

HAILEYBURY NEWS

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From the Master

Haileybury's story is written by every person who has served, supported and attended the School since we opened our doors in 1862. Pupils, members of staff, parents, Governors and all those who have given of their time and expertise have added in their own way to our history and contributed to the success we enjoy today.

I have the pleasure of meeting an enormously wide range of people who have a relationship with the School. For some, the link is immediate and direct, for others it may be more historic and perhaps a little looser. Whatever the case, my consistent observation is how much everyone cares about Haileybury; there is a strong desire to see the School thrive.

Whether supporting House Music in Big School tomorrow night or remembering those who have fallen in service when we gather in Chapel on Sunday morning, we celebrate, remember and respect everything that each member of our community does, and has done in the past, to make Haileybury the great school that it is.

With my best wishes,



The Great AI Reinvention

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a fantastic evening at **The Great AI Reinvention** talk. Our panellists included Tara Button (Alban's, 2000), Nathan Connolly (Bartle Frere, 2002), Louise Holden (current parent) and Bruce Pannaman (Thomason, 2007), with the evening hosted by our very own Mr Tom Wade.

The panel explored real-world examples of artificial intelligence in action, discussed the opportunities and challenges that emerging technologies present, and shared valuable advice for pupils and alumni navigating an evolving job market.

Through inspiring stories, expert insights, and thought-provoking discussion, the event brought together members of our community to reflect on one of the most significant topics of our time.

A huge thank you to our brilliant panellists and to Tom Wade for making the evening such a success. This event marks the first in our new series of Haileybury Connect Thought Leadership Talks, and we look forward to sharing other engaging topics in the future.

Haileybury Parents Celebrate in Style at the Masquerade Ball

The **Haileybury Parents Association Masquerade Ball** was a spectacular success! Held on Halloween night in Big School, over 130 parents were treated to a sparkling champagne reception before sitting down to a delicious three-course dinner. The evening was filled with laughter, conversation and the joy of reconnecting with friends, and making new ones.

After dinner, the celebrations continued as everyone danced the night away to the fantastic sounds of the critically acclaimed band 'Great Scott'.

A huge thank you to the organisers for creating such a memorable evening. It was a truly wonderful occasion that brought our Haileybury community together in style.





Sixth Form Expedition to Nepal

Over half-term, 22 Sixth Formers embarked on an extraordinary expedition to Nepal. After arriving in the lively city of Kathmandu, where clear skies offered a rare glimpse of the Himalayas, the group set out on a six-day trek culminating in a sunrise ascent of Pikey Peak at 4,066m, with stunning views of Everest.

The trek took them through forests, mountain passes and terraced farmland, staying in small teahouses and experiencing the warmth and hospitality of local communities. They gained insight into rural life, where people live simply and sustainably despite challenging conditions.

A highlight of the trip was visiting Shree Garma School, where pupils enjoyed generous hospitality from students who returned during their holidays to welcome them. They shared a presentation about Haileybury, joined in dancing and games, and forged lasting friendships.

The group also explored Kathmandu's temples and markets, learning about Buddhism, Hinduism and Nepal's fascinating culture. The expedition was both physically demanding and profoundly rewarding, offering unforgettable memories and insight into life in a very different world.

Exploring the Land of Ice and Fire

Our Middles geographers travelled to Iceland for an unforgettable adventure.

Exploring Reykjavik, the Reykjanes Peninsula, the Golden Circle, South Coast and hiking to the Sólheimajökull glacier gave pupils first-hand insight into the stunning landscapes and unique culture of the land of fire and ice.

From standing on two continents at once to walking behind icy waterfalls, swimming in the Secret Lagoon and witnessing lava flow, every day was filled with incredible moments of awe and discovery.



Our swimming squad travelled to Lanzarote for a training camp combining hard work and team bonding in the sunshine. The group completed more than 12.5 kilometres in an Olympic-sized pool, honing their skills under clear blue skies.

Beyond the lanes, pupils explored the island's striking volcanic landscapes during a visit to Timanfaya National Park and even enjoyed a camel ride. A relaxing beach day and free time in Costa Teguse offered the perfect balance to their intensive training schedule, making for a memorable and rewarding experience for all involved.



Sun, Sea and Swim Training in Lanzarote



Haileybury Connections

During the recent half-term break, The Master had the pleasure of welcoming prospective families, current parents, pupils and alumni to our special events in Munich and Milan. It was truly inspiring to witness our vibrant Haileybury community come together, reconnecting across generations, sharing stories and celebrating the shared experiences that make our network so extraordinary.

These gatherings provided a wonderful opportunity for new families to experience the warmth and spirit of the Haileybury community, while also allowing longstanding members to strengthen friendships and professional connections. From lively conversations to heartfelt reflections on school life, the evenings were a testament to the enduring bonds at Haileybury.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who attended, contributed and helped make these events so engaging and enjoyable.

International Universities Fair

On Monday, Haileybury hosted an **International Universities Fair**. Pupils across the School were able to meet and speak to representatives from top universities worldwide, including IED (Istituto Europeo di Design, Spain), the University of San Francisco (USA), ESCP (Spain), Forward College (USA and Europe), University of Galway (Ireland), The American University of Paris (France), SCAD (USA), and Trinity College Dublin (Ireland). Pupils came well prepared with thoughtful questions and areas of interest, making the most of this valuable opportunity. They left inspired and enthusiastic to continue exploring the wide range of options available to them.



Celebrating Rackets at Queen's Club

Last night, parents, alumni and pupils came together at the historic Queen's Club to celebrate the enduring spirit of Rackets at Haileybury. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of our players, past and present and to reflect on the camaraderie, tradition and excellence that define the sport.

It was a memorable celebration of the Haileybury Rackets community and the values that continue to inspire our players today.

High Performance Netball



During the first half of term, our **High Performance Netball** shooters enjoyed weekly specialist sessions with former England and current London Mavericks player, **George Fisher**. The girls gained invaluable technical insights and thoroughly enjoyed developing their skills under her expert guidance.

Coming Up

Saturday 8 November

- Official opening of the Outdoor Education Centre, 12 pm, Hailey Wood
- House Music, 8 pm, Big School followed by Fireworks on Terrace, 9.45 pm

Sunday 9 November

- Remembrance Service, 10.30 am, Chapel

Monday 10 November

- Italian Society Careers Webinar: Mr Alberto Cirillo, Head of Private Wealth Management at Goldman Sachs Italy, 5.30 pm, Science Lecture Theatre

Tuesday 11 November

- Whole School Armistice Day Service in Quad, 10.50 am
- U15A Hockey Girls Away Cup V Sevenoaks, 3 pm, Sevenoaks
- Swimming League Gala, 5 pm
- Haileybury Lecture: Professor Michael Collins, Windrush Cricket: Imperial Culture, Caribbean Migration, and the Remaking of Postwar England, 7.30 pm, Attlee Room

Thursday 13 November

- Soundbites, 1.40 pm, Music Atrium

Friday 14 November

- Jazz & Pop Concert, 7.30 pm, Bradby Hall

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