

**Weekly bulletin for students of Hayesfield Girls' School,  
their parents, guardians and families**



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Week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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**Week A**

From the Headteacher:

**Year 10 HPV programme**

It has been confirmed on the news today the post mortem carried out following the sad death of a 14 year old girl in the Coventry area, who was taken ill at school shortly after receiving the HPV vaccine, was the result of a serious medical condition and is not linked to the vaccine. Please refer to our website for correspondence from the Director of Public Health.

**Year 7 Camp**

We understand that the Year 7 students have really enjoyed their Camp and the fantastic weather has contributed enormously to its success. The camp is an important time for the girls to get to know each other both within their tutor group and the whole year group. I would like to thank Mrs White, Mrs Young and all the staff who organised and attended the camp and made it such an enjoyable and positive experience for the students.

**Extended Learning**

We have co-ordinated extended learning and holiday activities for parents and students with our partner school. You will notice that Karen Nye, Extended Services Co-ordinator, regularly contributes to this Bulletin, but do take a look at the wealth of opportunities available across Bath. These can be accessed via the website through the Parents or Students tab and by clicking in the Community link.

Erica Draisey

**Assemblies:**

Monday:	Year 8 – Mrs Brown
	Year 11 – Mrs Beasley
Tuesday:	Year 12 and 13 – Mr Taylor
Wednesday:	Year 7 and 8 – Mr Taylor
Thursday:	Year 10 and 11 – Mr Taylor
Friday:	Year 9 – Mr Taylor

**Forthcoming Calendar Events:**

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Years 11 and 13 Spanish Trip
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Year 12 Bathematician
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Year 10 Parents' Information Evening, 7.00pm, Upper School
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Full Governors' Meeting, 7.00pm, Upper School
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Year 11 Visit to Oxford Brookes University
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Saturday Detention, 9.00 – 11.00am, IT3 Upper School
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Years 11 and 13 French Trip
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Governors' Resources Meeting, 5.00pm, Lower School
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Governors' Curriculum Meeting, 5.00pm, Lower School
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Years 12 and 13 Senior Maths Challenge

## **Clubs**

Unfortunately, there will be no afternoon Self Study and Independent Learning Club on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October due to staff being involved in training. Miss Chappell, Learning Support

## **School Photographs**

In the next few days, students will be bringing home their photographs which were taken on the first day of term. If you wish to order these photos, your order needs to be returned to the School Offices by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We are unable to accept any orders after this date; you will need to send them direct to the photographers and will incur late charges.

## **Calling All Parents!**

I would like to have some Hayesfield Girls' School Mugs made for Parents' Evenings, concerts, Open Days etc. If there are any parents who have contacts in the mug trade or printing trade that may be able to offer some help, would you kindly send an email for my attention to the following address:

[information@hayesfield.com](mailto:information@hayesfield.com) Many thanks in anticipation. Mrs Cleveland

## **Berlin Exchange 2009**

An enormous thank you to all Hayesfield students and families who hosted German exchange partners on their recent ten day visit. The hospitality of all involved and endeavours to forge international friendships through contact since our visit in March this year has been key to the success of the 2009 programme. An extra special mention must go to Gabi Wilton in Year 11, whose commitment to the exchange has been truly outstanding. Frau Shail

## **Bathematician 2009**

Hayesfield are proud to host the third annual Sixth Form Mathematics event 'Bathematician'. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, over 100 A Level Mathematics students from a number of state and private schools will be utilising every ounce of their grey matter to become 'Young Bathematician of the Year'. Our Year 12 Mathematicians are always firm favourites for the prize and we wish them well. Mr Bent

## **Books For Schools**

Many thanks to all those who collected tokens from The Times and Sunday Times last year, which enabled us to obtain new fiction for both Libraries. The scheme is continuing this term so please collect as many tokens as you can. Boxes for tokens are in both School Libraries. Mrs Atkins

## **Science Department Weekly Quiz for Students**

The question last week was: *'Why do our eyes blink closed when we sneeze?'*

The best answer was from Hannah Appleby-Matthews, 8AP, who can collect her prize from the Science Prep Room in Lower School. Well done Hannah.

Hannah wrote: *'When you sneeze it is to get rid of unwanted things in the nasal passages and in order for this to work, your body forces air through the sinuses. If your eyes were left open they would be pushed out by the up coming air.'*

Mr Bell says: *'Interestingly, no one seems to have a definitive answer for this question. It is a reflex action and most people do blink when they sneeze but some people don't, which means that we either have a lot of people in the general population minus their eyeballs or there is another explanation.'*

This weeks question is: *'If you are not colour blind, do you see colours exactly the same as everyone else?'*

Your answers may be funny, accurate or inventive. The best answer, as decided by the judges (staff in the Science Department), will be awarded a prize. Email your answer to [a.bell@hayesfield.com](mailto:a.bell@hayesfield.com) by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. Good luck.

## **Malorie Blackman and Grace Dent Live in at the Guildhall Bath**

*'I didn't expect her to be so bubbly because she writes about sad things'* – Year 8

*'It's really good to see someone in the flesh that you admire'* – Year 10

Malorie must have liked the reception she got on the opening night of the Children's Literature Festival – she told us she thought we had mistaken her for Beyonce Knowles. *'Lively, friendly, good and honest about how she writes, in person she was even 'better than I expected'* – Year 9.

Last Sunday, Years 8 and 9 were back at the Guildhall to hear Grace Dent, author of 'Diary of a Chav' and 'Diary of a Snob'. We loved hearing how Poor Little Rich Girl coped (badly) with her first ever visit to McDonald's - they don't have a roped off celebrity area. Thanks to Sixth Form helpers who came along and to the writers for putting up with our autograph and photo requests. Roll on next year!  
Mrs Bryden

### **Year 12 Cambridge Trip**



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, nine Year 12 Hayesfield students went on an overnight trip to Cambridge University, along with students from other schools across B&NES. After a long coach journey, we arrived in the beautiful city where we were let loose to explore, with maps for guidance. Many of us attempted to see as many colleges as possible, traipsing round the city and charming the various porters to let us in free as 'prospective students', before gaping at the impressive quads, deer parks and general scenery. Others punted down the river Cam, and surprisingly came back looking fairly dry!

Having our very own student rooms for the night was far too exciting, even though they were slightly chilly to say the least. After a great night's sleep, we awoke for a hearty breakfast followed by some challenging talks from various fellows of Trinity Hall College and lots of advice on the application process. We decided, after our lunch, that it was debatable as to whether the food beat the Buttery of University College Oxford from last year's trip, but it was nice all the same.

After a final wander about the city, we prepared to head back to Bath after our first Cambridge experience, with the complimentary toiletries with us to prove it. We were impressed without being intimidated by the 'Keep off the grass' signs situated around the city. I think we all decided we wouldn't mind having the lifestyle of a Cambridge undergraduate; even Miss Trueman considered returning to her student years! Rebecca Anstey, Year 12

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September), forty one students – 20 girls and 21 boys (from Beechen Cliff) – went to Dartmoor to practice for their Silver Expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Senior students from BCS were also with us training for their Gold Expedition in France next year.

The weather was very kind but the navigation, walking and wild camping were no less demanding. The students walked in 8 teams of boys and girls achieved all that was asked of them. Congratulations to them all and their aching bodies! They have learnt so much about what is required of them and their kit and realise how much training and fitness is required by next summer's assessment.

A reminder to Lower Sixth students who achieved Silver last summer to hand in their completed books as soon as possible and return their reply slips if they wish to begin training for their Gold D of E.

Thanks go to Miss May, Mrs Robinson, Mr Isaac and Mrs Young for giving up their weekend to train the students.

### **E-Safety Information Evening**

An information evening for parents has been arranged on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Ralph Allen School 7.00 – 8.30pm. Recent advances in technology have meant that children can now access a range of websites, some of which may be inappropriate or may place the child at risk. It is vital that all parents are aware of these dangers, so please attend this e-safety course if you are able.

One area that is currently causing concern nationally is 'sexting'. This is when a young person takes an indecent image and sends it to friends via mobile phones. Once sent, the sender loses control of the image. Possession and distribution of indecent images of a person under 18 is an offence under the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

If you are worried about this, you should talk to your child about the potential risks. More information is available at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk). If you are worried that someone is sending your child indecent images or is engaging with them inappropriately, you can report this by clicking on the CEOP Report button. CEOP is the Child Exploitation and On-line Protection Centre. Karen Nye, Extended Services Co-ordinator