

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

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Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Week B**



**No 16 11/12**

From the Headteacher

Welcome back to the start of the new year.

This is a very busy term. Year 9 will be making their option choices for GCSE and Year 11 and 13 finalising the next step in their careers. There are a number of examinations this month with both Years 11 and 13 preparing for GCSE, AS and A2. We wish them every success

**Youth Life Coaching Event**

We would like to thank Miss Foster for organising an exceptional day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January for students to learn more about Youth Life Coaching.

**Science Accommodation**

I hope to be able to report the progress of this project in next week's Student Bulletin – watch this space!

Erica Draisey

**House Assemblies**

The House system has lots going on this year and we hope you are all ready to try and earn your house points. To start the year off there will be house assemblies starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January and then throughout the week. They will be run by the Heads of House and Student Heads of House and there will be one at Upper and Lower School.

Update on points earned to date:

Shelley 1158  
Pankhurst 1133  
Blackwell 1094  
Fonteyn 1055  
Somerville 977  
Curie 950

**Led by Head of House and Student Head of House**

Upper School Assemblies include House tutor groups Years 9-13

Lower School Assemblies include House tutor groups Years 7 and 8

	Upper Auditorium	Upper Hall	Upper Refectory	Lower Hall	Lower Gym
Mon	FONTEYN	PANKHURST		BLACKWELL	CURIE
Tues			CURIE	SHELLEY	PANKHURST
Weds			SHELLEY	FONTEYN	SOMERVILLE
Thurs		BLACKWELL			
Fri			SOMERVILLE		

## Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Governors' Curriculum Meeting, 5.00pm Upper School
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Saturday Morning Detention, 9.00am – 11.00am Upper School IT1
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Governors' Personnel Meeting, 4.30pm Upper School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Governors' Welfare and Guidance, 4.30pm Upper School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Year 10 Mock Interviews
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Year 7 War Horse Film Trip p4 and 5

## The Wind in the Willows

Tickets will shortly be on sale for *The Wind in the Willows*. Performances are Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7:00pm. We expect to sell out so book early. Booking forms will be issued to all tutors and both reception offices.

Could those students who volunteered to assist with costumes please meet Mr Nelson in the auditorium on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm.

## 'War Horse' Year 7 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

We are delighted to be able to offer a private screening for all Year 7 students at the Little Cinema at 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at the reduced price of £5 each. Students have letters with more details and a permission slip. The deadline for return is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January with payment via Parent Pay.

## The Mid Somerset Festival 2012 – Creative Writing Opportunities

Regular entrant or completely new to Creative Writing? To enter the 2012 competition please find **attached** a list of Classes available. As an example, Year 9 have completed written 'Monologues' and these could be entered. Mrs Twohigg

## International Events - Update for 2012

Happy New Year      Bonne année    Frohes neues Jahr    Feliz año nuevo  
新年快乐 (Xin nian yu kuai)    Felix sit annus novus    ماعدي عيس (Aam saeed)  
Felice anno nuovo    Shuvo noboborsho    Voorspoedige nuwe jaar    Godt NytÅr  
Sun nien fai lok    Gelukkig nieuwjaar    Szczesliwego Nowego Roku  
Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu    Blwyddyn Newydd Dda    С Новым Годом  
Feliz ano novo    Manigong Bagong Taon

2011 saw a range of exciting international events at Hayesfield and there are many more to look forward to in 2012. Only this week Mrs Banks will be launching an enterprise competition for the Sixth Form with a view to raising money for a **toilet twinning** project, hopefully with a school in Burundi.

Selected classes of Year 8 students will continue to work this year on their **e/penpal twinning** projects in languages lessons. These projects aim to enhance students' linguistic and cultural development as part of the curriculum through peer exchange of letters, email, chat on etwinning, skype link and short film. The contact seeks to apply language learning in an authentic written or spoken context, to increase motivation for language learning and communication, to provide extra currency and real life meaning, context and audience and to enhance openness to people of other cultures.

In February a new group of Year 10 and Year 12s from Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff will be off to Germany again on the **Berlin Exchange**. This year is a particularly significant year for the exchange because it will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are very pleased to have so much Year 12 interest in work experience again as well and look forward to the curriculum impact this trip will have. Within the curriculum areas of languages and history, students will directly apply their newly acquired knowledge, research, skills and attitudes and share them with peers and teachers in the form of written and spoken work in German and formal class presentations in History. The exchange trip also aims to develop students' linguistic, cultural and historical awareness through exploration and exchange as well as developing mutual understanding. Many former students have developed lifelong friendships over the years and every year the group in question feed back to subsequent Year 9 and Year 10 groups through assemblies about their experiences, impressions and their impact. The German exchange students are expected to visit Bath in October this year.

March promises to be a very busy month indeed in terms of international activities. A group of Year 10 and Year 12 students will visit the Belgian battlefields on the **Battlefields Trip** to deepen their historical

understanding of WWI. This visit links directly with the GCSE and AS History curriculum and forms an important part of learning about events surrounding WWI. March will see the arrival of the very first **French Exchange** party from Montpellier in Bath. The language skills practised by Year 10 students from Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff in an authentic environment in October last year will be extremely valuable for students in the preparation of their first real Controlled Assessment in French. The linguistic and cultural awareness will take on a new dimension, however, as students will now reciprocate the hospitality they received in France but in their home environment. This year's group will also help to promote this trip for October 2012 through a presentation in Year 9 assembly. March will also see two very important events for two core subjects. **World Maths Day** seeks to promote maths as an international language. Students enter online maths challenges with students in other countries using mymaths website. **World Book Day – Promoting International Literature** kicks off with World Book Day, World Poetry Day and International Children's Book Day and offers collaborative readings from a range of international literature to broaden students' experiences of international literature. Student book groups will focus on a non-British author and International Baccalaureate students will lead readings from a range of international poetry. In English lessons students will research and evaluate the work of a range of international poets and authors. Watch this space for more information on both of these projects. And last but not least in this action packed month is a Sixth Form event where teams of students prepare for participation in a **Model United Nations** competition. The event will take place at Bristol Grammar School and having researched an issue in global politics from the perspective of their allocated nation, students will participate in formal debate on the issues at hand. Please see Mrs Bevan for more information.

In June, in an ongoing LEA-wide project entitled **BSEP China**, a group of Chinese students from Suzhou will visit Bath and stay with host families in the local area. If you are interested in hosting a Chinese student please contact Miss Trueman. The aims of this project are to develop links with the UK and China and to develop a sense of global citizenship through cross-curricular cultural and linguistic exchange. Around this time we will again make our voice heard this year in the **Global Campaign for Education – Send My Friend to School**, calling on world leaders to keep their promise and provide education for all children around the world by 2015. The aims of this project are to raise awareness of the fundamental right to education and the opportunities learning and access to qualifications can bring and the fact that many children are still denied this right, to develop understanding of life on another continent and to enhance student leadership on this topic. If you are interested in getting actively involved in this project beyond your tutor group, look out for the posters around the school in late May. Last year we received a letter from Don Foster MP congratulating us on our efforts. Maybe this year we will invite him into school to get his photo taken and to personally collect our letters to take to the House of Commons!

July will see the much anticipated **Global Citizen Day based on Olympic Values**. If you are interested in getting involved in a leadership role for this event please see Mrs Hodgkinson or Ms Shail. This cross curricular project aims to involve all faculties, raise awareness of the Olympic values (friendship, respect, excellence, determination, inspiration, courage and equality), to promote sport and fitness for all, to raise the profile of global citizenship, overcome national barriers and prejudices and raise profile of participating countries as well as to continue to further develop student interest in global collaboration across partner schools. July will hopefully also see the return of the popular project **Primary Language Links**. This collaboration project between our school and local primary schools includes staff, Year 9 students interested in a primary language teaching experience and large numbers of Year 5s all keen to participate in a carousel of language and culture taster lesson in a secondary school setting. If you are in Year 9 and interested in getting involved please speak to Señora Cordero. **Extension Week** will, of course, also have an international flavour with no less than Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 venturing to Spain, France and Germany respectively. These trips aim to offer students a brief insight into another culture and for those students who study the language in question, an opportunity to practise those all important language skills in an authentic situation. Another important international aspect of Extension Week is the **Mandarin Chinese Cross Curricular Day** for Year 9 students, which links language, art, food technology and sport/well being. This will be in its fourth year and is particularly exciting since we are hoping that Mandarin Chinese may move into the mainstream curriculum in September this year.

Please do let us know if you have any other ideas for international events you would like us to try out at Hayesfield or other ways in which you might like to get involved! Ms Shail

### **Year 11 Mock Interviews – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

All Year 11 students will be involved in this activity during the morning. The aim of this event is to give the students experience of an interview with representatives of the business community and voluntary sector. The students will soon be applying to various places as they plan the next stage of their lives and we want to help them make that step with confidence.

The students will be given a choice of job areas to apply for with an application form and job description. They will also put together a short Curriculum Vitae.

Each student will receive a ten minute interview with a five minute feedback on how they performed.

I am hopeful we will have approximately thirty professionals to conduct the interviews. Each person will interview between five and seven students over a two hour period.

The morning begins at 8.30am at our Upper School site and the interviews should finish at 11.00am. From 11.20am – 12.20pm students will get the chance to reflect on the experience in groups.

Any parent/guardian wishing to help us with this activity, who has experience in interviewing, please contact Mrs Stevens on 01225 426151.

### **Year 10 Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Immunisation**

All Year 10 students will shortly bring home an information booklet regarding this immunisation. These will take place this term. Can you please complete and return the consent form as soon as possible. Your daughter will not be able to have the immunisation if the consent form has not been returned. If you have any queries regarding this, please feel free to contact the school nurse, Sue Baron, on 07901 512514.

### **Sports Clubs this term**

Please see the following list of clubs. There are many more this term so look on the PE notice boards for details.

- Lacrosse – Starts Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January £10 for the term. All years welcome
- Basketball – Starts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Free coaching to all Year 9-13 students.
- Fencing – Starts Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Free to all students. Limited places – must give name to Mrs Hodgkinson.

### **Year 8 Netball Tournament**

The Year 8 Netball Tournament did not take place before the Christmas holidays due to bad weather. Nine Schools from B&NES met on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at Ralph Allen to play their tournament in what turned out to be terrible weather! Despite the rain, wind and cold temperatures the girls all played extremely well.

The Schools were divided into two pools. Hayesfield played and beat all the teams in their pool who included Chew Valley, St Gregory's, Oldfield and Writhlington. They finished in first place and played Ralph Allen in the semi finals. Unfortunately in a very close and a highly skilful game Hayesfield lost by 5 - 6! The final was between Ralph Allen and Wellsway with Wellsway being the overall winner.

I am very proud of the Year 8 squad who played so well and have given up so much of their own time to practice. We wish both Year 8 and the Year 9 teams every success in their Netball League finals due to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Katie Oliver, Annie Parry, Isobel Parker, Susannah Laughton, Milli Millett, Rosie Davies, Lucy Cryer, Vicky Ponting, Abigail Brewer.

### **J.O.Y. Carol Singing**

J.O.Y. would like to thank all parents, teachers, friends and the local community for your overwhelming and generous support. A total of £1,341.10 was raised by singing over the Christmas period. This money has now been given to the Forever Friends Appeal who hope to buy a new scanner for the cancer unit at the RUH in the Spring.

### **Positive quote for this week**

"Give life your all - the more you offer to the world the more you will receive in return". Rosie McGinty