

HAILEYBURY

NEWS

13 February 2026



From the Master

It has been an excellent run-up to the end of this first half of term. We were treated to a spectacular production of 'Legally Blonde' and what a wonderful display of enthusiasm, talent and infectious energy it was. We are hugely grateful to everyone involved for the joy this delightful show brought us during what has been a particularly wet and grey start to the year.

The exhibition of Sixth Form and Fifths art on Thursday evening showed just how creative and talented our pupils are. Those pieces being submitted as part of external assessments were supported by a 'story board' which offered the viewer context and understanding of each artistic journey. We wish our pupils the best of luck as they progress towards their examination outcomes.

Finally, it was a delight to meet Old Haileyburians and parents in Cambridge last night at a Haileybury Association event. The Association is intended to foster a strong sense of belonging and connection across the Haileybury community and it is always a pleasure to spend time with all those who hold dear their relationship with the School.

What a week, then, and how timely the arrival of the half-term break.

With my best wishes to you all,

Art Exhibition Showcases Pupils' Talent



Last night, parents and staff gathered in SciTech for a captivating exhibition celebrating the creativity and commitment of our young artists. **The Sixth Form and Fifths Art Exhibition** offered a vibrant display of work, highlighting both technical skill and imaginative expression.

Upper Sixth and Fifths pupils presented their A level and GCSE coursework, impressing visitors with the depth and individuality of their projects. From striking paintings and intricate prints to sculptural pieces and mixed-media work, the exhibition reflected an inspiring range of themes, techniques and personal voices.

The Lower Sixth cohort also took the opportunity to showcase the outcomes of their recent skills development phase. Their displayed work offered a fascinating glimpse into their growing mastery of different media, as well as the creative preparation underpinning the personal choice projects they have just begun to explore.

The evening reflected not only the pupils' artistic achievements but also the supportive and encouraging atmosphere that defines the Art Department. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the pupils' dedication, creativity and progress, and an inspiring reminder of the exceptional talent within our school community.

Legally Blonde Lights Up the Stage

Our recent production of **Legally Blonde** was an absolute triumph — a dazzling celebration of talent, teamwork and sheer determination! After months of rehearsals, choreography and learning the script, the curtain went up on performances bursting with confidence, humour and infectious energy.

Huge congratulations to our incredible cast, musicians and backstage crew. From standout solos to lightning-fast set changes, their commitment and professionalism ensured that every show sparkled from start to finish.

A special thank you goes to Mr Thomas, whose creativity and direction brought this fabulous production to life with such flair and heart.

More than just a brilliantly entertaining show, Legally Blonde was a joyful reminder that staying true to yourself never goes out of style.



What's happened this week with the Haileybury Association

On Tuesday, our *Connect Careers Webinar: Exploring Tech Careers – from coding to cybersecurity* brought together James Battersby (Edmonstone, 2002) and Syukie Zhang (Colvin, 2016), who shared with pupils honest insights into their journeys through the tech industry.

They emphasised that there's no single route into technology - success comes from core skills in problem-solving, communication and curiosity. Pupils were encouraged to build and showcase their work, explore roles from software engineering to fintech, and use every opportunity to connect through LinkedIn, referrals and industry events. A huge thank you to Syukie and James for their inspiring advice and to everyone who joined the discussion.

You can access the full recording via [Haileybury Connect](#).

Alumni news this week:

- Former exchange pupil, Michael Levitt (Lawrence, 2020) featured in the opening game of men's cricket T20 World Cup in Sri Lanka. Michael hit the tournament's first four and scored runs for the Netherlands in a close but losing contest against Pakistan.



Members of the Haileybury Association enjoyed a wonderful evening at our recent Drinks Reception in Cambridge.

Guests were warmly welcomed by the Master and MrHead, who shared updates from the School and reflections on the year ahead. It was a delightful opportunity for alumni, parents and friends to reconnect, share memories and strengthen the Haileybury network in such a vibrant setting. Thank you to all who attended.

Upcoming events:

- 10 March: U6 Professional Headshots
- 10 March: CV Writing Workshop
- 16 April: Haileybury Schola Cantorum at Westminster Abbey

Visit www.haileyburyassociation.com to explore these stories in more detail, find out what's new and how you can take part.



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Netball and Rugby Squads on a Roll

Haileybury's sports teams continue to impress on the national stage, with both the U16 netball and U18 rugby squads celebrating outstanding victories.

The **U16 netball girls** are in fine form, their well-grooved combinations coming to life on the court in impressive style. Their fluid and confident play carried them through to the last eight of the Sisters n Sport Cup, following a superb 45–21 win against St Helen & St Katharine in a thrilling encounter.



Meanwhile, the **U18 Sevens rugby** team built on their excellent performance from the Easter Series with another strong showing at the Habs Sevens. The boys defeated several strong sides, including Mill Hill, before securing a convincing win against Brighton College in the final. Sam (U6) delivered a standout performance, crossing the line multiple times with dazzling footwork and electric acceleration.

Lawrence Galentine's Evening Celebration

This week we were delighted to celebrate a very special Galentine's Evening, bringing together girls from all year groups to honour friendship, kindness and the strength of our community.

The Removes, Middles and Fifts gathered for a lively and joyful evening filled with laughter, conversation and the opportunity to connect across year groups. It was wonderful to see new friendships forming, older girls welcoming younger pupils, and existing bonds growing even stronger. The atmosphere was warm, inclusive and full of positivity - a true reflection of the Lawrence spirit.

The celebrations continued for the Sixth Form girls, who enjoyed a glass of prosecco and delicious chocolates. This provided a relaxed and elegant setting to reflect on the friendships that have shaped their school journey and to celebrate the supportive networks they have built as they look ahead to the future.

Friendship plays a vital role in school life. Strong, positive relationships not only bring joy and laughter, but also provide encouragement during challenges, build confidence and foster a sense of belonging. Taking the time to celebrate friendship reminds us that kindness, empathy and mutual support are at the heart of a thriving community. Events such as Galentine's give our pupils the opportunity to appreciate one another, to express gratitude, and to strengthen the connections that enrich daily life at school.

It was a truly uplifting evening and a wonderful reminder that the friendships formed in Lawrence are among the most lasting and meaningful experiences of school life. We are proud of the caring, inclusive culture our girls continue to nurture and celebrate.



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Musician of the Year 2026

The Final

Thursday 26 February
7.30 pm Bradby Hall



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Coming Up

Friday 13 to Monday 16 February

- St Andrews International MUN Conference

Friday 13 to Sunday 22 February

- U14 & U15 Boys Cricket Tour to South Africa

Saturday 14 to Tuesday 17 February

- Spanish Department Trip to Madrid

Sunday 15 February

- Fr Matthew Austin, Chaplain of Haileybury preaching at the Main Sung Eucharist, 11.15 am, St Paul's Cathedral, London

Sunday 22 February

- Boarders return between 6.00 pm and 8.30 pm

Monday 23 February

- Day pupils return by 8.10 am

Wednesday 25 February

- Eucharist for Ash Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Chapel

Thursday 26 February

- Drama Trip- Hadestown, London
- Haileybury Musician of the Year Final, 7.30 pm, Bradby Hall