

Haileybury Turnford

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Year 9 Spring Term Pastoral Bulletin

A message from Miss Carter

Dear Year 9 students and families,

As we reach the end of the spring term, it is lovely to reflect on the many achievements from the past few months. Year 9 have continued to work hard in the classroom and it has been great to hear teaching staff share so many positives.

This has also been an exciting term as students begin to think about their future pathways with the upcoming options process. This is an important milestone in their school journey, and we are delighted to support them as they explore their strengths, ambitions and interests.

Thank you to our families for your continued support throughout the term — it makes a huge difference and is greatly appreciated.

I wish all our students and families a restful, enjoyable break, and I look forward to a positive summer term.

Happy Easter.

Best wishes,
Miss V Carter
Year Achievement Co-ordinator - Year 9

A message from Mrs Durso

Dear our Year 9 students and their families,

I wish you a restful Easter break after what has been a short but intense half term. It is an exciting time; we return to the final stages of the Options process as students prepare to choose what subjects will set them up for their futures.

I hope the break provides an opportunity for reflection prior to Parents' Evening on the 22nd April.

Best wishes,
Mrs L Durso
Assistant Principal – Year 9

Dear Year 9 students and families,

Well done on a busy and successful spring term. Your attitude to learning has been excellent, and teachers have given lots of positive feedback. When we return, you'll be making important decisions about Year 10 options, so I hope the options evening was helpful, and that any remaining questions can be answered at parents' evening.

Please use the Easter break to rest and spend time with friends and family, ready for your final term of Year 9. Enjoy the break!

Miss Costin
Assistant Year Achievement Co-ordinator – Year 9

Key Events Spring Term

The Brilliant Club

14 Year 9 students successfully completed The Scholars Programme with amazing outcomes following them taking part in university-style tutorials on a supra-curricular topic 'Climate Change: Climate Conundrum' that were led by a PhD tutor. The students visited Goldsmiths University of London for a Graduation Event to celebrate their achievements and build their understanding of higher education, helping them make informed choices in the future and believe that they can succeed in university-style learning. We are really proud of all of the students' achievements. Well done to: Luke, Grace, Le, Abbigail, Lavin, Sehmus, Baylee, Kati, Laura, Leonidas, Reece, Scarlett K, Ralph, Rayan and Rayan.



The
Brilliant
Club

Discover Uni Day to Hertfordshire University

Our day began at the College Lane Campus in Hatfield, where we were warmly welcomed by the University's Student Ambassadors. Students took part in a series of interactive sessions focused on higher education, aimed at addressing perceived barriers and supporting their understanding of future pathways.

Throughout the visit, students explored the campus accommodation showrooms while completing an engaging escape-room style budgeting challenge. They toured the wider campus, visited the impressive 24-hour student resource centre, and discovered the vast range



of societies available to undergraduates. They even had the opportunity to design their own unique society, showcasing their creativity and teamwork.

It was a highly informative and inspiring experience for all students involved.



BT Group Work-Ready Workshop

BT Group delivered an expert-led *Work-Ready* workshop to our students, designed to support their career aspirations by developing key employability and digital skills. During the session, students had the opportunity to connect with BT Ambassadors and explore a range of exciting career pathways within the tech industry.



It was a valuable experience for all involved.

Sporting Events

Netball Tournament

Our Year 9 Netball Team represented the school exceptionally well at their recent tournament. The students demonstrated outstanding commitment, displaying consistent enthusiasm, effort and energy throughout the entire day.



Despite some challenging match outcomes, every player maintained a positive attitude and fully embraced the experience. Impressively, several students were competing in a netball tournament for the very first time, yet each of them gave their absolute best.

The team conducted themselves with maturity and respect at all times — towards umpires, staff and fellow players — and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Well done to Viana, Lavin, Christiana, Jasmine, Nara, Monroe, Laura, Baylie-Beau, Amelia, Millie, Elif T, Abbigail, Savannah and Narin.

They represented the school wonderfully, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. All of the girls were nominated for *Star of the Week* by Mrs Cartwright.

Photos from sports fixtures this term.



Celebrating Our Talented Year 9 Performers.

We are incredibly proud of two of our Year 9 students who showcased their exceptional musical talent at a special anniversary concert marking 10 years of partnership between Haileybury Turnford and Haileybury.

Well done to Amy and Nkosinathi, who represented our school brilliantly.



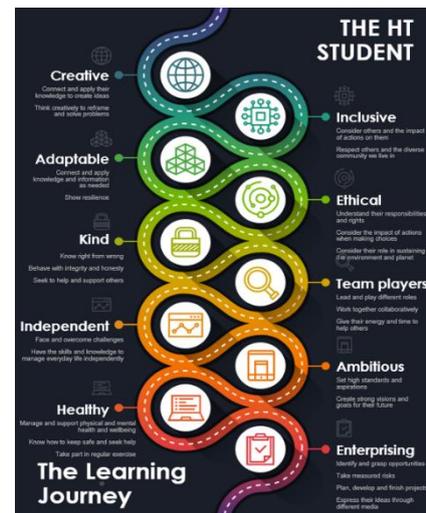
★ Year 9 *Star of the Week* ★

Star of the Week was launched to celebrate the hard work, character, and achievements of our Year 9 students.

Each week, one student is recognised for consistently demonstrating the very best of Haileybury Turnford — whether through their attitude to learning, positive character traits, kindness, or exceptional effort. Our weekly star is celebrated in assembly and featured on our **Pastoral Star Board**. Staff and students are able to nominate with the aim of shining a spotlight on the fantastic efforts of our Year 9 students.

We look for moments that truly stand out, such as:

- Showing an HT Character Trait
- Going above and beyond expectations
- Consistent effort and positive attitude
- A brilliant piece of work
- Acts deserving recognition beyond the Principal's Book



Star of the Week Winners

We were delighted to recognise Laura as our first *Star of the Week*. Laura was nominated by Baylie-Beau and staff for the exceptional kindness she shows every single day in school. Her thoughtful attitude, supportive nature and willingness to help others embody our **HT Kindness** character trait perfectly.



Well done, Laura — a truly deserving recipient!

Lilith was our second *Star of the Week*, nominated by Mrs Gamby. Lilith was recognised for consistently demonstrating the **HT Creative Trait**, impressing staff with her fantastic artwork.

Lilith also demonstrates the **HT Kindness** and **HT Team Player** traits every day. Lilith contributes enormously to school.



A huge well done to Lilith — a truly deserving student for *Star of the Week* award.

We were delighted to recognise **Michael** as our third *Star of the Week*, nominated by Mrs Walters. Michael was celebrated for consistently demonstrating the **HT Kindness Trait**, showing exceptional care and support towards other students.

A huge well done to Michael for being such a positive role model.



Our fourth *Star of the Week* was **Betsy**, nominated by Mr Tanner. Betsy was recognised for demonstrating the **HT Ambitious and Independent Trait** to an exceptional standard.



Betsy has made brilliant progress in her recent maths assessment and consistently goes above and beyond in class, producing incredibly detailed notes that exceeded expectations. Her excellent attitude to learning shines through in every lesson, making her a fantastic role model for others.

Congratulations, Betsy.

Our fifth *Stars of the Week* were Amy and Nkosinathi nominated by Mrs Nicholson for their outstanding performances to the Haileybury Partnership Concert on 16th March.

Both students gave excellent performances and were recognised for the HT Ambitious and Adaptable Trait.

Well done to both Amy and Nkosinathi.

We also received nominations for students below. Well done to all of you, your hard work and positive contributions have not gone unnoticed. Unfortunately, there can only be one winner each week, but every nomination is something to be incredibly proud of.

Reason: Consistent outstanding effort. Nominated by Mr Walsh.

Narin was nominated for showing exceptional dedication in lessons, always striving to improve and demonstrating a consistently high level of effort. Narin is helpful, inquisitive, and eager to deepen understanding — a fantastic example of a student who truly wants to do well. Well done, Narin.



Reason: Excellent attitude to learning and outstanding progress. Nominated by Miss Lawrence.

Vlad was nominated for demonstrating an excellent ATL and significantly improved engagement in Science. Vlad has been contributing thoughtful answers in class, completing all of the assessment revision tasks, and achieving an impressive **80%** in the recent assessment. Vlad also currently holds the highest number of achievement points in the Science class — a fantastic accomplishment. Well done, Vlad.

Reason: Excellent engagement and high-quality Geography work. Nominated by Mrs Morgan.

Mason was nominated for showing exceptional engagement across a number of Geography lessons during nomination week. Mason produced well-thought-out verbal and written responses, demonstrating strong geographical understanding and excellent listening skills. An excellent example of consistent effort and focus.

Well done, Mason.

Reason: Outstanding work in Photography. Nominated by Mrs Rockcliffe.

Amy O was nominated for her exceptional effort and commitment in Photography. She has worked incredibly hard to complete her project to a high standard and responded thoughtfully and in detail to her feedback, resulting in work of truly outstanding quality.

Well done, Amy.



Reason: Exceptional support for a new student. Nominated by Mr White.

Aaban was nominated for the wonderful support shown towards a new Year 9 student in his form. He has made a real effort to welcome the new member of the group and is developing a genuinely positive and supportive bond with him. His kindness and maturity have made a noticeable difference.

Well done, Aaban — a fantastic role model for others.

Reason: Excellent attitude to learning and high-quality classwork. Nominated by Miss Johnson.

Gabriel was nominated for demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning in English. Gabriel has made



brilliant contributions during lessons and completed all tasks to a high standard. This outstanding effort has really stood out in class.

Well done, Gabriel.

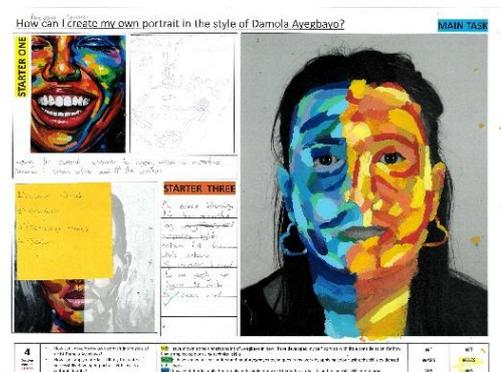
Reason: Exceptional performance in lesson. Nominated by Mrs Quinn.

Rory was nominated after an outstanding lesson during the nomination week. Rory really impressed Mrs Quinn through excellent focus, effort and participation. An excellent example of what can be achieved in just one lesson.

Well done, Rory.

Reason: Beautiful painting technique and excellent focus. Nominated by Mrs Gamby.

Andreea was nominated for demonstrating a stunning painting technique and exceptional focus in her Art lessons. Her attention to detail and artistic skill continue to shine, producing work of a very high standard.



Well done, Andreea.

Reason: Resilience and effort in Volleyball.
Nominated by Miss Simeou.

Mildred and Hailey were nominated for their impressive resilience and outstanding effort in recent volleyball lessons. Both students have shown determination, focus and a real commitment to improving their skills — a fantastic example of perseverance in action. Well done to you both.

Reason: Fantastic engagement in Personal Finance. Nominated by Mr Walsh.

Macy has been nominated for her excellent engagement and participation in her Personal Finance lessons. She has shown enthusiasm, focus and a strong commitment to understanding the content — a brilliant example of positive learning behaviour. Well done, Macy!

Reason: Excellent engagement in Personal Finance. Nominated by Miss Ezzu.

Miss Ezzu nominated Isaac, Sehmus, and Alfie for their positive engagement and strong participation in Personal Finance. All three students have demonstrated focus, enthusiasm and a commitment to understanding the material — a brilliant example of teamwork and effort within the group. Well done to Isaac, Sehmus and Alfie.

Reason: Outstanding improvement and exceptional enthusiasm for learning.
Nominated by Mr Walsh.

Oliver was nominated for achieving six outstanding lessons in a row and for demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm for all aspects of Personal Finance. He consistently asks thoughtful questions, shows real determination to produce high-quality work, and has displayed a significant positive transformation since November.

Oliver also shows initiative in class, such as independently collecting and handing out books without being asked. His commitment, maturity and proactive attitude make him a standout student. A huge well done to Oliver — a fantastic achievement and very well deserved.

Reason: For consistently being a supportive and reliable friend. Nominated by Elisa and Jeanette.

Junaid is always there for others and shows kindness in the everyday moments that matter. A lovely example of positive friendship. Well done, Junaid.

Reason: These students were proudly nominated by their form group for their kindness, support and positive contributions to others:

- Nare – for being supportive and a great friend to all.
- Arda – for offering emotional support to a peer.
- Kaya E – for being consistently nice, supportive and hardworking.



Well done to all three students — wonderful examples of kindness and teamwork within Year 9.

Reason: Supporting others and demonstrating excellent practical skills. Nominated by Amelia.

Tuna was nominated for showing fantastic initiative in Technology. After completing work to a high standard, Tuna took it upon himself to help other students use the machine safely and effectively.

Well done, Tuna.

Reason: For showing kindness to a member of staff. Nominated by Mrs Morgan.

Adeboye was nominated for helping a member of staff to medical when she felt ill.

Well done, Ade.

Achievement – Top 20 Achievement Points this Term

Andreea - 365	Reece - 325	Sehmus - 316	Mildred - 293
Narin - 331	Lucy G - 322	Luca - 297	Abbigail - 286
Laura - 331	Alisha - 318	Ralph - 295	Ruvarashe - 283
Tommie - 330	Yesandi - 317	Antonino - 295	Gabriel - 282
Fadil - 328	Valentino - 317	Zuzanna - 294	Daniel M - 280

Data taken 26.03.26

Achievement – 0 Negative Points this Term

Andreea	Cory	Seth	Kaya E	Liv
Narin	Daniel C	Awa	Kati	Awa
Laura	Betsy	Luke	Scarlett K	Adbi
Reece	Lucy B	Baylee	Esmee	Ethen Mc
Yesandi	Aaron	Grace	Timonel	Amy B
Valentino	Hailey	Mykolai	Kaya L	Arjed
Alisha	Molly	Billie-Rae	Yesandi	Michael
Luca	Sophia H	Alexandra	Adanna	Lily-Rose
Ralph	Ela	Mia M	Monroe	Scarlett M
Elena	Conor	Chloe	Theo	Mia W

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Students who have achieved 100% attendance this term

Lucy B	Andreea	Edward	Ruvarashe
Abbigail	Tommie	Scarlett K	Awa
Isaac	Scarlett M	Yesandi	Artin
Bentley	Ralph	Valentino	Seth
Gabriel	Zuzanna	Mykolai	Laura
Mildred	Viana	Billie-Rae	
Hailey	Ethen M	Karis	

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Form Achievements – Most Achievement Points this term

Turing - 6651	Bader - 5930	Pankhurst - 4867
Shackleton - 6492	Bevan - 5267	Austen - 4792

Form Tutor Awards this Term

Austen – Mason has a good attitude in form and always contributes.

Bader – Valentino always on time, never late. Smartly dressed with no uniform infraction throughout the year. Hard working and focused. Coming into the form every Monday and Tuesday to help with books and putting them away. Good ATLs across all subjects. Creates great sports conversations with all involved. Very good person collectively.

Bevan – Andreea demonstrates good self-discipline, she shows empathy and kindness towards her classmates fostering a positive classroom environment. Andreea has excellent organisational skills and works collaboratively with peers.

Pankhurst – Alisha is always polite, respectful and ready for the day. A model student.

Shackleton – Monroe is a positive presence in the morning and always engages with the form time activities.

Turing – Tommie has a tremendous amount of achievement points. Great reader in class. Often is named in assembly as one of those few who have the most positive points in a week. A real asset to the class

Our student leadership group continues to play an important role in representing the views of each year group and contributing positively to school life. This year, our Year 9 representatives, Baylee and Kai, have shown great commitment and maturity in their roles, working closely with staff and peers to share ideas and support initiatives. Their enthusiasm and leadership are greatly valued, and they are excellent role models for other students.

Haileybury Turnford Student Leadership Group is shown below:



Support available during the Easter 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
- [Childline](#): 0800 11 11

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.	 Corbettmαths
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, 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)	Drusol@haileyburyturnford.com
(YAC)	CarterV@haileyburyturnford.com
(AYAC)	CostinA@haileyburyturnford.com
(Link Worker Y9)	WatsonC@haileyburyturnford.com
Mrs. Mitchell (SEND Coordinator)	MitchellJ@haileyburyturnford.com
To report an absence:	
Mrs. Winborn (Attendance Manager)	WinbornC@haileyburyturnford.com Ext. 252

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

There are 39 weeks in a school year.

We have completed 26.

There are just 13 left.

**Year 9 Parents Evening is on the 22nd April –
Please ensure that you have appointments
booked.**

Option Deadline in on the 1st May.

Every week counts!

We return to school on Monday 13th April.