



Message from Mr Newman

Reading is a roaring success!

We launched our new reading strategy at the start of this academic year, to support our students with their learning as we returned from the disruption of the past 18 months.

Being able to read fluently provides our students with the building blocks not just for academic success, but for fulfilling careers and rewarding lives. Since September we have introduced a wide range of reading strategies for our staff to use with students in class, and we have further developed the teaching of specialist vocabulary to support student understanding across the curriculum.

We will continue to regularly test our students, to monitor reading ages over time, and the evidence from this term shows that very many of our students have made real progress with their reading ages in recent weeks.

As well as using our new reading strategies in lessons, students have been reading their class readers with their tutors in tutor time, and our Year 7 students all recently enjoyed our author visit during Anti-Bullying week. Author, MG Vaciago, has written many books, including Big Little Voice - Colours the Grey and Behind the Smile. It was a wonderful event which engaged our students and gave excellent advice to inspire their reading further. We have more plans for later in the academic year!

Miss Jethmalani is a Silver Winner!

The Pearson National Teaching Awards on 28th November held in London celebrated this year's winners. Congratulations to our very own Miss Jethmalani, a winner of the Outstanding New Teacher of the Year Silver Award.

Farewell and good wishes to ...

Mr Goodfellow as he moves onto a new IT post in Cambridge. He has made a huge difference to our IT network and facilities at HT in the past 3 years, which was so very important during the pandemic.

Charitable events in November

Thank you to our students and families who have generously donated to the charities we have supported this half-term.

Anti-Bullying Odd Socks Day

On 15th November students came into school wearing odd socks to promote Anti-Bullying week. This national event focused on celebrating what makes someone unique. We raised a total of £82.00 which will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help teachers and professionals working with children and young people to tackle bullying.



Children in Need

On 19th November HT held a Cake Sale for Children In Need. We sold out of cakes in record time! Our thanks to the students and staff who organised the event. We raised £138.00.



Jon Datta returned to inspire and breakdown barriers for those who wish to apply to Cambridge and Oxford Universities

Since leaving HT, Mr Datta has worked closely with the widening participation team at Trinity College, Cambridge, to ensure that all students, regardless of class, gender, wealth, ethnicity or choice of school has equal opportunity to attend Oxbridge. Mr Datta ran an assembly for all of Year 9 students discussing what university is like, breaking down stereotypes of Oxbridge students, why university should be an option, and how important the options process is for our students. Year 9 were really receptive and engaged in his talk. Mr Datta also ran a seminar for Year 11 students covering A level choices and a seminar for a group of Year 9 and Year 10 students.



"The only guaranteed reason you will not get into Cambridge is if you do not apply" A quotation Mr Datta finished with. Thank you, Mr Datta - it was great having you back at HT.



Fish Heroes

Food Tech has joined a group called 'Fish Heroes and they delivered to HT fresh mussels last week (free of charge) for our students to cook. Our students did really well and most tried their cooking. Please visit the programme at

www.foodteacherscentre.co.uk/fish-heroes

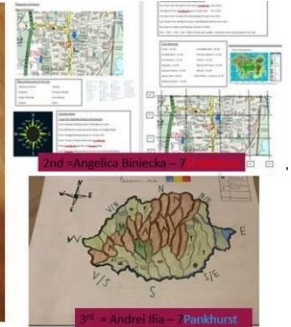


Geography – Volcano & Map House Competitions



The winners of the Year 8 Volcano House Competition:
First place: Lily Meyer, Second place: Holly Wade
Third place: Evie Collins

The winners of the Year 7 Map Skills Challenge House competition:
Melody White, Angelica Biniiecka and Andrei Ilia



HT Alumna returns to talk about her journey

On Friday we were lucky enough to have an ex-student return to Haileybury Turnford to give a talk to our Y11, 12 and 13 Media students about her career progression so far in the entertainment industry.

Maisy left HT in 2020, the summer following the first lockdown. Following just one day's work experience in a costume fitting department she enlisted in a runners' agency (Call Time) and within her first year she has worked on feature films and television such as Citadel (Amazon), Evergreen (Netflix), Mission Impossible 7 (LibraTv), The Thief, His Wife and The Canoe (ITV) and The Flash (Warner Bros).

Maisy has continued to establish herself within the industry and has secured herself some very exciting future projects including a new film directed by Sam Mendes and the next Bond movie

Our students listened and asked positive questions about routes into the industry for the areas that they are interested in. A really inspiring afternoon. Thank you Maisy.



Design & Technology

Drone Club is taking off. The students have completed construction and taken their first test flights. Drone Club has been very popular this half-term and we now have a full squadron of drones ready to start competing. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pereira family for their very generous donation of two flight controllers which will now enable more of the team to compete at the same time. The club is full at present but we hope to expand later in the year.



BBC Microbit Coding Club has increased in popularity with many Year 7 students putting their programming skills to the test after school on Monday. Students have been embedding the versatile BBC Microbit microcomputers into their motorised cars which can be controlled via Bluetooth using a smartphone app. After persevering for many weeks, students have almost completed construction and now the real fun can begin as the teams begin to compete in a series of challenges designed to put their vehicles through their paces. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 9 students who have been supporting the Year 7 students throughout the term as without their help the club would not have been so successful.

Football

Congratulations to **Onur Gungor** in Year 9 has been selected for County Football for the Hertfordshire Under 14s. This is in addition to the District Representative side he is also a part of. **Abraham Ajiboye** and **Anthony Odegah** have also been selected for County Football as well as their District Representative side and **Bright Siaw** into his District side.