

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

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Week commencing Monday 16th January 2012

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From the Headteacher:

New Staff Appointments

I am delighted to introduce the following members of staff who have joined us. We are fortunate to have secured such excellent specialist teachers and staff with a wealth of experience within their areas of expertise.

Mr Mark Turner, Teacher of Mathematics
Ms Kim Thomson, Teacher of English
Mr Mark Henfield, Data and Examinations Manager
Mr Ross Purcell, West Wing Centre Manager and Lettings Co-ordinator
Dr Celia Faria, Science and Music Technician
Miss Julie Moore, SMSA

STEM Accommodation

We are optimistic that construction of the new STEM building will start in February 2012.

Erica Draisey

Assemblies:

Monday:	Year 11 – Mrs Beasley	
Tuesday:	Years 7 and 8 - Mrs Beasley	Year 10 – Miss Trueman
Wednesday:		Year 11 – Mr Holbrook
Thursday:	Years 12 and 13 - Mrs Beasley	Year 8 – Mrs Ingram
		Year 9 – Mr Harrison
Friday:	Years 9 and 10 – Mrs Beasley	Years 12 and 13 – Mrs Banks
		Year 7 – Mrs Young

Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Monday 16 th January	-	Governors' Personnel Meeting, 4.30pm Upper School
Tuesday 17 th January	-	Governors' Welfare and Guidance, 4.30pm Upper School
Tuesday 17 th January	-	Science Building Meeting, 4.00pm
Thursday 19 th January	-	Year 10 Mock Interviews, p1 to p3
Friday 20 th January	-	Year 7 War Horse Film Trip p4 and 5
Monday 23 rd January	-	Governors' Resources Meeting, 5.00pm Upper School
Wednesday 25 th January	-	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 th January	-	Year 13 Dram Showcase 7.00pm Auditorium
Friday 27 th January	-	Years 12 and 13 Duke of Edinburgh

Service Children in State Schools

It would be most helpful if you could inform the school if your daughter/son is part of a Service Family. Please confirm to the Head's PA, Mrs Stubbs, by phone or email on h.stubbs@hayesfield.com if this is the case.

Senior Maths Challenge

Thank you to all those students who took part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge. Congratulations to all those students who participated and those who achieved a certificate: Mr Bent

Silver Certificate and best in school: Calum Ridyard, Bronze Certificate: Gregory Thomas. Suzhou China visit opportunity October 2012

Building on the fantastic success of last October's visit to our link schools in Suzhou China we are offering the chance for eight students in Years 9-12 to apply for the opportunity to visit Shanghai, Suzhou and Beijing this October/November, along with students from four other local secondary schools. Letters with further details and application forms are available from the Upper School Reception and the closing date for applications is 25th January. Miss Trueman.

Congratulations to EPQ Students

Well done to the eleven Sixth Formers who submitted Extended Projects this November on top of their normal A Level courses. They chose their own topics, from Burmese politics to stem cells, from Ernest Hemmingway to British fashion, and produced excellent work, including an original play which ran for three nights in our West Wing Theatre in July. We are delighted to report that their efforts have been recognised with superb grades which set a very high standard for next year. Mrs Bryden

Winners of Year 9 WWI poetry competition

After our study on the brilliant and moving poetry of WWI, the History department ran a competition to find our own war poets. Well done to all the entries, the History department had a wonderful time reading your poems. The standard was so high, we decided to add an extra winning category of specially commended poems. They will all be available to read soon on our website! Mrs Mathias

Specially commended poems

Jessica Baldrian
Shshanna Bennett
Jessica Bayliss
Hannah Robbins
Abigail Roberts
Satya Balanagu

Runners up:

Alexis McLeod
Georgie Sartin
Amelia Claridge
Ella Jones
Daisy Stewart

Finalists:

Joint third	Olivia Davies, Felicity Jones
Joint second	Alana Edwards, Mollie Hall
First	Maya Renwick

Scholastic Book Catalogue

The catalogue this term includes over thirty classic books for £2.99 or less, including War Horse, Diary of Anne Frank, Boys Don't Cry, Hound of the Baskervilles. Please send any orders in an envelope to the library marked with student name and tutor group and payment by cash or cheque payable to Scholastic. Last term the library obtained books to the value of over £100 through commission from sales - many thanks to all parents who ordered through the scheme. Mrs Atkins

Author visit

Carnegie nominated local author Catherine Bruton will be visiting Hayesfield on 31st January to talk to students from Years 7 and 8 about her award winning book 'We Can Be Heroes'. This book is one of seven nominated this year for the local Centurion Book Award which students from the school are currently reading and discussing - for further details about all the nominated books and the award please visit <http://centurion.edublogs.org> Mrs Atkins

Thanks from Earthchild

Last year parents, students and staff donated books to local Bath charity Earthchild as much needed resources for a school for Tibetan refugees in northern India that they support. The response was fantastic and these are pictures of the children using and enjoying everything you so kindly donated. There is also a message of thanks from the EarthChild Charity.
Miss Trueman



We have recently returned from India where we saw the consignment of books, including those donated by Hayesfield students, arrive.

It was wonderful to see the wonder and delight on the faces of the students. We can only thank you on their behalf for your care and compassion.

Who knows what 2012 will bring but perhaps we can work together again to improve the lives of these delightful Tibetan refugee and orphan children. Thank you for all that you and your students do for Earthchild and perhaps you can share the photos with everyone who helped so much. Alexandra Dart - Earthchild.

Very well done and, a huge thank you, to Mrs Bevan's the members of Year 8 English class who gave a presentation in Monmouth on January 5th. The girls were only given very short notice that they were going and only found out when we arrived that they were giving presentations to Sixth Formers! As I expected, they rose to the occasion and "wowed" everyone else involved. The day was focused around a project we have been working on called Campaign! Make an Impact in conjunction with the British Library. We were invited as it is our second year of involvement in the project and because Hayesfield girls have embraced it with such enthusiasm and maturity.

During the day, the girls gave an overview of the activities we have undertaken in running our campaigns and then individual groups presented their campaigns. We also participated in workshops looking at the perceptions we had of each others' nations – very interesting and quite changed by the end of the day! The Sixth Formers could not believe the confidence with which the girls gave their presentations or the professionalism that was evident in the work they had done. I was very proud to have such fine ambassadors for our school. There will be pictures and, hopefully, some video recordings about the day going onto the website in the next few weeks – watch this space! Mrs Bevan

A belated very well done to the Sixth Form debate team who ran an after school debate on the very difficult motion "This House believes God cannot exist because there is suffering in the world". The debate was chaired with authority and humour by Zachary Scoging and the speakers were poised, confident and presented very well balanced arguments. The debate was well attended by over forty students and staff and the motion was defeated. The next step for the debate team is attendance at the Model United Nations Conference at Bristol Grammar School on Saturday 4th February. The whole group have shown commitment and passion about debating and I am very much looking forward to their speeches at the MUN. Well done to:

Mike Fidanoglu, Maddie Heap, Malaika Ibreck, Danielle Kirkwood, Becky Miklos, Stephanie Muston, Sophie McBride, Calum Ridyard, Zach Scoging, Sadie Thomas, Meg Thorn and Malak Zubi
Mrs Bevan

Raising Awareness of Guide Dogs for the Blind

Congratulations to Kathryn Embree, Lauren Beckles and Poppy Clark who ran a Year 7 and Year 8 PSHE lesson on Wednesday 11th January. For their campaign project in English, the girls had chosen to raise awareness of Guide Dogs for the Blind. They presented their campaign to the two year groups and then handed over to Mr Derek Spence, a guide dog puppy walker and Saxon, a six month old black Labrador who is training to be a guide dog. At the end of the presentation the girls ran a quiz with prizes! I am extremely impressed by the girls organisational skills – I had nothing to do with the planning of the lesson – they contacted Guide Dogs for the Blind and arranged for Saxon to come into school, they organised the prizes, ran the lesson and even bought a thank you gift for Mr Spence and a squeaky toy for Saxon! We all learnt a lot from the presentation and I know the girls will be doing

more fundraising for this very worthy cause. They have already run a stall at the autumn fair and raised almost £100 for the charity. There will be a photo of the girls with Saxon on the website in the next few days. WELL DONE! Mrs Bevan

Craft Club

9th January – 6th February (five weeks) and 20th February – 26th March (6 weeks)

Funky Craft Club started this term. The club runs every Monday after school until 4.30pm. Students will have the opportunity to explore lots of new areas of arts and crafts such as clay, sculpture and textiles and produce some fantastic items to take home. Projects change each term and include seasonal and cultural activities.

This term will run in an eleven week block with half term 13th – 17th February. We would like students to sign up for the full term. Each club will run for one hour after school, all work produced can be taken home.

The club costs £4.50 (£3 + £1.50 for materials) per session or £49.50 for the full term. For more information please collect a permission letter from the Upper or Lower School Office.

Year 8 BANES Netball Finals

The Year 8 Netball Team fought well against Ralph Allen in the BANES final on Tuesday but sadly were defeated 7-11. The girls have worked brilliantly all season and have shown great commitment to training and match play throughout. Congratulations to Rosie Davies and Vicky Ponting who were voted joint players of the match.

SQUAD: Rosie Davies, Vicky Ponting, Milli Millett, Lucy Cryer, Izzy Parker, Katie Oliver, Susie Laughton, Abbie Brewer and Annabel Parry.

Year 9 Netball BANES Final

Following an outstanding season the Year 9 netball squad put up a valiant fight against a very strong Norton Hill team in the BANES finals on Tuesday. Sadly, despite their best efforts, it was not their day and the squad were BANES runners-up for the second year running.

The team have shown dedication to training and great enthusiasm in their matches this year. They continue to grow in confidence and are showing greater versatility which will only strengthen them next season. They also are a pleasure to work with! Well done to all!

Squad: Ella MacGregor Bellaart (nominated Player of the Match), Laura Finch, Milly Abbott, Chloe Perry, Issy Patterson, Sydney Marshall, Nia Shellard, Alice Reynolds-Pryce, Alice McDonald and Molly Banham.

Year 10 and Year 11 Netball

The teams played their first League Match against Writhlington School. It was good to be able to play on our new courts.

The Year 10 team played at a very high level of skill, enthusiasm and teamwork. The matches were played over four x ten minute quarters. The Year 10 was able to win each quarter by some margin; 9-2, 20-3, 26-4 and the final score was 32-5! An excellent well deserved win. Particular congratulations to Emily Salmon who was voted Player of the Match by the Writhlington team. Beth Derrick, Lucy Lye, Sophie Mitchell, Emily Salmon, Saskia Guscott, Erin Lynch, Emily Clothier, Emilie Noad.

Year 11 team also had a very competitive, tough but skilful match. The girls developed excellent teamwork and team spirit. This was a very close match and the fitness required for the last quarter was very important! We were so pleased that they achieved a win by 15-11. Special congratulations to Danielle Ascott who was voted player of the Match by the Writhlington team. Danielle Ascott, Ellen Bodman, Jess. Hicks, Lydia Miles, Yasmin Clarke, Holly Madely, Georgia Salmon.

Positive quote for this week

"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding". Albert Einstein