

HAILEYBURY

NEWS

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From the Master

It has been an excellent start to the term. Induction Day saw new and Removes pupils settling into Houses and I was impressed by how composed everyone was while navigating new settings and procedures.

There is a purposeful enthusiasm about the place, and that is just as it should be. The range of opportunities available at Haileybury is remarkable and we want pupils of all ages to have the confidence to make the most of the activities on offer.

We know that a new academic year can bring as many questions for parents as it might for pupils – regardless of whether you know the School or not. Please don't hesitate to contact your Housemaster or Housemistress, or the Head of Lower School, if you have any queries or concerns.

The In-Weekend is full of fun events and it would be lovely to see you in Chapel on Sunday morning if you are able to join us.

With my best wishes,

Welcoming our new Haileyburians!

Wednesday marked a thrilling milestone as we opened our doors to our newest pupils and their families. Following welcome talks from key staff, our new Haileyburians jumped straight into an afternoon of high-energy team-building activities, setting a fantastic tone for the term ahead.



We are so excited for our new pupils to embark on their Haileybury journey. Whether excelling in the classroom, diving into our vast co-curricular programme, or forging lifelong friendships, we know they are going to enjoy extraordinary experiences.

A huge, warm welcome to the Haileybury community.

Back to School

On Thursday, our campus returned to full energy as all of our pupils made their long-awaited return.



From warm reunions outside the boarding houses to the effortless shift back into lively classroom debates and afternoon training, the campus instantly sprang to life. It was wonderful to see pupils catching up on summer adventures and readying themselves for the busy term ahead.

Whether stepping into a new year group, stepping up as College Prefects, or simply settling back into the familiar rhythm of school life, our returning pupils bring the pulse and spirit that make Haileybury such a special place.

We were delighted to also welcome our newest cohort of teachers to the School.

Here's to another remarkable academic year together!





Rugby Pre-Season Highlights

Pupils across all year groups returned early this term to sharpen their skills and fitness ahead of the new season. Player development remains our top priority, with our coaches focused on helping every player improve, challenge themselves and, above all, enjoy their rugby.

We are also delighted to introduce three new additions to our rugby coaching team. **Toby Ferguson** joins us from the University of Exeter; **George Brandt**, last year's 1st XV Captain, returns as a coach; and **Luca Fahy**, former Saracens professional, will be with us for the term.

In other rugby news, several pupils were also involved in representative and academy rugby over the summer. **Nick (L6, Thomason)** made a fantastic U18 Academy League debut for Saracens; **Will (L6, Thomason)** headed to South Africa on an exchange with Bishops Diocesan College; **OH Fraser Rawlins** represented England U20s in summer fixtures against Italy and Leicester Tigers U23s before resuming pre-season with Saracens' senior squad. There is plenty to look forward to this term, including a new round-robin touch rugby festival, and a busy schedule of thrilling fixtures.

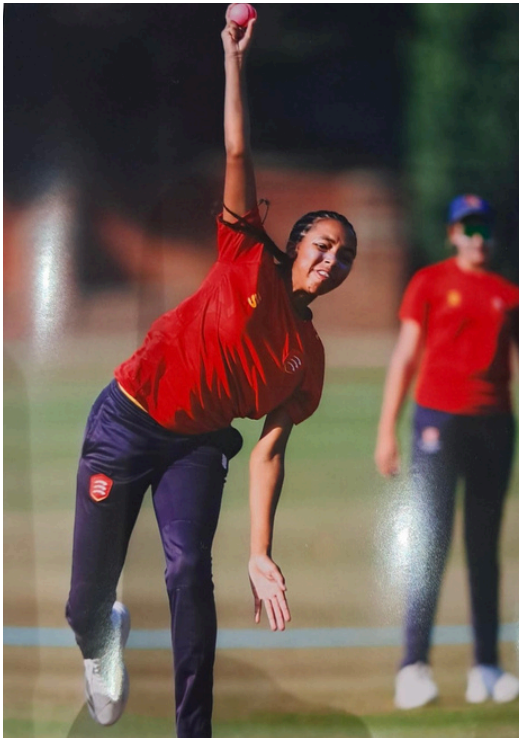
County Success for Gracie

A huge congratulations to Gracie (Removes, Colvin) on a standout summer of county-level athletics and cricket.

In early August, Gracie was selected to represent the Essex U14 Girls in javelin at the Don Turner Inter-County Match. She delivered a brilliant performance, taking 3rd place overall and setting a superb personal best with a throw of 31.32m.

Gracie's sporting success continued on the cricket pitch, where she was selected for the Essex U13 Girls' county squad. The team headed to Rugby School for the prestigious Rugby School Cricket Festival, competing against top county talent from across the country.

Well done, Gracie.



Girls' Hockey

Our girls' hockey programme also kicked off the term in style with a fantastic pre-season turnout of over 65 players, ranging from U13s all the way to the U18s.

It was a busy and rewarding stretch of fixtures across the age groups.

The U15A travelled to the prestigious Rugby School Pre-Season Festival, putting in a series of gritty performances to win half of their matches.

Meanwhile the 1st XI tested themselves against tough opposition in two friendly matches against adult club teams. They earned an impressive 2–2 draw against St Albans HC, with goals from **Ellie (L6, Hailey)** and **Florrie (L6, Colvin)**, followed by a decisive 3–1 victory over Broxbourne HC thanks to strikes from **Elise (Middles, Allenby)**, **Cate (U6, Lawrence)** and **Florrie (L6, Colvin)**.

It's been a hugely encouraging start for the whole squad. Well done to everyone involved and good luck for the season ahead.



Netball

Last but not least, our netballers enjoyed three fantastic days of pre-season training, setting a high standard for the term ahead.

Pupils from across all year groups jumped straight into intensive sessions focused on core fundamentals and high-level play, including strength and fitness conditioning, sharp attacking skill, precise body positioning and ball-winning in defence. They also challenged themselves by putting tactical adjustments straight into practice during match scenarios.

Meanwhile, our new senior squad headed out to the Hurst Tournament for a brilliant early test. Competing against strong opposition, including Hurst, Wrekin, Brighton and Barking Abbey, gave the squad invaluable match experience and allowed coaches to test out new court combinations.

It has been a hugely positive start to the season, with players working hard, strengthening team bonds and bringing fantastic energy to every session.



Hearts & Wings Holiday

For the fourth year, Haileybury was delighted to open its doors for the Hearts & Wings summer holiday.



Run in partnership with Green Frog Holidays, this incredible initiative welcomed 25 young people (aged 10–18) with disabilities for an unforgettable week. Our holidaymakers made full use of Haileybury’s facilities, diving into an action-packed lineup of fun activities, creative workshops and exciting day trips.

Central to the week’s success was our team of **dedicated Haileybury pupil volunteers**. Fully trained and brimming with enthusiasm, they provided one-on-one support, ensuring every guest felt included, celebrated and right at home.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this week so special - it remains one of the proudest highlights of our school calendar.

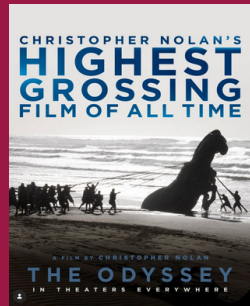
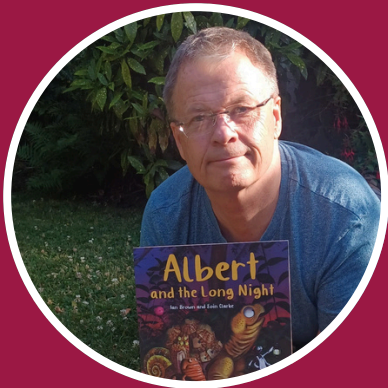
Alumni News



Congratulations to **Jacob Lock (Bartle Frere, 2021)** who officially commissioned out of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Royal Regiment of Artillery. Read more [here](#).

Ian Brown (Allenby, 1982) has released the tenth book in the beloved 'Albert the Tortoise' series. Find out more [here](#).

Andrew Neal (Trevelyan, 2018) scored a one day century for Hampshire against Derbyshire.



Christopher Nolan (Melvill, 1989) has released his new film The Odyssey to overwhelmingly positive reviews.

Upcoming Events

- Foundation Day - 6 September
- Entrepreneurs and Start-ups webinar - 22 September
- Hong Kong Drinks Reception - 9 October
- Class of 2016: 10 year reunion - 10 October

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

Coming Up

Saturday 5 September

- In-Weekend BBQ and Garden Games (R, M, V) - 6.45 pm, *Terrace*
- In-Weekend Sixth Form Black Tie Dinner - 7.30 pm, *Dining Hall*

Sunday 6 September

- In-Weekend Chapel Service - 10.00 am, *Chapel*
- Foundation Day - 11.00 am, *Chapel and then Sports Pitches and Pavilion*

Wednesday 9 September

- Activities Fair - 4.15 pm, *SciTech*

Friday 11 September

- Removes Quiz and BBQ - 5.30 pm, *Big School*
- Spotlight Recital - 5.30 pm, *Music School*



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