

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

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Week commencing Monday 8th March 2010

Week A



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From the Headteacher:

Amy Williams returns to Hayesfield

It was a great honour and privilege for us to welcome Amy to Hayesfield Girls' School to start her victory tour of the City.

Amy is a truly remarkable young woman – a woman with determination, strength of character and, indeed, great talent driven to achieve her ambition.

Amy spoke of her fond memories of Hayesfield and that she involved herself in as many sports as possible when she was at school. She also talked to the students about what it takes to be an athlete of world standing. She explained that it was not just based on talent alone, but also a commitment to hours of practice and a determination to succeed which were key ingredients to achieving success. In Amy's words "train hard and work at it". I know that Amy's triumph will give our students the inspiration to achieve their ambitions.

World Book Day

The students and staff embraced World Book Day and I saw a great many dressed as their favourite book character.

Erica Draisey

Assemblies:

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

Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Tuesday 9 th March	-	Governors' Welfare and Guidance, 4.30pm, Lower School
	-	Full Governors' Meeting, Upper School Library, 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 th March	-	Dance Evening, Lower School, 6.30-8.30pm
Thursday 11 th March	-	AS Results published
	-	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Orienteering, 2.30-6.00pm
Saturday 13 th March	-	Years 10, 11 and 12 Dance Convention, London
Wednesday 17 th March	-	Until Thursday 18 th - Year 12 Cambridge Residential
Thursday 18 th March	-	Year 10 Maths Inspiration Trip, 1.00-3.45pm
	-	Year 12 – Higher Education Fair, UWE, pm
Friday 19 th March	-	Mid Somerset Choir Competition, all day
Saturday 20 th March	-	Saturday Morning Detention, Upper School IT3, 9.00-11.00am
	-	Year 10 Cotswold Way

Haiti Appeal

We have raised £379.86 for our Haiti Appeal. We will be sending the money raised through the Disasters Emergency Committee. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. All of your contributions, no matter how much, will make a difference. Rachel Olhausen – Year 11

Hayesfield/Beechen Cliff – Extended Services Online Parental Survey

In addition to the Kirkland Rowell survey you have completed recently, we would like to consult with parents and carers about our Extended Services provision. This will help us identify the needs of children and families at Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff.



We invite you to complete our online survey which will be available from today until Friday 12th March 2010 on <http://work.beechencliff.org.uk/survey/>

Bath Festival - Young Writers Competition

Hayesfield would like to congratulate Grace McMullen and Isabel Bolton both in Year 7 for their fantastic achievement.

Grace won Year 11-14 Age Group for her cover design and Isobel has been highly commended for her poem *Jelly (or Foodfight)*. Both students really impressed the judges.

Grace and Isobel have been invited to attend a presentation at the Bath Central Library on Friday 5th March at 4.00pm.

Poems in Year 7 Assembly

Here's one that I chose and read out – something inspired me a few weeks ago – I wonder what it could have been . . .

Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

By Robert Frost

Robert Frost is a very famous American poet. I particularly like this poem because it really conjures up the quiet, calm feeling of being the only one around on a snowy evening. I also love the feeling of “stealing” the view – he’s stopping in someone else’s woods but they won’t know! I can really imagine his little horse wondering what on earth is going on – why are we stopping boss? The repetition of the last two lines emphasises the long journey they have to make and the fact that the horse is right – they don’t have time to stand around looking at snow; yet, as we all know, there is something irresistible about a snowy scene!

I hope you are enjoying the poems – lots more to come. Mrs Bevan

Geography News

Congratulations to Rachel Eades in Year 12 for receiving the BANES Geography GCSE coursework prize. This was submitted as the best coursework in the year. Rachel wrote a magazine article on Global Warming and a fieldwork piece on the impact of tourists at Lulworth Cove.

There is a link to the Geography department blog now from the students' area of the school website just click on links on the left hand side of the page and then scroll down and click. Here you will find information on all the courses taught within Geography from Key Stage 3 to IB. Each teacher also has their own page within the blog where homework for the week is recorded. The web address for those of you who want to add it to your favourites (go on you know you want to!) is <http://hayesfieldgeography.wordpress.com>

Hip Hop Shakespeare

Congratulations to Teesha Hardy, Shenice Clarke and Kay-Me-Lee Visagie who were selected to work and perform with Mobo winner Akala at The Egg last week. Performances from the show will be posted on You Tube - and the girls have also been asked to allow the Royal Shakespeare Company to showcase their work online. Congratulations!

Oxford Trip

Last Friday, 26th February twenty one Year 11 students were privileged enough to be invited to Oxford to have a tour of the Central College and local history. Oxford was the first University in the English speaking world. Their oldest college, 'University', dates back as far as 1249.

In total, it is made up of thirty eight colleges and six halls, with a mixture of everything from medieval to modern-contemporary architecture. They run courses in every subject imaginable. Walking around, we got a real insight of what it might be like to live and study in the city.

Our guide gave us a tour of the University followed by a talk. She answered our questions and explained to us what it takes to become worthy of an Oxford gown! What we were really anticipating, though, was our free three course meal that was well worth the trip alone. It was glorious.

After this, we spent an hour or two in the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, where we got to see, hold and stroke hissing cockroaches and a wide variety of different preserved animals. All in all, the day reminded us of the reasons why we work so hard in school, and that there is a definite social and inspirational side to University life! By Rachel Brown and Leah Graham

Parent Survey Reminder

The confidential parent surveys that were sent home with students last week should be returned to the main offices in the envelopes provided by **Monday 8th** at the latest as they must be sent away for collation. We would appreciate returns as this will enable us to gain a picture of parent opinion that represents the whole age range.

Date Change – Year 8 Reports

Please note that Year 8 reports will be sent home to parents on Thursday 1st April not Friday 23rd April as was previously published. Please let Mrs Brown know if you do not receive this.

Dance Evening Wednesday 10th March 6.30-8.30pm

Dance Evening is here! An amazing evening which showcases the huge wealth of talent we have here at Hayesfield. There will be pieces choreographed by the GCSE groups, performances by the Youth Dance Company and Dance Clubs and a spectacular piece by Hayesfield Staff! You will see lots of different styles of dance and even get the opportunity to take part in a dance lesson during the interval. Tickets are available from both offices. Seating is limited so please get your tickets before the night, price £3.50.

Mr Powell's Literacy Tips

(The fifth in a regular series, in which aspects of English spelling and grammar are explained)

Unclear about the rule for adding an **s** to words ending in **f** or **fe**? Then read on.

1) For most words which end in **f**, you need to change the final **f** to a **v**, before you add **es**, to make the **plural**.

Calf + **s** = calves

Half + **s** = halves

Loaf + **s** = loaves

Scarf + **s** = scarves

Self + **s** = selves

Thief + **s** = thieves

Wolf + **s** = wolves

2) For words which end in **fe**, you change the final **fe** to **ve**, before adding **s**, to make the plural.

Life + **s** = lives

Knife + **s** = knives

Wife + **s** = wives

3) For words which end in **ff**, you do **not** change the **f** to **v**, you simply add **s**.

sniff + **s** = sniffs

puff + **s** = puffs

scoff + **s** = scoffs

4) There are some exceptions, such as :

Roof + **s** = roofs

Keep Updated

ParentMail – Reduce Carbon Foot Print Now

It really is important that you sign up to Parentmail today to help reduce our carbon foot print and the impact it has on our environment. Please fill in the slip below to receive future student bulletins and other correspondence via email.

Please check out the following on our Website (www.hayesfield.com) for the latest news

What's on this week

Dance Evening

Canteen lunch menu

Newsletter

Student Bulletin

Exams/Coursework

Modern Foreign Languages – GCSE and AS/A2 Speaking Exams – dates and times available

Year 11 ICT Coursework - Helping to support your daughter meeting the deadline.



ParentMail - Please complete and return to **Mrs Fairlie at either School Office**

I would like to register with ParentMail and receive correspondence from Hayesfield via this medium.

My son/daughter's name is Tutor Group

My email address is (please print)

Signed Date