

HT NEWS

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House Points

The HT House system comprises of six Houses; Bevan, Pankhurst, Shackleton, Turing, Austen and Bader. Each tutor group, including the tutor, all belong to the same House to encourage collaboration and a team ethos within the tutor group.

We encourage all students to participate in House competitions throughout the academic year. These will be run by individual faculties/departments and year teams. All academic achievements, achievement points and attendance will also feed into the House system.

Upcoming Events

School commences
02.11.26

Diwali Festival
06 - 10.11.26

Children in Need
20.11.26

Occasional Day
27.11.26
School closed

Year 7 & 8 Haileybury Carol Service
03.12.26

Christmas Jumper Day
10.12.26

Message from the Principal



As we approach half term, I am delighted to reflect on another busy and successful few weeks at Haileybury Turnford.

A particular highlight has been our fantastic Culture Day, celebrating the diversity of our school community. My sincere thanks go to our students, families and staff whose enthusiasm, generosity and support made the event such a success.

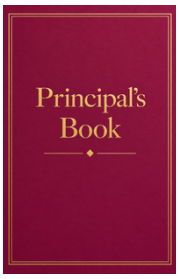
In this edition, our Head Students have turned the tables on me for our Staff Spotlight feature! I hope you enjoy their interview and discovering a little more about me!

HT News is once again packed with wonderful activities and achievements from across the school, I hope you enjoy reading about them.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome prospective students and families to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 12th November, showcasing the opportunities available at Haileybury Turnford.

Thank you all for your continued support and I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break. School reopens on 2nd November.

Principal's Book



The Principal's Book recognises students for outstanding work or exceptional contributions to school life. Congratulations to all the students who have been nominated this month:

Braiden Alia, Ama Ampiaw, Sehmus Aydin, Rolf Aylot, Tanisha Balasingam, Nicole Belibov, Amelia Betterton, Harry Betterton, Lily-Rose Blackford, Abbigail Brown, Neva Caglayan, Anastasia Coca, Kenya Cornwall-Akin, Oscar Deaney, George Dimitriou, Meryem Durdu, Elvis Ekpe, Megan Golledge, Harvey Green, Ariana Ioannou-Goodridge, Andreea Izvoran, Mya Kennedy, Jakub Klimowski, Jay Singh Lakhanpal, Dexter Pryke, Gabrielle Robinson, Donette Sakyi, Britney Siaw, Elliot Shakery, Alex Sheffield, Emmalyn Slater, Baylee Smith, Kelsie Stevens, Joseph Turay, Elizabeth Whorlow and Bear Wright and Reece Wright

Co-Curricular Activities



Interested in joining a club or starting something new? Take a look at the Autumn co-curricular activities.
We look forward to seeing you at a club.
https://haileyburyturnford.com/co-curricular-opportunities/

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Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so memorable!

Look out for full coverage of our Culture Day and Black History Month in the next edition of HT News.

Discover Chess Club

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Plans are also underway for a House Chess Tournament, with the ultimate goal of challenging Haileybury.

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- Access a range of expert led professional development.
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- Opportunities for career progression beyond your training year.

Spotlight on HT Staff

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Mr Newman

1. What exactly do you do at HT, and what does a normal day look like for you behind the scenes?
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2. Can you remember the moment or experience that made you think, "I want to be a teacher"? How did that path unfold for you?
I had an inspirational geography teacher at school in Year 7. He got me excited about the subject and teaching it became an idea when I was at university.

3. Of everything you do at HT, what gives you the biggest sense of satisfaction or makes your day feel worthwhile?
Seeing students and staff succeed, particularly watching young people develop their confidence and achieve things they might not have thought possible. I enjoy seeing the positive impact the school has on students' lives and the pride that comes with their achievements.

4. When you step away from school life, what kinds of things do you enjoy doing or spending your time on?
Spending time with family and friends is important and being outdoors. I enjoy sport, including watching football, and looking after my physical and mental health.

5. What makes a great lesson, in your opinion?
A great lesson begins with strong preparation and clear explanation. It should be well planned, with opportunities for students to engage and participate. Good relationships between teachers and students are very important, as is ensuring students understand what they are learning.

6. If you didn't become a teacher, what would you be doing?
Something involving sport, perhaps working in sports journalism or broadcasting.

7. To finish on a fun note – what's something unexpected or little-known about you that might surprise students or colleagues?
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News from the Languages Faculty







Our Languages Faculty celebrated Languages Week with a range of exciting activities highlighting the wonderful diversity of languages and cultures within our school community.

Students enjoyed cultural research projects, a popular 'Language Teacher Hunt' and a whole-school Languagenut competition, putting their language skills to the test. Congratulations to all our competition winners and to Year 8 student Nicole for her outstanding artwork, pictured here.

Well done to everyone who took part!

Year 7 students visit MathsWorld

On 15/10/26 some of our Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to explore Maths World in London. With over forty innovative exhibits and a specialist workshop put on for our pupils, Maths World really sparks the imagination, giving our pupils the opportunity to engage with mathematics in a completely different way.

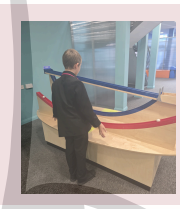
The highlights were exploring catenoids with giant bubbles, building giant archways, and using the maths of curved lines to xplore ramps. In our workshop the pupils were presented with a giant pile of identical planks of wood, cut in a design thought up by Leonardo di Vinci.

By working as a team they were able to fit the pieces together to make a dome they could all get under, and then using the theory of forces, destroy it all in one go!

We had a fantastic day out, and hope to run another similar trip later on in the year so that all of our year seven pupils have the opportunity to go.









Music Department News

The Music Department welcomed Hertfordshire Music Service to our school on September 25th.

Herts Music Service partnered with us and used our facilities to run a Songwriting workshop for KS2 and KS3 students. 24 students participated in the workshop, creating some wonderful songs either on their own or in small groups

The students performed a lovely concert to families and friends in an afternoon concert. Our school continues to broaden and develop our partnership with Herts Music Service as part of our work as a Lead School for Music in Hertfordshire.



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Our Year 10 and Year 13 Geographers joined 65 schools across the UK and Europe for a virtual talk with bestselling author Tim Marshall, exploring the importance of geography and history in understanding global challenges.

Year 13 students also enjoyed an insightful session with Mark Giffard-Lindsay, Managing Director of Global Action, who shared his experiences of earthquakes in Nepal and careers in international development, bringing their geography studies to life.



A round up from the PE Faculty

Our Year 10 boys secured a hard-fought 3–2 football victory against St Mary's, while Year 7 beat Dame Alice Owen's 1–0 to reach the next round of the County Cup. **Obotemi Jacobs scored the** winner, with goalkeeper **Harry Russell** earning man of the match.

Year 8 students **Maximillian Mccartney, Julio Agudelo, Arkadiusz Wasilczuk** and **Eniz Irfan** showed excellent perseverance at the District tournament, qualifying for the County Championships.

At the Cultural Festival, students from Years 7–9 brought the celebration to life with three vibrant dances. Special thanks to **Gabrielle Robinson** and **Jordan Tavares** for teaching and leading two groups. Miss Bilsby and Miss Richardson are proud of every performer's commitment. Congratulations also to our HT Sports Stars, recognised for their effort and contributions in PE lessons. **Well done.**