

# HT News

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24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Message from Mr Newman

It has been an excellent start to the academic year and we are excited about the autumn term ahead. A very warm welcome to new students and families – our Year 7 students and new sixth formers have made an impressive start at HT. It has been great to see our students moving around the school again, following last year's restrictions, and to see the buzz created from the changes back to more normal times.

I have visited many lessons in the past 3 weeks, and it has been wonderful to see the calm and purposeful learning taking place. Our students have been really motivated and have responded to the "lift" created by our new building too, which we opened at the start of term. Our students love it!

Do take a look at our website, which has had a makeover during the summer! Latest News will be added as it happens; please keep up to date with HT on our Facebook and Twitter social media feeds too.

Open Evening was a great success, and we look forward to welcoming parents and prospective students to look around the school during the school day in the coming weeks.

I look forward to working with all families during this academic year; please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly at any time if you feel it is necessary to do so. All staff email contact details can be found on the school's website.

### Fantastic attendance at this year's Open Evening

It was wonderful to welcome record numbers at our Open Evening this year. We were able to showcase our state-of-the-art building with new labs and classrooms and each faculty had activities running throughout the evening. Thank you to everyone who took part. We had very positive feedback from parents and prospective students.

"We attended Open Evening with our two sons who hope to get allocated in the next academic years. Everyone was very welcoming; students and teachers alike. It was an enjoyable and informative open evening. I wanted to say how impressed I was." (Parent)













#### A Great Start for our new Year 7 Students

Our new Year 7 students have been getting to know their new school quickly, following our very successful Summer School at the end of August. Lots of new friends have been school at the end of August.



#### **World's Biggest Coffee Morning**









#### **Big Hair Day**

The Big Hair Assembly was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The successful event, marked the 5th anniversary of World Afro Day, linking schools around the world in one giant livestream assembly.







#### Year 11 Student wins medals at Jujitsu

Congratulations to Nazir Charalambous, Year 11, who competed recently in the European Jujitsu Competition and the English Open, winning two medals and competing at Loughborough University.





#### Co-Curricular – Autumn Term

We are offering a very wide range of co-curricular activities this term for every year group including many Sports Clubs, Film Club, Glee Club, Creative Arts Club, Debate Club, Spanish Club, VEX Robotics, Science Club, Music Club and many more!

We would encourage all students to join a club. Our library is also open after school for students to use.

Full details can be found on Class Charts for our students, and also on our website: https://haileyburyturnford.com/students/co-curricular-opportunities/

#### Well done to our Year 10 Boys' Football Team

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 10 boys played their first-round fixture in the national cup against Freeman College. Haileybury Turnford were victorious with a 3-1 win with goals from Bright Siaw (1) and Anthony Odegah (2). The Man of the Match was awarded to Connor McGreevy. (Report by Taylor Roberts, Year 10).

The squad played brilliant football and conducted themselves exceptionally well. Well done boys, we look forward to the next round!



#### **Design & Technology BBC Microbit Coding Club**



Our Design & Technology Faculty launched their BBC Microbit Coding Club last week. They had a good turnout for their first session and the students picked up the programming basics very quickly. Many of these students also helped on Open Evening where they were able to show off their new skills and explain to our visitors what the Microbits are capable of. Our students are looking forward to the forthcoming club sessions as they are keen to learn more, putting their skills to the test as they build a robotic car.

#### Welcome to new staff

A number of new staff joined us at the start of term. We are fully staffed, and in some areas have deliberately over-staffed to provide the best possible support for our students. We welcome Mr S Aydin, Cover Supervisor, Mr C Graves, Trainee in PE, Miss P Johnson, Teacher of English, Miss T Josey-Barber, School Counsellor, Miss I Laurilia, Teacher of Science, Ms J Morgan, Teacher of Science (from 29th September), Mrs J Pierce, Teacher of Music, Miss E Price, Trainee in Food Technology, Miss R Robinson, Assistant Year Achievement Coordinator, Miss K Velounais, School Counsellor and Mr P White, Link Worker.