



WELCOME FROM HEADTEACHER

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear School Community,

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a highly positive and productive period for Hailey Hall School.

Throughout the term, we have continued to strengthen and develop our curriculum to ensure it meets the needs, interests and aspirations of our pupils. In particular, the launch and growth of our Forest School programme has been a significant success. It is already having a clear impact on pupils' engagement, wellbeing and confidence, and we are very proud of how quickly it has become an embedded and valued part of school life.

Our older pupils have also made an excellent start. Year 10 and Year 11 pupils have already begun undertaking external and internal assessments, and early outcomes are very encouraging. Their commitment, resilience and maturity in approaching these challenges reflect both their hard work and the high expectations we hold for them.

Overall, this has been a strong autumn term, characterised by positive relationships, purposeful learning and a shared commitment to continuous improvement. I would like to thank our pupils, staff, families and partners for their ongoing support and collaboration, and I hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights within this newsletter.

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

Mr P Delamaine – Headteacher



We welcome new staff to Hailey Hall School

Siobhan Ford – Teacher
Lee Walker - 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

What my child is learning



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

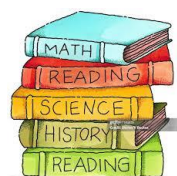


Please click on the three bars and select from the drop down - What my child is learning and then select your subject of choice

LEARNING REVIEW EVENING - 7th October 2025

Thank you for attending our Learning Review Evening. It was lovely to speak to you in person. You shared very positive comments about our school and the communication surrounding the Learning Review evening.

The school has taken parents' improvement suggestions into account, yet the general agreement was that the evening was both useful and positive.



CHARITY EVENTS AUTUMN TERM 2025

Friday 14th October 2025 – Children in Need - non uniform day and cake sale

In support of Children in Need, the school hosted a non-uniform



fundraising day and complemented it with a cake sale during enrichment.

On the day we raised £150.00 !!!

Many thanks to everyone who participated, donated and for supporting such a good cause.



AIMEE'S COMMUNITY PROJECT

Our school showed its support for Mrs McCormack and her 'Aimee's Community Project', a fantastic local community initiative that aids less fortunate families, homeless individuals, and hospitalised children.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated items to support this cause; the smallest contributions can make a meaningful difference.

If you'd like to find out more about the project or follow its progress, please visit: Aimee's Community Project on Facebook.



CHAIR OF TRUSTEES COFFEE MORNING – 7TH Nov 2025



Our heartfelt thanks go to all the parents and carers who joined us for this term's Chair of Trustees Coffee Morning.

Your presence, engagement, and thoughtful contributions helped

make the event warm and meaningful. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to share ideas, ask questions, and build stronger connections.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you to future events.

REMEMBERANCE DAY 2025 – 11th Nov 2025

On Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 11am staff and pupils joined together in front of the school's memorial garden.



This was an opportunity to pause, reflect, and remember the courage of all who have given their lives in war.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK 10TH – 14TH Nov 2025

Hailey Hall participated in the national Anti-Bullying Week 2025.

During the week we had a range of activities planned across the school. These activities consisted of assemblies with targeted sessions around victims or those responsible for bullying incidents.

Pupils participated in tutor time and extended learning focusing on the language we use and the power of our words.

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

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

DofE at Hailey Hall School

Exciting times are ahead at Hailey Hall, as the school is now officially a credited provider for the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award. This academic year, we have been allocated 20 places for the Bronze Award, which will be available to students in Years 10 and 11.

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting students through the DofE programme, the school has recently invested in new fitness and boxing equipment. This was made possible through a DofE Grant, and the equipment will support pupils in completing the Physical section of their Bronze Award in 2026.

Several pupils have already begun enjoying the new resources, embracing the opportunity to develop new skills, improve their fitness, and work towards their DofE goals.

We look forward to seeing their progress over the coming months and to supporting more students as the programme grows.

Hailey Hall is proud to offer this enriching and rewarding experience, helping our students build confidence, resilience, and lifelong skills.

Tom Clark, PE Teacher.



Year 11 Mock Interview Training with "Job Centre Plus" (Gov Uk, Works and Pensions) 12TH Nov 2025

In line with Hailey Hall's ongoing commitment to supporting our pupils with their education and future career pathways, the following activity was organised in accordance with:

- [Gatsby Benchmark 2: Learning from Career and Labour Market Information](#)
- [Gatsby Benchmark 3: Supporting the Needs of Each Pupil](#)
- [Gatsby Benchmark 5: Encounters with Employers and Employees](#)
- [Gatsby Benchmark 8: Personal Guidance](#)

On Wednesday 12th November 2025, Hailey Hall welcomed a valued friend of the school, Elizabeth Parry from Jobcentre Plus (Department for Work and Pensions).

Elizabeth attended to support our current Year 11 pupils, who will soon be applying for their preferred college courses. As part of preparing them for the interview process, each student participated in a 20-minute one-to-one mock interview with Elizabeth. During these sessions, she discussed key aspects of successful interview practice, including:

- The importance of punctuality and presentation
- Being prepared to ask relevant questions about the course
- Answering questions honestly, clearly, and confidently
- Staying focused on the subject and course applied for
- Understanding course content and opportunities for taster days

All pupils conducted themselves maturely and respectfully throughout the process. Elizabeth provided individual feedback to support each student's development and confidence going forward.

We are pleased to say that Elizabeth will continue to work with Hailey Hall, returning in the coming months to speak with pupils across all year groups on a range of careers-related topics.

I extend my thanks to Elizabeth for her ongoing support and commitment to our pupils.

Peter Gregory, Careers Lead, Hailey Hall School.

Year 10 Visit to Herts Regional College (HRC) Turnford - 19TH Nov 2025



On Wednesday, 19th November 2025, Year 10 pupils from Hailey Hall School were taken by school transport to visit **Herts Regional College (HRC)** in Turnford. This visit was organised in accordance with **Gatsby Benchmark 7 – Encounters with Further and Higher Education**, reflecting Hailey Hall's ongoing commitment to supporting pupils with their post-16 education and career pathways.

Upon arrival, pupils were welcomed by Katrina, the College's Community and Schools Liaison Marketing Officer.

The visit began with a presentation outlining the wide range of courses available at HRC, including **Level 1 qualifications, T-Levels, Apprenticeships, and Higher Education options.**

Speakers also discussed the **support available to pupils** and the variety of **clubs and enrichment activities** offered at the college.

Katrina had arranged an engaging and informative morning, during which pupils toured a range of departments including **Sports, ICT, Creative Media, Engineering, Performing Arts, Catering, Motor Mechanics, Cabin crew and Construction.** In each area, a guest speaker provided valuable insights into the courses, facilities, and possible career pathways related to their subjects.

Staff explained that while HRC Turnford may not be every student's preferred post-16 destination, the purpose of the visit was to allow them to experience a different learning environment and to understand how college life differs from school. When pupils begin their post-16 applications in Year 11, **bespoke visits** will be arranged to their individual college preferences if required.

All pupils represented Hailey Hall School exceptionally well, behaving responsibly and showing genuine interest throughout the visit. They asked thoughtful and appropriate questions about college life and the courses available.

Special thanks to Katrina for organising such an informative and worthwhile visit.

The visit concluded late morning, with pupils returning to school to continue their normal timetable and enjoy a well-deserved lunch.

Thanks to Hailey Hall staff Shelley Long and Tom Clark who supported pupils on the trip

Peter Gregory, Careers Lead, Hailey Hall School.

YEAR 11 Visit to John Warner School, Hoddesdon Sixth Form - 9th Dec 2025

Gatsby Benchmark 7 "Encounters with Higher and Further Education"



On arrival at the school, we were met by Miss Hayley Wood-Thompson, Director of Sixth Form at John Warner School. Following initial

introductions, she provided a guided tour of the school, highlighting the different areas and pathways available to pupils depending on their subject choices.

John Warner School offers modern, up-to-date facilities, and our pupils were impressed by the calm atmosphere throughout the school. They observed pupils fully engaged in their lessons within their subject areas. During the visit, our pupils were informed about the key differences between college and sixth form education, including that college often focuses on a single subject, whereas sixth form typically involves studying three subjects. This comparison prompted noticeable interest and discussion among the pupils.

At the end of the tour, we met with current sixth form pupils at various stages of their education, who provided valuable insight into what it is like to attend sixth form, the advantages it offers, and their future career intentions, ranging from joining the Army, Politics, Dentistry to name just a few varied careers after completing their studies at John Warner School. Hailey Hall pupils asked relevant and appropriate questions and gained valuable information to support them in making informed post-16 pathway decisions.

At the conclusion of the visit, Hailey Hall pupils expressed their thanks to the staff for the tour, after which we returned to Hailey Hall School to continue with the normal timetable.

In the coming weeks, pupils will be supported with discussions and guidance regarding their post-16 applications. As a result of this visit, they now have a clearer understanding of the differences between college and sixth form pathways and are better equipped to make informed decisions about their

preferred route. Pupils will continue to receive support throughout this process until they leave Hailey Hall School and transition to their next destination in September.

Pupils were extremely well behaved throughout the visit and were a credit to Hailey Hall School. Thank you to staff member Jack O'Sullivan for his support during the visit.

Peter Gregory, Carers Lead, Hailey Hall.

VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR FOR PARENTS AND CARERS - 21st Jan 2026 17:30 - 19:00 Online (Zoom)

HOP Into Apprenticeships & T Levels The Hertfordshire Virtual Careers Fair for parents/carers is a free event for pupils to explore apprenticeships and T Levels. Visit different exhibitor rooms on a 10-minute rotation to learn about different programs and opportunities available.

This event will be particularly useful for those supporting children in year groups 10, 11, 12 and 13. Pupils in these age groups are also welcome to attend.

This event offers many benefits, including **free of charge** to attend (fully funded by Hertfordshire Careers Hub). Find out more about apprenticeships and T Level programs with local training providers and colleges. Hear from local employers about opportunities and the recruitment process. Discover more about the skills and training provision being offered within Hertfordshire. Select which breakout room you would like to hear from. Ask questions and gather information from the comfort of your own home.

Further information about the event by visiting: amapps.uk/HOPInto

Exhibitors will include:



How to attend?

- 1 Register by Monday 19th January, 2026 for your free ticket by clicking [here](#).
- 2 Read the attendee guidance ahead of the event to help you prepare.
- 3 Log on and join the event online on Wednesday 21st January 2026 17:30 - 19:00.

BOOK NOW

AUTUMN TERM IN FOREST SCHOOL

The boys have had an exciting and productive few weeks in Forest School!

They have shown fantastic independence and teamwork, successfully building and lighting their own fires while supporting one another throughout the process.

Working together, they have created a wonderful outdoor classroom in the woods. This impressive space includes a roofed seating area, a central fire pit, and a clearly marked path that everyone follows to move safely around the woodland.

In addition to developing their bushcraft and teamwork skills, the groups have been working extremely hard around the school grounds. They have helped tidy the moat area, cleared fallen leaves, and ensured the fountains can flow freely. Their efforts are already

making a positive difference for the wildlife that lives in and around our school.

Well done to all the boys for their enthusiasm, cooperation, and commitment to caring for their environment!

Mr Pritchard



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.

Here are some examples of year 10 GCSE drawings, Year 7 Aboriginal reaction paintings, Year 8 Underwater scenes.

Helen Phelps, Art Teacher.



Huge congratulations and well done to Felicity (our school Chef) and Sue (our Kitchen / Catering Assistant) on this great



achievement rating for our school.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - 17th Dec 2025

On Wednesday 17th December, the school enjoyed its Christmas lunch, and pupils and staff were invited to wear their Christmas themed jumpers.

It was a Christmas lunch of roast turkey, vegetables, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets and stuffing, followed by Christmas Chocolate Yule Log and Mince Pies.

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

CATERING 5* STAR AWARD RECEIVED BY OUR KITCHEN - 24th Nov 2025

Our school kitchen received an unexpected, unannounced visit from the Environmental Health Department in Broxbourne this term. Following a thorough inspection from the Officer, we are proud to share that the school was awarded the highest possible rating: 5 stars, Very Good'.

The Officer also noted that our structure is excellent, confidence in our management is very high, and no improvements are required.



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 visit www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc register and book.



HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

"It won't cost you a penny and it could save your life"

This service is completely free and it could save your life. We will also supply and fit free smoke detectors where necessary.

- Visits are by agreed appointment only
- Only uniformed staff will call
- They will always use an agreed password and show an official ID card

Please call this number for a free home visit

Hertford Fire Station

01992 507 611

WORKING TO PROTECT. ACTING TO SAVE.

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION BREAKFAST - 15th Dec 2025

9C and 11A were awarded with the best attendance. Pupils were treated by staff to a cooked breakfast full of tasty treats.



REWARDS TRIPS – THURSDAY 18th Dec 2025

On Thursday, 18th December 2025, pupils took part in a range of Rewards Trips and also enjoyed a non-uniform day.

REWARDS TRIPS – PAINTBALLING APOCALYPSE, BASSINGBOURN

The boys were exceptionally well behaved throughout the paintballing trip and represented the school to a very high standard. They followed instructions, showed respect to staff and others, and supported one another throughout the day. It was fantastic to see every boy with a smile on his face, laughing and enjoying the experience together. A brilliant day all round — well done boys.

REWARDS TRIPS – GRAVITY AND HOLLYWOOD BOWL - STEVENAGE

The Bowling and Gravity trip was an enjoyable day out, with pupils visiting Hollywood Bowl and Gravity

Trampoline Park in Stevenage. Although heavy rain fell throughout the day, it did not dampen the pupils' enthusiasm. Everyone took part with great energy, enjoying both activities and making the most of the experience despite the wet weather. A huge thank you to Shelley, Lee W and Tom C for supporting me with the trip.



REWARDS TRIPS – LONDON SIGHTSEEING TRIP

What a rainy day for a mission into London! We had a welcome lift to Broxbourne Station and the mission was on - we caught the train to London and proceeded to the main event - visiting London's highest public viewing platform.

It was spectacular and gave us all a great opportunity to see London from the clouds. We could see the curve of the Thames, the Tower of London, the Post Office Tower and many more tourist attractions.

Despite the rain we travelled to Kings Cross to visit the Harry Potter shop before the inevitable trip to McDonalds.

All pupils soaked through and exhausted, but all had a lot of fun!



REWARDS TRIPS – NETFLIX AND COMPUTING DAY

The Netflix reward offered pupils an enjoyable day watching films they had chosen themselves.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to those pupils who won achievement awards for this Autumn Term 2025.

Achievement Awards Autumn Term 2025	
Subject	Nomination
HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Hayden
DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Braiden
PLATINUM AWARD	Sean
ART	KS3 Samuel KS4 Noah
EMPLOYABILITY	KS4 Jack
ENGLISH	KS3 Edem KS4 Sean
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	KS3 Ted KS4 Archie
HUMANITIES	KS3 Harry KS4 Lucas
ICT	KS3 Luke KS4 Kaeden
PSCHE	KS3 Alfie KS4 Sean
MATHS	KS3 Tyler

	KS4 Sean
MUSIC	KS3 Zachary KS4 Sean
PE	KS3 Harry KS4 Archie
DT	KS3 Braiden KS4 Sean
SCIENCE	KS3 Jack KS4 Lelan
1:1 INTERVENTION	Braiden
FOREST SCHOOL	Chase

Congratulations and well done to the pupils listed below for earning 100% attendance awards this term.

100% Attendance Award Autumn Term 2025	
Year 7 Samuel, Emmett, Alfie	Year 8 Toby
Year 9 William, Harry, Alfie, Jason, Ethan, Taylor, Braiden	Year 10 Sean
Year 11 Archie, Kaiden, Michael, Daniel	

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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 admin@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk on the first day's absence and every morning thereafter.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2026

Mon 5th Jan - All pupil's return
Mon 16th - 20th Feb - Half Term
Mon 23rd Feb - All pupil's return
Fri 27th Mar - End of Term, 1pm Finish
Mon 30th Mar - Fri 10th Apr Easter Break

SUMMER TERM 2026

Mon 13th April - All pupil's return
Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday
Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May - Half Term
Monday 1st June - All pupil's return
Thurs 23rd July - End of Term 1pm finish.

HELP LINES OFFERING SUPPORT

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 to Thursday 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 or log onto <https://www.childline.org.uk/> To send them a message.

NSPCC You can contact their

Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000
or emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk

Kooth - Free Mental Health Support and Guidance for young people aged 10 – 25 yrs 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 as well as drop in or booked sessions with professional counsellors.
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

First Steps ED

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.

www.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:

<https://www.withyouth.org/>

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

Clearly named clothing will be returned to its owner, so please ensure that your child's name is on every item.

Any unclaimed clothing remaining 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 lunches.

A school lunch costs £3 per day or £15 per week.

You can pay online by bank transfer, by cash or by cheque made out to 'Hailey Hall School'. You can also pay by debit/credit card at school Reception.

A Statement of Account for outstanding school dinner money will be sent to parent/carers monthly.

If your child has or develops any allergies, please ensure the school is notified as soon as possible.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child has full school 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.

SCHOOL 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 is open for 2025!



From 21st November 2025 to 4th January 2026

Festive magic at Stevenage Winter Wonderland opens again this year. Experience the excitement at Stevenage Winter Wonderland! Join them for a magical experience of Twinkling Ice Skating, Festive Rides, Christmas Markets and Dazzling lights.

Tickets can be booked here:

<https://stevenagewinterwonderland.digitickets.co.uk/tickets>

Hertford Children's Christmas Trail

From 20th December to 3rd 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.

For a chance to win a gift voucher, participants are invited to return their completed trail leaflets to the Hertford Town and Tourist Information Centre to enter the prize draw.

To take part, families can collect a trail leaflet from the Hertford Town and Tourist Information Centre or download via the Hertford Town Council website:
www.hertford.gov.uk/events-listings.

FESTIVE TREATS TO TRY!

Crispy chocolate Christmas Puds



Ingredients (for 25-30 Xmas puds)

- 70g butter
- 100g milk chocolate
- 200g marshmallows
- 180g coco pops

To decorate

- 150g white chocolate
- Sprinkles
- Icing sugar to dust

Method

- Melt butter, milk chocolate and marshmallows in a pan.
- Add coco pops, allow to cool.

- Roll into small truffle size balls.
- Melt white chocolate and spoon on top of each ball letting it drizzle down the sides.
- Top with sprinkles, dust with icing sugar leave in the fridge to set briefly.

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 5th January 2026.

