HAILEYBURY NEWS

21 November 2025

Haileybury

From the Master

The Chair of Council has written to you to share the good news about our recent inspection. We are delighted with the outcome and are especially pleased that our academic and co-curricular programme was considered a 'significant strength'. I would like to echo the Chair's thanks for your support with the inspection process.

I spoke about Haileybury's core values in Lists on Monday morning. As stated in Haileybury 2030, they are:

- **Courage:** We face challenges directly. We are bold in our ambitions and pursue excellence in all our endeavours.
- **Curiosity:** We nurture a love of learning by asking questions, exploring new ideas and actively engaging with the world around us.
- **Integrity:** We do what is right, even if doing so is not easy. Our actions are informed by our values and we take responsibility for our actions.
- **Kindness:** We are an empathetic, compassionate community and believe that every member of our community should feel valued and included.
- **Respect:** We respect each other and the world around us. We listen with open minds and uphold the dignity of every individual.
- **Service:** We seek to make a positive difference through meaningful contributions, leadership and a commitment to the greater good.

The exeat weekend has arrived at exactly the right time and I hope you are all able to enjoy it.

With my best wishes,

Vice Presidents Day

It was a pleasure to welcome our esteemed Vice Presidents to Haileybury last Saturday, each bringing a long and valued association with the School.

The day began with the blessing of a new trilogy of stunning stained glass windows, a beautiful addition to our historic campus. Guests then enjoyed a pupil-led tour of our Sci-Tech and VEX Robotics facilities, where they were impressed by the creativity and innovation on display.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our shared heritage and look ahead to the exciting future of Haileybury, strengthened by the continued support and engagement of our Vice Presidents.

Young Performers Take The Stage

The **Junior Music Showcase** on Tuesday evening was a vibrant celebration of the breadth and talent within Haileybury's younger year groups. The programme opened with energy and confidence from the **Lower School Concert Band**, whose performances of *Dambusters March* and *Mamma Mia* set a joyful tone. Soloists from across the School shone, offering everything from musical theatre favourites to classical works by Lefèvre and Fauré, and showcasing remarkable individual skill and expression

After the interval, the **Lower School Choir** brought warmth and nostalgia with *Slipping Through My Fingers.* The evening concluded with heartfelt thanks to all involved. It was a wonderful celebration of emerging musical talent, warmly received by an appreciative audience.

Jazz & Pop Showcase

Haileybury's **Jazz & Pop concert** filled Bradby Hall with energy and rhythm on Friday evening, bringing together a rich mix of styles from Ella Fitzgerald to The 1975. The programme spanned jazz standards, pop favourites and original compositions, creating an evening that was as varied as it was engaging.

Highlights included standout solo performances, vibrant band sets and the unmistakable power of the choir, all combining to create an atmosphere of warmth and excitement. The event also showcased the strength and versatility of Haileybury's musical life, from Big Band and Concert Band to contemporary ensembles.

Held in support of **Haileybury Youth Trust**, the concert captured what makes this long-standing tradition such a favourite in the school calendar: a shared love of music, a spirit of collaboration and a thoroughly enjoyable night of live performance.

Albans Buzzes with Charity Spirit!

Alban's has been brimming with energy and enthusiasm as pupils continue to demonstrate initiative and community spirit through a range of charity fundraisers. The standout effort has come from the **Lower Sixth** girls, who combined creativity and generosity by baking and selling delicious homemade cookie dough. Their stall quickly became a favourite among pupils and staff, with queues forming at every break to sample the treats!

Thanks to their hard work, teamwork, and excellent organisation, the girls have raised over **£1,000 for charity** which is a fantastic achievement that reflects both their dedication and the generosity of the school community.

And the fundraising isn't over yet! In the penultimate week of term, the girls will be selling festive **Candy Canes** to continue supporting good causes and spreading Christmas cheer throughout Haileybury.

England Hockey Success for Haileybury Duo!

Huge congratulations to Lettie (U6, Melvill) and Zack (Middles, Edmonstone) on their fantastic selection for their respective England Hockey squads! This is an outstanding accomplishment and a true reflection of their dedication, talent and hard work. We are incredibly proud of them both—well done!

Haileybury Hockey Shines: Three Teams Reach National Finals

It has been an outstanding week for Haileybury hockey, with three of our teams securing places in the England Indoor Hockey National Finals. Our U18 Girls, U16 Girls, and U18 Boys all triumphed in their respective East Regional championships, earning a
well-deserved spot among the top ten teams in the country for the finals in two weeks' time.

The U16 Girls will also be competing to defend the national title they proudly won last year.

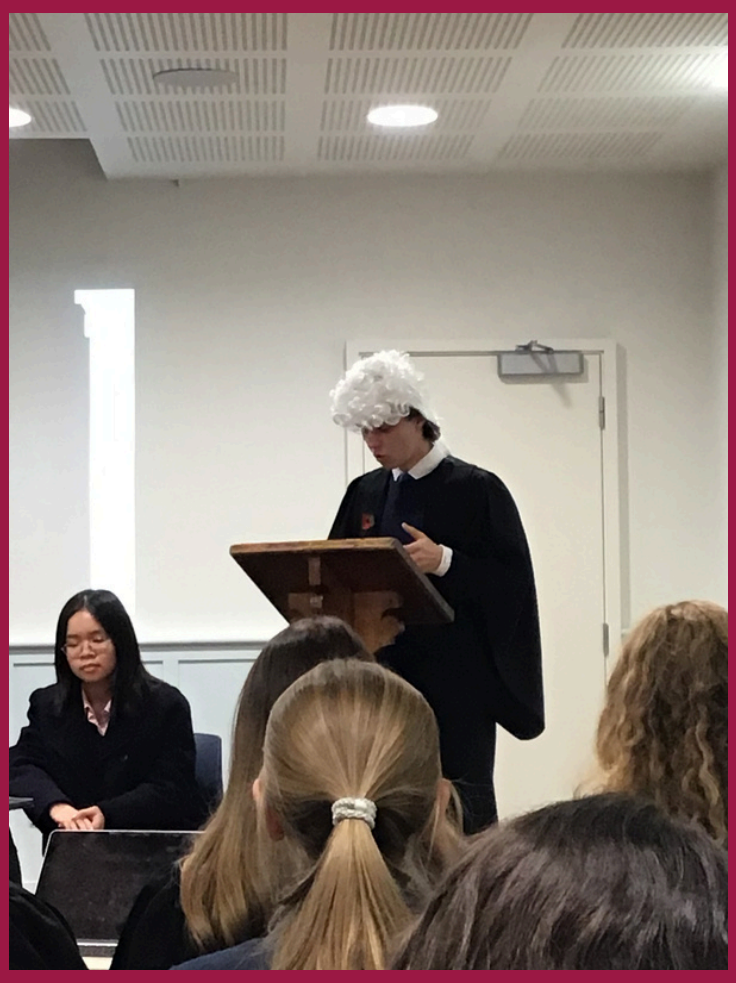
For three out of our four eligible teams to qualify for the highest stage of schools' indoor hockey is truly exceptional and a first in our history. We could not be more proud of their hard work, teamwork and dedication.

On the rugby pitch, the 1st XV continued their fine form with a 31–14 win, highlighted by a drop goal from Will (U6, Edmonstone) and tries from George (U6, Bartle Frere), Chris (L6, Thomason), Henry (U6, Thomason) and Sam (U6, Edmonstone). The 2nd XV and U14A also recorded strong victories.

In other news, the 1st XI boys' football team progress in the ISFA Cup, and Old Haileyburian Tom Billings reclaimed the Rackets World Doubles title.

Mock Law Trial

The Law Society held a gripping and dramatic mock criminal law trial on Monday. All the parts, including the judges, barristers and jury, were played by the pupils. The pupils have worked hard and maturely in recent weeks to organise the event, prepare their cases and put everything together. The case centred on whether the Defendant, played by Jonathan (M,Th) acted reasonably in self-defence when he attacked an intruder to his home, played by Charlotte (R, L). The Prosecution barristers played by Samantha (L6, C), Milla (L6, C), Ieva (L6, Aby), Oscar (L6, T) put forward a very persuasive case with the help of Mia (L6, Aby) and Bianca (Vths, Aby) as witnesses.



However, after lots of forceful and insightful cross-examinations, the Defence team managed to persuade the jury to reach a 'not guilty' verdict.

Special mention should go to the winning barristers Max (U6, Th), Nikita (L6, Th), Lennart (L6, E), Isla (L6, Alb) and Eric (L6, Th) as well as their supporting solicitors: Angèle (R, Alb), Hannah (L6, Alb), and Stella (L6, L). Isabelle (L6, Alb) also gave a comedic performance as the head of the local neighbourhood watch!

Thanks to the Law Society Presidents: Alex (U6, Tr) Alicia (U6, H), Vice-Presidents: Jake (U6, E) and Olivia (U6, H) and the rest of the Executive Team: Greta (U6, L), Lola (U6, L), Minh (U6, C), Issy (U6, H), Issy (U6, Alb) and Maya (U6, Alb).

Talented Pianist Shines at Wales International Piano Festival

Lower Sixth pupil Joseph recently represented Haileybury at the prestigious **Wales International Piano Festival,** taking part in the **Junior Solo Piano Competition** for talented musicians born after 1 September 2007. After impressing the judges with his initial recording, Joseph earned a place in the preliminary round, performing alongside 17 other highly skilled competitors.

His programme showcased his versatility and skill, featuring Chopin's *Etudes Op. 10 Nos. 3* and *12*, Bach's *Two-Part Invention No. 4*, and the third movement of Beethoven's *Sonata No. 17.* Although he did not progress to the final, Joseph's performance at such a renowned international event is a remarkable achievement and a proud milestone in his musical journey.

FLASH SALE

Schoolblazer Uniform

Schoolblazer will be running a flash sale from **Monday 24** to **Tuesday 25** November 2025.

There will be **a third off all in-stock items** online at schoolblazer.com during the sale period, while stocks last.

Coming Up

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 November
- **Exeat Weekend**

Monday 24 November
- **Removes Art Exhibition, *6 pm, SciTech Atrium***

Thursday 27 - Saturday 29 November
- **Senior School Drama Production:**
  The Crucible, *Ayckbourn Theatre*

Tuesday 24 November - Wednesday 10 December
- **Community Action Volunteering:**
  Over 16 days, pupils will take part in activism efforts to promote the Red Heart campaign and raise awareness of violence experienced by women and girls.

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