

# Haileybury Turnford

Year 8 Bulletin

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December 2024



Dear students and families of Year 8,

It has been a great Autumn term for the year group with so many awards, events and trips. It has been a pleasure to get to know the year group over the past term and to also welcome Ms Lynch into our pastoral team as AYAC for Year 8 and Year 9. Ms Lynch will be working closely with Miss Carter on a daily basis to support students to be *Ready, Respectful and Safe* every day. I have had the pleasure of reading in form time with multiple form groups, which has been a really positive experience.

Our recent assembly on kindness and communication aims to prepare students for the types of behaviours we want to see in the year group – kindness and acting with integrity, treating everyone with dignity and tolerating difference, a theme we will revisit frequently throughout their time at Haileybury Turnford.

Students have made a fantastic start to Year 8 and they should be proud of how well they represent our school. I always enjoy being on break duty and getting to say good morning to our year group and more importantly, being greeted back with such polite manners and smiles.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the New year.

Compliments of the Season,  
Mrs L Durso – Assistant Principal of Year 8.

To Year 8 students and their families,

Our first term as a year group has been successful since returning to school in September, you have settled into Year 8 very well and I am sure that many of you have all achieved many personal successes - be very proud of yourselves, as we are of you.

It is great to see that so many of our students are meeting the school attendance target of 96%, and enjoying their time in school.

It is now time to take some rest and to spend time with your families. Remember that it's the little things that count, one act of kindness can go a long way.

We wish all of our HT community, a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to seeing you all in January.

Year 8 students return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Miss. Carter



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## Bushcraft Residential Trip to Boughton Woods

On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October, 71 students embarked on a back to nature 2-day residential trip in Boughton Woods, Northamptonshire.

Our students had an action packed 2 days. They braved the mud and a very cold night, learnt fire building and lighting skills, shelter building, took part in woodland games, and danced and sang around a campfire at night. With an overnight stay in a bell tent, the students enjoyed an unforgettable experience in the great outdoors. Thank you to the staff that gave up their time to accompany the students, and who also took part in an amazing SOS experience, allowing the students to practice their recently learnt first aid skills!



### Honourable camp mentions.

**Louis** - Helping multiple girls carry their bags back to the trailer.

**Deshawn** - Leadership/Ownership of looking after any messes made.

**Alexandra** - Supportive and helpful on the trip towards others.

**Artin and Antonino** - Best camp fire.

**Bentley, Deshawn, Brayden, Harry, Nkosinathi, Mykolai and Alan** - Best decorated shelter.

**Kaya and Luke** - Plate carrying for others back to camp.

**Baylee Smith** - Scout experience, expertise and first fire light.

**Scarlett, Esmee, Viana, Ava, Betsy, Millie, Lavin, Abigail, Naomi, Meliz, Baylee, Zuzanna and Amy** - Camp Choir.

**Tobias** - Biggest injury and coolest pjs.

**Nkosinathi** - Drummer of the camp and inside information.

**Gabriel and Henry** - Up Down Victors.

**Nina** - Best first aid provider.



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## End of Term rewards



Our October rewards event challenged our students to make an HT uniform out of just one toilet roll! The students enjoyed games before helping themselves to fruit skewers dipped in chocolate, popcorn and drinks. A member of staff judged the competition and announced the winner.

**Winner**



## London Eye and River Cruise Trip



Students didn't just observe the River Thames from above from the London Eye; they also took to the Thames on the London Eye River Cruise. The 40 minute cruise featured educational live commentary presented by expert guides and included sights such as St Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge, Tower of London and Shakespeare's globe. Students then boarded a pod on the London Eye for a 360 degree view of London. Some time was spent on the Southbank enjoying the Christmas festivities.



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## Form Time Breakfast Winners – 8 Bevan



The Year group was set a challenge to earn as many achievement points as they could in a week. The form group with the most average per student had juice and croissants delivered to their form room. Mrs Oniha and her form group, 8 Bevan won the challenge, with Pankhurst coming a very close second.

## Sky Up Academy Studio Experience



**Monday 2nd December.** Some of our students visited Sky Studios in Elstree, where they used cutting-edge digital technology to create their own exciting digital content. They took on real life media roles and worked with a team of experts from Sky to create their very own pitch film in the state-of-art Extended Reality (XR) studios. They had a Q&A session to learn about the diverse range of creative careers, and enjoyed a tour of the wider Elstree studios.



## Trip to Stevenage Football Club



On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, a lucky group of year 8 students were able to attend a home game where Stevenage FC played Stockport County. Stevenage won 2-1! A great time was had by all. Thank you to Mr Walsh for providing the trip.

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## Cake Pop Challenge



Mrs Durso really enjoyed creating a 'Bake Off' style challenge in which some of our High Prior Attainers were challenged to create Cake Pops following being given a very simple recipe. The activity was specifically designed to challenge their creativity, team work and leadership skills. It was amazing to see students use their leadership and problem solving skills. They were able to take their creations home.



## Whole School Production - High School Music



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, a number of Year 8 students starred in the whole school production of High School Music. All students worked incredibly hard in the lead up to the production, giving up their evenings since September for rehearsals, to practice their acting, singing and dancing. Well done to all of the students that took part, but especially to our Year 8 students who were amazing.

## Annual Carol Service at Haileybury



Well done to Macy and Ralph who read The Birth of our Saviour *Luke 2:1-7* at the annual carol service at Haileybury. It is never easy in front of 400 people, yet your ready was perfect.

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Students with less than 5 negative points for the whole term!

Thank you to the outstanding students below who are always 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' on a daily basis. Your dedication is amazing, keep up the great work.

# WELL DONE

Jario	Ralph	Oscar	Gamze
Arjed	Le	Kai	Sienna
Reece	Lucy	Elena	Karisse
Yesandi	Ella	Sehmus	Beren
Theodoros	Mia	Vladut	Amelia
Antonino	Billie-Rae	Sophia	Taliyah
Corey	Kati	Elizabeth	Gabriel
Amelia	Ali	Awa	Angel
Valentino	Kaya	Leonidas	Baylie-Beau
Daniel	Lily-Rose	Pixie	Poyraz
Elif	Ava	Nina	Tyler
Luca	Rayan	Daniel	Omer
Shannon	Elsie	Keira	Kunashe
Chloe	Timonel	Parsa	Aaban
Grace	Andreea	Adyan	Millie
Savannah	Macy	Kaya	Ruvarashe
Bianca	Baylee	Mykolai	Daniel
Lucy	Laura	Azra	Viana
Tobias	Lavin	Tommie	
Betsy	Esmee	Alexandra	

Points total up to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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Attendance matters, all day, every day.



**Attendance has been good but we can always do better.**

Good attendance is defined as having an attendance percentage of 96% or more. A student with an attendance percentage of 90% is likely to achieve 1 grade lower than their predicted grade at GCSE, whilst a student with an attendance percentage below 80% is likely to perform 2 or 3 grades lower than their predicted grade. The foundations for GCSE should be laid now whilst in Year 8 to give yourself the best chance. **Aim for 96% or more.**

Students with 96% + attendance (up to 15.12.24)

Lucy 100%	Awa 100%	Gabriel 100%	Tommie	Esmee
Laura 100%	Ethen 100%	Timonel 100%	Karisse	Omer
Nazli 100%	Viana 100%	Leyla	Reece	Chloe
Elisa 100%	Dashawn 100%	Zuzaana	Rickayla	Propser
Mildred 100%	Amy 100%	Aiden	Mia	Daniel
Shannon 100%	Aaban 100%	Sophia	Sehmus	Christiana
Billie-Rae 100%	Baylee 100%	Ayaz	Le	Rory
Elif 100%	Angel 100%	Pixie	Elsie	Massimo
Ela 100%	Ruvarashe 100%	Edward	Ijahn	Henry
Samet 100%	Mykolai 100%	Abbigail	Matas	Tara-Jai
Millie 100%	Kati 100%	Kunashe	Ruby	Gawin
Alexandra 100%	Michael 100%	Andreea	Jemima	Bentley
Adyan 100%	Jario 100%	Elif	Alan	Arda
Grace 100%	Adeboye 100%	Savannah	Oli	Tobias
Lucy 100%	Nina 100%	Amelia	Artin	Arda
Antonino 100%	Daniel 100%	Oscar	Vladut	Kaya
Valentino 100%	Basiatu 100%	Dawin	Evin	
Sophia 100%	Azra 100%	Elizabeth	Baylie-Beau	
Yesandi 100%	Enis 100%	Ralph	Narin	
Ellisa 100%	Aaron 100%	Jago	Charlie	

## Getting Support

Christmas is always seen as a positive and cheerful time, but some of us still struggle with emotions and need help to manage them. Our mental health doesn't just magically become easier during the festive period, for many just trying to get through can be difficult. Help is available through various organisations.

Hertfordshire Council and the NHS, provide access to **free mental health support** for young people aged 10-25. [The Sandbox](#) is an 'online hub' for children and young people where they can feel safe and take care of their Mental Health. You can find lots of really helpful resources on The Resource Zone. How you feel about yourself, your family, friends and life in general changes all the time. Having problems with how you are feeling is part of growing up. The Sandbox is here to help you understand how you are feeling, talk with other people, and find different ways to feel better.

[Childline](#) - Call **0800 1111** for free or **chat online** to a counsellor via their website.

Childline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

[Young Minds](#) - Information about emotional wellbeing & mental health for young people.

[The Mix](#) – essential support for under 25s.



## Contact details

At HT we pride ourselves on the level of support we provide for our young people and their families. If you think there is an issue that we can help with our pastoral team is ready to support you and your child. Please contact us at any time to discuss concerns you may have and encourage your child to share those concerns with us. Please contact anyone on the team using the emails below.

Mrs Durso (Assistant Principal):

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To report an absence please email:

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