



## A message from Mr Newman

A very warm welcome to all new students and families who have joined the HT community this autumn. Our Year 7 and Year 12 students have made an impressive start to the academic year, as have students in all year groups. We are already 3 weeks into the new academic year and are very excited about the year ahead. Our students are really enjoying their learning, and have been busy joining new co-curricular clubs and activities too. There is a real buzz around the school! In addition, we have a new catering provider this September. Aspens have changed our menus, and have lots of exciting plans to further transform the food that we can provide for our students and staff at school.

Do visit our website regularly, as well as our social media feeds to keep up to date with all that is happening at HT. Open Evening was a huge success this week, and we were overwhelmed by the positive feedback from so many families who visited us. We are looking forward to showing prospective students and their families around school during the school day in the next few weeks.

Following the government's announcement in July that Haileybury Turnford would be part of the School Rebuilding Programme, we have been working very closely with the Department for Education to develop plans for our new state-of-the-art buildings which we hope will be ready for September 2025. This will include all new facilities along with our K Building which opened last September. We will provide updates about this exciting news in the months ahead.

## A brilliant Open Evening!

HT welcomed a record number of families at our Open Evening this year. We were able to showcase our school with activities running throughout the evening. We were able to tell our prospective families about our exciting new state-of-the-art new building project, and our 'Good' rating from Ofsted. We are currently oversubscribed in Year 7 and are looking forward to our school tours with prospective students and families from next Monday.

*'We know our children will be in really good hands here.'*



## A wonderful start to life at HT for our Year 7 students

Our new Year 7 students have made a very positive start in the past 3 weeks, following our very successful Summer School at the end of August. Lots of new friends have been made, new subjects have been experienced, and really positive relationships formed with their new teachers. We have our Meet the Tutor Evening on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, and we look forward to welcoming families into school for this event.



## Principal's Book

Congratulations to our Year 13 Head students, **Jamie Curry** and **Rebecca Fletcher**, and our Year 7 students, **Gbemi Majiyagbe** and **Teddie Walls**, who made fabulous speeches at Open Evening. Many thanks also to Year 13 student **Molly-May Guest** and Year 12 student **Eleanor Howe** who performed brilliantly on the piano at our Open Evening.

## Trip of a lifetime for two Sixth Form students, funded by the Britain-Australia Society Education Trust

The Britain-Australia Society Education Trust (BASET) is a UK registered charity that helps young people from Britain and Australia to develop new skills and develop self-confidence through the power of learning and the opportunity to travel. BASET Pioneer Award winners from our sixth form are able to visit Australia each summer. Five HT sixth formers in total have now spent time in Australia, fully funded by BASET, and in doing so, have been provided with trips of a lifetime.

This summer, Year 13 students **Lewis Everett** and **Amy Richardson** had a fantastic trip to Australia, spending time in Darwin and Melbourne, and they will be speaking further to our students about their experiences.

We are sure that this trip has changed their lives and they have made lifelong friends.



## Visit to the Sky News Studios

On Friday 9th September a group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit Sky News Studios. They had a tour of the studios watching a live broadcast being set up and created their own news report on sustainability and the eating of more local and seasonal foods to reduce our carbon footprint. Students also looked at their own skills and personal attributes to investigate a job role within Sky that would suit them in their future careers.

All students were challenged with their individual job roles, as Directors, Presenters, Camera Operators, Writers and Editors. They were able to extend their knowledge and understanding of the industry outside of the classroom.



## Bumper Co-Curricular activities for our students – Autumn Term

We are offering a very wide range of co-curricular activities this term for every year group including many Sports Clubs, Debate Club, Portuguese Club, VEX Robotics, Dance Club, Choir, Photography Club, Drone Club, Film 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/>

## 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 Ms Barbe, Mr Graves, Miss Hill, Miss Hodgson, Mr Keir, Mrs Lynch, Ms Marques, Miss Papadopoulos, Miss Spencer, Mr Tanner, Mrs Watkins, Miss Wenzel and Mr Zancan.