactive football games which led on to golf and fairground games. The fastest football kick was 62mph - well done Isaac.

Once the boys had used up their energy and it was time for lunch the boys and staff all had pizzas.

REWARDS TRIPS – London Sightseeing

We began with a potential fly in the ointment - all trains cancelled, but calm heads prevailed, and we were soon on the train from Broxbourne to London for another whistle-stop tour of our fine capital.

We headed to Charring Cross to see Trafalgar Square, and trotted down to the Houses of Parliament, taking in Horse Guard's and Downing Street, deep in the heart of our political powerhouses.

After a glimpse at the Thames to satisfy the enquiring minds of our cohort, we timed our next step to witness the changing of the Guards, before heading to St James' Park to be mobbed by hungry pigeons!

We hastened to Buckingham Palace and were rewarded by seeing Camilla, Queen Consort on her way to the Royal Family's Christmas Luncheon who waved at us, much to the delight of the

pupils. We then headed back via a busy London Underground for the real non-negotiable of the day - McDonalds!

All pupils had a lovely day, and it has been a privilege to take some of our cohort for their first trip to London - to be repeated soon we hope!



Our Netflix Rewards Trip also had a lovely day, watching films chosen by the pupils!

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to those pupils who won achievement awards for this Autumn Term 2024.

Achievement Awards Autumn Term 2024	
Subject	Nomination
HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Ethan
DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Riley
PLATINUM AWARD	Tyler
ART	KS3 Alfie KS4 Louis
EMPLOYABILITY	KS4 Ethan
ENGLISH	KS3 Ethan KS4 Hayden
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	KS3 Bailey KS4 Archie
HUMANITIES	KS3 Bailey
ICT	KS3 Zachary KS4 Daniel
PSCHE	KS3 Lucas
MATHS	KS3 Morgan KS4 Louis
MUSIC	KS3 Kaeden KS4 Archie
PE	KS3 Jack KS4 Archie
DT	KS3 Toby KS4 Archie
SCIENCE	KS3 Lucas KS4 Riley
1:1 INTERVENTION	Taylor

Congratulations goes to the pupils below who received 100% attendance awards this term.

100% Attendance Award Autumn Term 2024	
Year 7 Toby / Tyler / Kameran	Year 8 Braiden / Curtis / Luke / Alfie / Harry / Zachary / Ethan / Alfie
Year 9 Logan / Sean	Year 10 Archie / Archie / Kaiden / Michael
Year 11 Ethan / Louis / Bradley / Ashley / Harvey	

ATTENDANCE



School success starts with attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of these important dates in your diary.

SPRING TERM 2025

Mon 6th Jan - All pupil's return

Mon 17th – 21st Feb - Half Term

Mon 24th Feb - All pupil's return

Fri 4th April - End of Term, 1pm Finish

Fri 7th April - Mon 21st Apr - Easter Break

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tues 22nd April - All pupil's return

Mon 5th May - Bank Holiday

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May - Half Term

Monday 2nd June - All pupil's return

Wed 23rd July – End of Term 1pm finish.

HELP LINES

The National Sleep Helpline

number is available for parents / carers who are experiencing problems and wish to speak to trained sleep advisors on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday evenings 7-9pm and Monday/Wednesday mornings 9-11am.

National Sleep Helpline: 03303 530 541

Childline is a free, private, and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday. Call 0800 1111

NSPCC is there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Call 0808 800 5000.

Kooth - Free Mental Health Support and Guidance for young people aged 10 – 25 yrs.

Kooth is available to young people



in Hertfordshire. The service provides a free, safe, and anonymous place for people to connect with others and know they are not alone. They have instant access to self-help materials, live moderated discussion forums and tools such as online journals and goal

trackers.

Young people can also access drop in or booked sessions with professional counsellors. You can reach out to them by live chat or message.

Visit kooth.com for further information.

Samaritans

You can access confidential emotional support at any time from Samaritans either by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org

Free Eating Disorder Support - First Steps to Understanding Eating Disorders (First Steps ED) can support 5 – 18 yrs old in Hertfordshire. They offer one-to-one support sessions, as well as weekly psychoeducation and group support programmes.



This service is also available to support parent / carers and older siblings (18+ yrs) with skills for carers workshops and 1:1 parent support through befriending and counselling.

Referral is by Self-referral, parent/carer or professional direct on the website.

<https://firststepsed.co.uk/make-a-referral/>

Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please

always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers.

Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUth Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungeople

SANE

SANE has a range of services to help improve the quality of life for anyone affected by mental illness.

SANEline is a national out-of-hours mental health helpline offering specialist emotional support, guidance, and information to anyone affected by mental illness, including family, friends, and carers. They are normally open every day of the year from 4pm to 10pm on 0300 304 7000.

LOST PROPERTY

If clothing is clearly named it will be returned to the owner. Please make sure that your child's name is on every item of clothing.

Any clothing left in lost property at the end of each term will be disposed of.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Parents / Carers please pay weekly for your child's school dinners. You can pay online, in

cash or by cheque to Hailey Hall School.

A Statement of Account for outstanding dinners will be sent out monthly.

School dinners are £3.00 per day, £15.00 per week.

If your child has allergies, please ensure the school is notified.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child has full uniform when we all return to school for the next term.

The school office has items in stock. Please telephone or email the school if you wish to order items ready for next term. The school uniform order form, with

current prices can be found on our school website

www.haileyhall.herts.sch.uk

In the about us section, school life then uniform.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Please inform the school office if you have recently changed telephone numbers, email, or home address.

It is important that school has all your up-to-date information.

CONTACT DETAILS

School Reception:

Phone: 01992 465208

Email: reception@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.haileyhall.herts.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS DIARY - THINGS TO DO

Stevenage Winter Wonderland

From 22nd November to 1st January

Experience the excitement at Stevenage Winter Wonderland! Join them for a magical experience of amusements, ice skating and festive treats.

Hertford Children's Christmas Trail

From 21st December to 4th January

Thanks to the secret society of Hertford Crafters children can enjoy a Christmas Trail around Hertford. Follow the trail map and discover knitted characters hiding in shops and shop windows across Hertford Town Centre.

Locate the clues for a chance to win a £30 gift voucher to spend at a local retailer. The trail map is available to collect from the Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre located in The Wash, Hertford.



FESTIVE TREATS TO TRY!

Festive marshmallow snowmen



Ingredients (for 8 snowman)

- 24 white marshmallows
- Mini smarties
- Edible black or brown decorating pen
- A tube of writing icing
- 8 Rolos (one packet should be enough)
- 8 wooden skewers

From all the staff at Hailey Hall School, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

