

HAILEYBURY NEWS

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From the Master

The Chair of Council today announced the creation of the Haileybury Association and I hope that you have been able to read his letter.

The Haileybury Association will offer Old Haileyburians the opportunity to remain connected to the School and strengthen ties and build friendships with each other wherever they are in the world. However, it will also enable teachers, staff, volunteers and friends of the School to keep in touch with one another and with Haileybury.

Haileybury's success is built on a mighty team effort and we believe that everyone in that team should be able to remain connected to the School long after school days are over.

One of our key priorities in 'Haileybury 2030' is to 'strengthen our relationship with domestic and international alumni and all those who have enjoyed their association with Haileybury.' The Haileybury Association will enable us to realise this ambition and I am excited about its future.

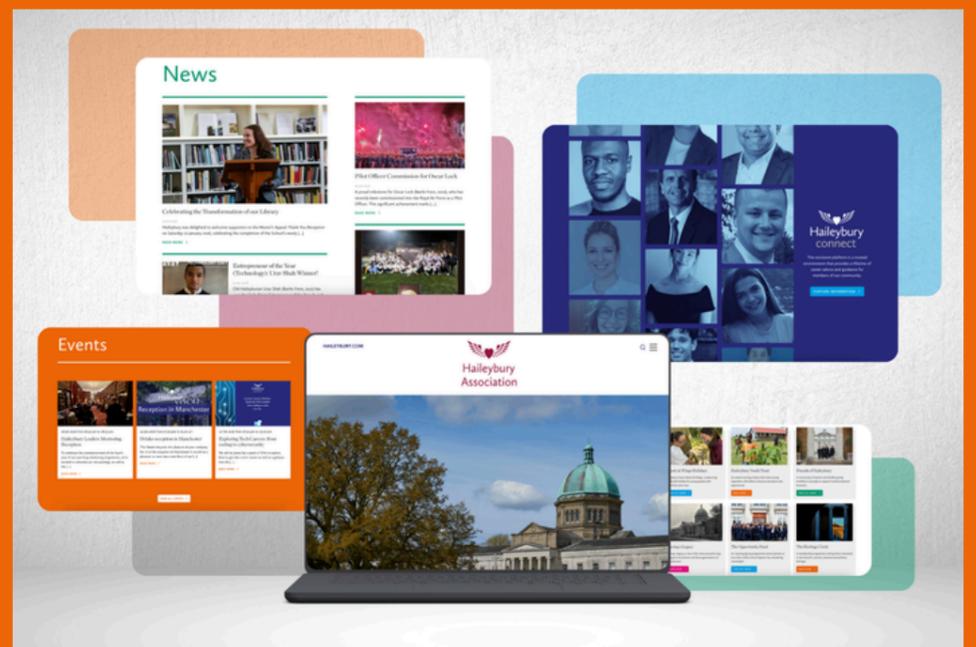
With my thanks for your support and best wishes for the weekend.

Eugene du Toit

Haileybury Association Launch

Today, Haileybury proudly launches the Haileybury Association, uniting everyone with a lifelong connection to the School - alumni, parents, staff, Governors and friends.

Our community's strength has always defined Haileybury. The Association ensures alumni, parents, staff, Governors and friends remain connected to Haileybury and each other - during school years and beyond. Everyone automatically gains lifelong membership through their School connection, unlocking a global network for shared experiences, friendships, exclusive events and worldwide connections. Haileybury Connect remains a core part of the Association offering tailored professional networking, mentoring and career support.



As pupils leave the School, they seamlessly join parents and the wider Haileybury community, continuing to benefit from these opportunities throughout every stage of life. The Association will organise reunions and events both in the UK and abroad, celebrate inspiring achievements, and provide updates on gatherings and networking opportunities—all shared through a dedicated website and social channels.

Reconnect, expand networks or support the School. Visit the [new website](#) today to learn more and get involved.

On Tuesday, our **Lower School 1 pupils** set out on an inspiring visit to three places of worship in Luton, bringing their “**Places of Worship**” topic to life. Undeterred by the rain, they explored the beauty and traditions of Islam, Christianity and Sikhism through hands-on experiences and thoughtful conversations.

At the **Luton Central Mosque**, pupils learned about Islamic worship and architecture, with the Imam warmly answering their many questions. **St Mary’s Church** then offered a fascinating step back through 900 years of history, highlighting contrasts in faith and design. Finally, at the **Guru Nanak Gurdwara**, pupils discovered more about the Sikh faith and were privileged to see the Guru Granth Sahib. They had previously learned that this Holy Book is not just a text, but is respected as a “Living Guru.”

The day was filled with curiosity, respect and reflection. It was a memorable journey celebrating the diversity and unity of different faiths.

Journey Through Faith and Culture



Celebrating the Transformation of our Library



Haileybury was delighted to welcome supporters to the **Master’s Appeal Thank You Reception** on Saturday, celebrating the completion of the School’s newly refurbished Library.

The reception provided an opportunity to thank donors and supporters whose generosity made the project possible, to unveil the supporter board and to explore the Library’s renewed facilities. The refurbishment marks a significant investment in a space at the heart of academic life at Haileybury, designed to inspire curiosity, reflection and a love of learning for generations to come.

Guests were also treated to a thought-provoking address from Haileybury alumna Tara Button (Alban’s, 2000), founder of sustainability platform *BuyMeOnce* and author of *A Life Less Throwaway*. Drawing on her own experiences as a pupil, Tara reflected on the formative role the Library played in shaping her journey as a writer, entrepreneur and advocate for the circular economy.

Haileybury is enormously grateful to all who supported the Master’s Appeal and helped make this landmark project a reality.

LAMDA Showcase Shines a Light on Talent

This week’s **LAMDA Showcase** celebrated pupils’ creativity, confidence and growing performance skills. The evening featured Lower and Senior School performances, offering parents and staff a fascinating insight into the LAMDA journey and pupils’ preparation for upcoming exams.

Lower School pupils performed *Bright Young Things* by Georgia Christou, exploring themes of pressure, power and friendship through clever ensemble work and expressive storytelling. Senior School performers impressed with a diverse range of scenes from *We’ll Meet Again*, *2:22 – A Ghost Story*, *Macbeth*, *Witness for the Prosecution*, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*, showcasing both emotional depth and comic timing.

Participation in LAMDA has quadrupled in four years, with 185 pupils now enrolled. A huge well done to all our performers on an outstanding evening of talent and teamwork.



Colvin: Community and Plenty of Fun

Life in **Colvin House** has been buzzing with energy and togetherness as pupils have embraced the many social highlights of House life. Our Upper Sixth girls thoroughly enjoyed a glamorous **dining society evening** with the Thomason boys, our brother House, dressing up in their finest outfits and delighting one another with delicious home-cooked dishes.

Closer to home, Mrs Alway has been warmly hosting our **House family groups** for afternoon teas and pizza lunches, creating relaxed and welcoming opportunities for pupils across year groups to connect and get to know one another better. After chilly sports afternoons, Matron's **indulgent hot chocolates** have been a much-loved treat, bringing the girls together to unwind and warm up at the end of the day.

We also rounded off last term with a **fantastic programme of House nights**, featuring fire pits and food, a House music retrospective, a glow party and, of course, the much-anticipated **gingerbread-making competition** in the run-up to Christmas. **It has been a joyful and memorable time, full of laughter, friendship and House spirit.**



A Strong National Performance from Jasmyn



Congratulations to Jasmyn (Middles), who travelled to South Shields last weekend to compete in the **British National Cyclocross Championships**. Jasmyn showcased outstanding determination, composure and racing intelligence as she powered her way through the field to secure a top-fifteen finish in her age group.

Competing against some of the strongest young riders in the country, this was an impressive performance and a valuable national-level experience. Jasmyn now turns her attention to preparing for the upcoming National Mountain Bike Championships and we wish her every success as she continues her exciting sporting journey.



This term, three Haileybury Lower Sixth pupils are spending an unforgettable few months in South Africa as part of a **cricket exchange programme**. James (BF) is attending Wynberg Boys' High School, Benji (Tr) is at SACS, and Will (K) is studying at Somerset College, all based in Cape Town.

Alongside their academic studies, the boys are fully immersed in the South African cricket season, embracing every opportunity to experience the country's vibrant sporting culture and high-level competition. Last week, all three proudly represented their respective schools at the **Peninsula Cricket Festival**, relishing the chance to challenge themselves against strong opposition from across the region.

We look forward to hearing more about their adventures and the fresh insights and inspiration they will bring back to Haileybury.

Cricket Exchange in Cape Town



Coming Up

Saturday 17 January - In Weekend

- Wycombe Abbey MUN Conference, all day, *Wycombe Abbey*
- The Winter Ball, *Big School*

Monday 19 January

- Prep and Primary Discovery Day- Choral Competition, all day, *Chapel*

Tuesday 20 January

- Haileybury Lecture: Professor Viktor Mayer-Schonberger, 7.30 pm, *Attlee Room*

Thursday 22 January

- Sixth Form Art pupils visit to the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery, all day, *London*
- Handel's Messiah performed by Haileybury Chorus, Schola Cantorum and Concert Orchestra, 7.00 pm, *Chapel*