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Year 8 Bulletin – Summer Term Edition 2025

A message from Miss Carter

I am really proud of each and every one of you for the excellent year that you have had. It has been good to see so many of you showing commitment, resilience, and dedication to your education throughout the year. As a year group we have seen some impressive gains in your education and you are continuing to grow into respectful, young adults, which has been amazing to see.

I am pleased that I will be continuing into Year 9 with you. I am very much looking forward to Miss Costin joining us as your Assistant Year Achievement Coordinator. Thank you to Mrs Lynch who will be supporting Year 11 in their final year.

It will be an exciting time for us as a year group next year as you will be choosing your option choices around Easter 2026, the lead up to this moment will go quickly, so it is important that you all come back to school in September motivated and focused to ensure that you are in the best position possible to make the best choices around your GCSE selection.

I wish you all a lovely summer break, you all deserve a well-earned rest. Enjoy!

We look forward to seeing you on September 8th.

Best wishes,

Year Achievement Coordinator – Year 8.

A message from Mrs Durso

It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside Miss Carter and Miss Lynch, who have successfully led the year group in readiness for Year 9.

It is a privilege to work at Haileybury Turnford alongside excellent staff and our wonderful students. They have much to be proud of this year in terms of their academic progress, development of their HT Character Traits and their contributions to wider school life.

Year 8 have represented the school admirably through sporting fixtures, performing and creative arts, STEM competitions and through community events. They are responsible for building our schools reputation as a school of choice, and they should have a real sense of pride in their personal achievements and how they also play a role in improving the world around them.

I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable summer, where you make memories with your loved ones.

Best wishes,

Assistant Principal - Year 8.

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Key Events this Year for 8

Calypso Cricket Competition

On June 12th a number of Year 8 girls represented HT in a Calypso Cricket Competition. Well done to all that took part.



Sports Leaders helped Four Swannes Primary School with their Sports Day

We are very proud of our Year 8 Sports Leaders who supported Four Swannes Primary School with their whole school Sports Day. Our students did such a brilliant job that following the event Mr Newman received a 'Letter of Gratitude' from the Headteacher - "I am writing to sing the praises of the Year 8 Sports Leaders that helped Four Swannes with their sports day event this week. They were excellent, collectively and individually, in supporting both the staff and pupils of Four Swannes Primary School.

They worked exceptionally hard to ensure our young people had a well organised and enjoyable sports day experience. They should be very proud of themselves, and in equal measure, I am sure Haileybury Turnford can be very proud of them."

Girls, we are extremely proud of you!

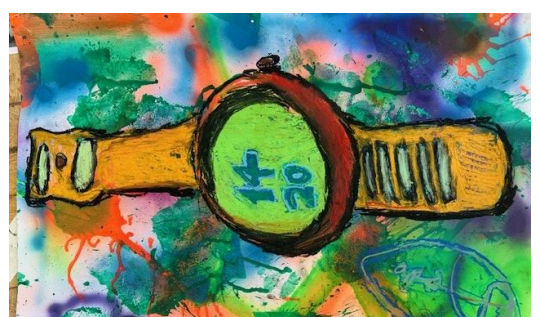


Year 8 helped with our primary school project as Art Leaders.



Graffiti Workshop.

Graffiti workshop for our most able and enthusiastic Year 8 students. Students got the opportunity to explore a variety of materials in a graffiti style with artists Banksy and Basquait as stimuli. The students were all really ambitious with their work and are budding artists!



Sport Relief Big Run

It was great to see over half of the year group join Mr Goodson and Miss Simeou in running the Sport Relief 5 Mile Challenge on Friday 11th July. It was an incredibly hot morning, but it was clear that all students had an enjoyable time.



Stevenage FC vs Blackpool Football Club Trip

Some lucky students were invited to take part in a “gold experience” at Stevenage Football Club, this included a 1-hour training session prior to the game, and a penalty shoot-out on the pitch, as well as a guard of honour for the players as they came out prior to the game. The day was finished off by a game of Ten-pin bowling.



Tower of London Trip.

The visit included a visit to the Jewel House and Crown Jewels and a curriculum-based session led by an expert presenter on Elizabethan Prisoners. In the session students explored some of the consequences of religious turmoil during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.



Gemma's Farm Trip.

Some lucky Year 8 students had a VIP tour of the farm which included animal feeding, and an animal experience.



Year 8 Awards Evening HT Awards took place on July 7th, well done to all of our brilliant students pictured below.



Creative



Dance



Design & Technology



Drama



Geography



English



Food Technology



Latin



History



Maths



Music



Personal & Social Development



Personal Finance



Physical Education



Religious Education



Science



Spanish



Library Award



Reading Award



Form Tutor Awards





AYAC Award



YAC Award



AP Award

Sports Day

The weather was kind to us for our Sports Day, a particularly favourite of the student was the Tug-of-War. Well done to all students that took part.



Achievement – Top 20 Achievement Points this Term

Andreea	379	Brayden	295
Yesandi	351	Rubie	293
Chloe	347	Rickayla	293
Shannon	346	Chloe	324
Reece	345	Rickayla	320
Zac	339	Isaac	288
Sophia H	326	Fadil	287
Sehmus	319	Riley	281
Valentino	318	Nazli	278
Elena	303	Ethen	276

Period 23rd April – 15th July 2025.

Achievement – Zero Negative Points this Term

Andreea	Lucy	Tobias
Yesandi	Gamze	Betsy
Chloe	Mia W	Timonel
Reece	Esmee	Theodoros
Sophia	Laura	Ava
Elena	Kai	Lily-Rose
Issac	Aaron	Kati
Arjed	Grace	Diya
Daniel C	Savannah	

Period 23rd April – 15th July 2025.

Form Group Achievement Points this Term

Austin	6695	Bevan	7572	Turing	5970
Bader	4346	Pankhurst	5741	Shackleton	5439

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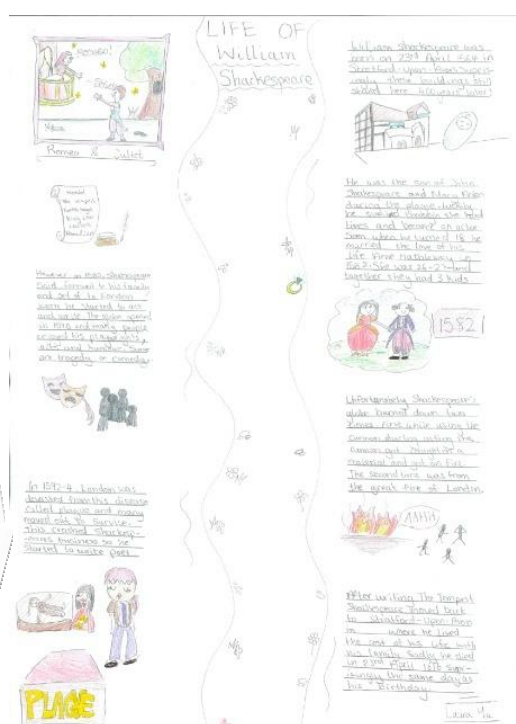
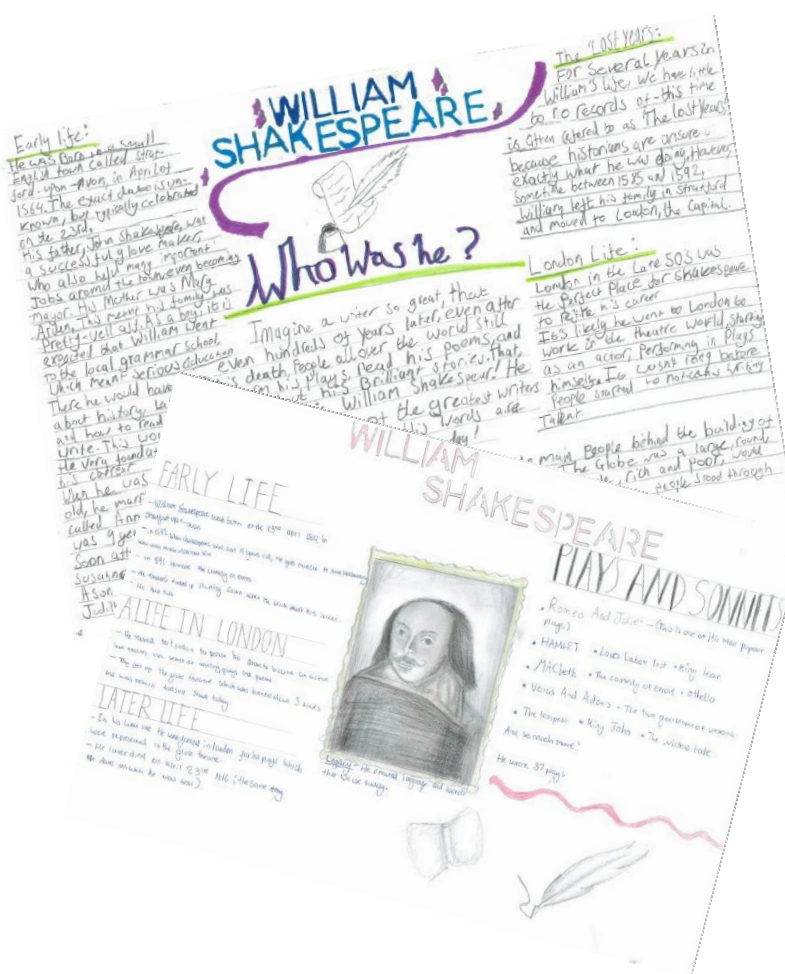
100% Attendance - Outstanding effort!

Love	Lucy	Chloe	Viana
Aaron	Abbigail	Ela	Alexandru
Ademidola	Luca	Mildred	Yesandi
Angel	Oscar	Ruvarashe	Sophia P
Chernha	Bentley	Tommie	Valentino
Amy	Gabriel	Alexandra	Dreyon
Shannon	Karis	Berk	

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Examples of work to be celebrated

English Mrs Harris was extremely impressed with the fact sheets created on William Shakespeare.



Form Tutor and AYAC Messages

A message from Miss Costin.	A message from Mrs Harris
<p>8 Shackleton - It has been a pleasure being your form tutor this year. It's been great watching you learn, grow, and develop throughout the year. I've been particularly impressed with your positive energy and support for one another. I'm proud of all that you've accomplished, both academically and personally. Enjoy your summer holiday, take some time to relax and recharge, ready to go again in year 9.</p> <p>Miss Costin</p>	<p>8 Turing - I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone: you joined me in September as fresh new year 8's and now, in the next coming school year, you will be considering different career paths when taking your subject options!</p> <p>Enjoy your well-earned summer break and I will see you in September for another exciting year in your HT journey.</p> <p>Be happy and stay safe.</p> <p>Mrs Harris</p>

A message from Mr Graves	A message from Mr Goodson
<p>8 Bader - Sun will be out over this summer so remember sun cream. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.</p>	<p>8 Austen - I cannot believe how quickly the year has gone: you joined me in September as fresh new year 8's and now, in the next coming school year, you will be considering different career paths when taking your subject options!</p> <p>Enjoy your well-earned summer break and I will see you in September for another exciting year in your HT journey.</p>

A message from Miss Mead	A message from Mrs Oniha
<p>8 Pankhurst - It has been a pleasure to be with both the year 8's and their leadership team. I felt very supported by Miss Carter in my first year of being a Form Tutor. I wish the year 8s best of luck as they move into year 9!</p>	<p>8 Bevan - It has been an amazing year with 8 Bevan a wild ride filled with laughter, challenges and mostly success. As our incredible time comes to an end, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the support and camaraderie we have shared. From our tête-à-tête chat about being the best version of ourselves to our fun filled quiz time, our lovely Christmas carol trip, and other memorable times together. We have built a strong community which we believe will continue to thrive regardless. Do have a wonderful summer, fully recharged and ready to flourish as we move to the next chapter.</p>

Dear Year 8,

It has been an absolute pleasure working with you all as your AYAC this year. Watching you grow, and the majority of you work hard and support one another has been truly rewarding. As you move into Year 9, please keep up all the dedication and effort you've shown so far in year 8. Don't let the standards slip — continue to challenge yourselves, stay curious, and support each other.

Enjoy the well-earned summer holidays, please come back ready and refreshed for Year 9. I will see you all around school next year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lynch

Support available during the Summer Holiday

- 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 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.

Alternative support available in Hertfordshire

The following early help Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) provide mental health/emotional wellbeing support and don't need a professional referral:

- [The Sandbox digital mental health service](https://thesandbox.mindler.co.uk) For 10-25s at: <https://thesandbox.mindler.co.uk>
- Check whether a school/college is working with a [Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](https://emwie.tfemagazine.co.uk/) at: <https://emwie.tfemagazine.co.uk/>
- [Hertfordshire's NHS Talking Therapies for Anxiety and Depression for ages 16+](http://www.hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk) at www.hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk (Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust)
- [togetherall](http://www.togetherall.com/en-gb/) - Mental Health Support in Hertfordshire for ages 16+ at www.togetherall.com/en-gb/
- [Hertfordshire's Public Health School Nursing Service for 0-19s including ChatHealth text messaging services](http://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/school-nursing-56/) at: www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/school-nursing-56/
- [Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service for 5-19s](http://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/) at: www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/
- [Hertfordshire Mind Network's counselling services for ages 5-19th birthday from 1 April 2025](#) at: [About our Counselling Service - WithYouth](#)

Further information about the above services and others are at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youthmentalhealth

If you or someone you know of any age is having a mental health crisis, call:

- 24/7 freephone HPFT SPA* Mental Health Helpline: **0800 6444 101**
- Or NHS 111 (option 2)

If you or someone else is seriously ill or injured, dial 999 for the emergency services, or go to your nearest A&E.

*Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Single Point of Access (HPFT SPA)




Additional national helpline numbers and websites:

- [Shout](#): crisis texting service: text 85258
 - [Samaritans](#): 116 123
 - [Papyrus](#)
- : 0800 068 4141

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: You can call us on 0208 189 8400, email cyp@hertsmindnetwork.org, or visit www.withyouth.org.

Useful Tools for Academic Success

Over the holidays, it is important to stay connected with your studies, below are some useful tools and websites that will support your revision/home-study over the break!

Corbett Maths	The website offers a variety of resources such as video tutorials, practice questions, and worksheets covering various mathematical topics.	
BBC Bitesize	BBC Bitesize is your go-to online study hub! Packed with free resources, videos, and quizzes, it makes learning subjects like math, science, and English a breeze.	
Oak National Academy	Your ultimate study partners! Free, high-quality online lessons for all UK students. Find engaging lessons, videos, and quizzes. Aligned with the national curriculum, Oak National Academy is your key to academic success.	

Click on the photo to open the website.

Key Information

At HT, we pride ourselves on the level of support we provide for 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 any of those concerns with us. Please contact any of our team using the email link provided:

Assistant Principal	DursoL@haileyburyturnford.com Ext: 351
YAC	CarterV@haileyburyturnford.com Ext: 352
AYAC	CostinA@haileyburyturnford.com
Link Worker Y9	WatsonC@haileyburyturnford.com Ext: 283
Mrs. Mitchell (SEND Coordinator)	MitchellJ@haileyburyturnford.com Ext: 231

To report an absence:

Mrs. Winborn (Attendance Manager)	WinbornC@haileyburyturnford.com Ext. 252
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It is important that you come to school every day, attendance to school can be the difference between what grade you receive in your GCSEs.

Finally: Have a safe and relaxing break

Key dates:

Year 9 return to school on Monday 8th September. Please arrive by 08:35am.

Uniform Expectations

On our return in September, we expect all students to return wearing full and correct school uniform. All staff will be specifically focusing on ensuring that:

- School skirts are worn at the correct length and not rolled up.
- Shirts are tucked in neatly.

If a student fails to meet these basic uniform expectations, they will receive a conduct point and will be required to rectify the infringement.

Please note that:

- A student may receive multiple conduct points for repeated uniform issues in the same day.
- Accumulation of 6 conduct points will result in an after-school payback.

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