

## Parents' Newsletter

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### School Calendar

9.5.16 GCSE & GCE exams commence

**27.5.16 Break up for half term (3pm)**

30.5.16 Bank Holiday

**6.6.16 Return to school**

15.6.16 Year 9 Parents' Evening

24.6.16 District Sports Day

1.7.16 Sports Day

1.7.16 Year 11 Prom

4-8.7.16 Y8 & 10 Mock Exams

**8.7.16 Break up for summer holidays**

### A Note from Mr Barrow ....

The Year 11 examination season has now begun. Final dance examinations took place last week - and on Monday Year 11 Drama students performed their final pieces in front of their families and peers. They all performed exceptionally well and we are proud of each of them. I would also like to thank the Drama and Dance departments for the additional support and time they have given to their exam groups.

Next week AS exams begin, and there are GCSE exams in: Sociology; PE and French & Spanish. I wish all of our students continued success; and would urge them to speak to their tutor, Head of Year or classroom teacher if they feel need any additional support. Exam success isn't about luck; it is about routine and revision & past paper practice. Years 7 - 10 have also had English, Maths and Science exams this week. The new GCSEs will require students to write at length and it is important that they become accustomed to this now.

On Wednesday, we hosted over 50 primary school children from five local schools. This master class was run by our excellent Design and Technology department and provided the students with an introduction to technology and was very well received!

I am also pleased to report the success we have had with KS4 and 5 students mentoring younger students. Examples include: support with GCSE maths; confidence building; and projects with CHEXS. See the latest news section of our website for more information.

Finally, our Year 11 Enterprise Students have been busy raising £524.44 for Isabel Hospice. This involved: 17 Enterprise groups; Miss Clarke; 73 year 11 Business' students carrying out a number of events working as a team. Well done!

**Mr M Barrow**  
Acting Principal





## **GCSE Exams next week**

Good luck to the year 11s starting their written GCSE exams on Monday

**Mr E Macaulay and all the Teachers and Staff**

## **Drama Department**

Congratulations to the Year 11 Drama Students on the completion of their Drama GCSE.

After a successful Mock Examination on Monday with an audience of over 45 which included staff, parents and other supportive year 11 students; the Drama students received positive praise and feedback for both their characters and performances which boosted their confidence for their final exam on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

With the performance forming 40% of their final mark, there was a lot of pressure for the students which they all handled with maturity and enthusiasm.

Although we may be biased; we are extremely pleased with their final performance examination and very proud of how far each student has come since the beginning of year 10. Every student was confident, prepared and shone like a star!

We will miss the productive rehearsals, however we are very pleased to be getting our weekends back!

Once again thank you to all the parents who have supported both the drama department and their child for the last two years.

**Miss S Giles and Mrs H Wells**  
**Teacher of Drama & Subject Leader - Drama**



## Revision advice for Year 11 parents

### Preparation

80% preparation  
20% technique

Do not leave it until the last minute. Preparation should start now. The key to exam success is preparation.

### Past papers

Complete as many past papers as possible. Minimum of 5 per subject before you sit the exam in the summer. Key statistics shows there is direct correlation between pupils who sit more practice papers and pupils who gain high marks in their exams.

Use the 4 C's to help with practice papers

C – CHUNK – do not need to complete a whole paper in one go

C – CHEAT – use notes and previous papers to help

C – CHECK – check the answers

C – CHALLENGE – challenge and correct the mistakes

### Correct mistakes

Go through exam questions and identify where you lost marks. Then seek advice from your teachers and friends to *correct* these mistakes.

### Cheat

Use help from friends who are getting higher grades to see how they answer specific questions better than you. If not, ask your teachers to give you A/A\* pupils work for you to read through and steal ideas of how to answer questions.

### Mr E Macaulay

Head of Year 11

## Space Seeds Project – Update 4

Not much to report on Monday, just watering and turning trays, but Tuesday was one of the important data collecting times. The scientists measured the height of 5 random plants from each tray to work out the average height of the plants.

Well it's now 13:48 on Wednesday and Mrs Durso and I are sitting here on our lonesome as none of our space scientists have yet showed up; guess I'll have to water and turn the plants myself! Wait a minute here come a couple.....That's better Jobs done.

Also at the end of last week I came across another School's science department on Facebook who are also doing the Space Seeds Project. After commenting on their posts I decided to try and contact them by e-mail to see if we can get the pupils communicating about our projects and how they are going. This will involve our pupils setting up a school email address for them to use. After getting Wednesday's jobs done we managed to get a couple of email accounts set up before the students had to rush off for enrichment.



## Space Seeds Project – Update 5 (1.4.16)

One thing I forgot to mention in the last report! One of our seedlings tried to escape, luckily it didn't get far and was found in its seed tray which luckily had some water in it so it didn't dry out and I managed to replant it hopefully in the right plant cell. As to how it escaped there are three options.

- The seedling got too top heavy for its delicate root system and just pulled itself out of the compost.
- An inquisitive student from one of the classes using the lab wanted to see how the roots were growing and couldn't get it back in the compost.

**Mr N Collins**  
**Link Science Support and Technician**

## Railway Safety

On Monday 9th May Year 7 received an important workshop and presentation session about Railway Safety. The presentation was given by Kathleen O'Malley the Anglia Network Community Safety Manager and Education Officer for this area. The presentation delivered important rail safety information and advice using case studies and video material from the following website:

[www.networkrail.co.uk/safety-education](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/safety-education)

Please talk to your child about the dangers and risks associated with rail stations and about how they can avoid danger:

Railway electricity is 100 times more powerful than electricity in the home.  
It is very dangerous so remember the Rail Life 'Safety Top 3':

- Stay clear of the tracks. Is it worth putting your life on the line?
  - electricity can jump up to three meters.
  - don't play with kites or balloons near overhead power lines.
- Use the level crossing. Shortcuts across the railway can kill.
- Know the signs. Be alert to railway signs, they could save your life.

Thank you,  
**Mrs M Goodes**  
Assistant Principal Inclusion



## House Positions – September - April

Overall September - Present		
Position	House	Points
1	Turing	31694
2	Shackleton	31653
3	Bevan	29053
4	Pankhurst	28853

**WELL DONE TURING!**

Mr N Megaw  
Assistant Principal

## PE Department

### Extra-Curricular - SUMMER

	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCH TIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	<b>CRICKET</b> Boys Years 7,8,9 (AC)	<b>CRICKET – GIRLS</b> All Years	<b>Rounders – Girls (SC)</b>
TUESDAY		<b>CRICKET – BOYS</b> Years 7,8,9 (AC)	<b>ATHLETICS – All welcome</b>
WEDNESDAY		<b>Cricket – Boys</b> Years 7,8,9 (AC)	
THURSDAY		<b>CRICKET – BOYS</b> Years 7,8,9 (DE)	<b>BOYS CRICKET – All years (DE, AC)</b>
FRIDAY		<b>CRICKET – BOYS</b> Year 9+10 (EM, AC, NM)	<b>TENNIS – All welcome (AC)</b>

"It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get up."  
*Vince Lombardi*



## Haileybury Turnford Student Council

Haileybury Turnford student is made up of 12 student representatives from across years' 7-10. Each student completed an application and went through a selection process, to be elected onto the student council.

During our initial meeting on 15.4.16 we appointed;

Chairperson: Alison Lillie Y10

Senior Secretary: Hollie Waughman Y9

Public Relations Officer: Joshua Thurston Y8

Treasurers: Lauren Wollaston-Smith and Mark Connell

Student Council Officers: Dante Barzey Y7, Joanna Evenden Y7, Jordan Maisuria-Wake Y8, Iasmina Ichalipour Y8, and John Pearce Y10 .

Each student has been elected to represent their year group on important matters.

The student council will aim to help build upon our positive caring school atmosphere; which is supportive and inclusive. We will be discussing important issues affecting all students in Haileybury Turnford and asking for student input on issues such as discipline, bullying and staff-student relations. Minutes of our meetings will be available to view on our website. The Student Council are looking forward to working together to help make a positive impact for all students across the academy.

### **Mrs M Goodes**

Assistant Principal, Inclusion

## Year 9 Combined Cadet Force Information Evening

As part of our continuing partnership with Haileybury, I have great pleasure in inviting all students in Year 9 to join our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) programme. The CCF programme, whilst it has its military links, is actually designed to develop leadership and team working skills. It is also something that stands out on an applicant's curriculum vitae when applying for 6th form, colleges and universities.

The programme operates every Wednesday afternoon at Haileybury where students from both schools take part collaboratively. We provide all transport and insurance for the duration of the programme. Students will also attend field weekends in October, March and June and a week's camp in June.

We are especially pleased to announce that we will be allowing students to join the RAF section as well as the army section. A key element to being a part of the RAF section is the opportunity to learn how to fly.

If you are interested in finding out more information regarding the CCF for your son / daughter, I shall be holding an event on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm in SM3 (opposite the library). All year 9 parents and students are welcome to attend, even if they haven't been on the taster trip.

If you have any questions please contact me via [megawn@haileyburyturnford.com](mailto:megawn@haileyburyturnford.com).

Kindest regards,

2Lt Niall Megaw  
Assistant Principal



*Good attendance and arriving on time are essential if you are to achieve your full potential at school.*

***You must arrive before 8.25am***

**The main school gates will be locked at 8.30 am**

If you arrive *after 8.30 am* you will receive a *Late payback* and miss your break time

If you arrive *late twice in one week* you will receive a *two hour SLT Friday payback*  
*2 lates or more- 2 hour SLT payback on Friday*

**Your parents/carers could also receive a *Fixed Penalty notice* if you are persistently late.**

*Breakfast club serving hot and cold food and drinks from 8.00am is available in the canteen everyday*

## **Equipment for Exams**

Could all parents remind their children to bring **all** the equipment needed for their exams? Unfortunately, we do not have spare equipment to give out and it could cause a problem for your child if they forget their pens, pencils, rulers, protractors, etc.

Thank you  
**The Exams Team**

