

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



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Week commencing Monday 26th April 2010

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From the Headteacher:

Welcome back to the start of Term 5 and I hope you all enjoyed the break and are refreshed and were not inconvenienced by the disruption to travel arrangements.

Staffing

Nicola Jennings will be going on maternity leave on Friday 30th April. We are fortunate to have secured the services of Iain Lacey during her absence. Iain was formerly Head of ICT at Archway School in Gloucestershire.

Congratulations to Catherine Trueman who has replaced Ian Taylor as Deputy Headteacher. She is an excellent appointment and has proved herself a most able Assistant Head at Hayesfield over the last two years and former Head of Humanities for 5 years.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Lorna Inglis who is joining the Science department this term.

Parent Governor Appointment

Frank Longstreth was unopposed in the recent Governor Elections and will serve a further four years on the Governing Body. We know he will continue to be an asset to the Governing Body as a representative of Hayesfield School's parents.

A Review of Secondary Schools in Bath – a Consultation Document

You will find attached to this Bulletin a joint letter from ourselves and Beechen Cliff School. This should be read in conjunction with the booklet handed out at the end of last term: 'A Review of Secondary Schools in Bath – a Consultation Document'.

From reading the letter you will appreciate that there is some concern over provision of Post 16 places and we would urge you to comment on the proposals either by completing the form at the end of the booklet and returning it to Children's Service Capital and Organisation Team, Riverside, Temple Street, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1LA, completing the form online at

http://consultations.bathnes.gov.uk/consult.ti/bath_review/consultationHome

or emailing bath_seccons10@bathnes.gov.uk

If you are not in receipt of a copy of the booklet, please contact the school as copies are available.

Sports Hall and Performing Arts Centre

Progress Meeting – Saturday 24th April 2010 – 10.0 – 11.0am on the site

Do remember to come along to the progress meeting being held on site on Saturday morning.

Erica Draisey

Assemblies:

Monday:

Year 8 – Mrs Brown

Year 11 – No Assembly

Tuesday: Year 12 and 13 – No Assembly

Year 7 – Mrs Young

Wednesday: Year 7 and 8 – EFD

Year 10 – No Assembly

Thursday: Year 10 and 11 – EFD

Year 9 – Mr Price

Friday: Year 9 – EFD

Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Monday 26 th April	-	Governors' Resources, Upper School, 4.30pm
Tuesday 27 th April	-	Governors' Site Development Meeting, 6.00pm
	-	PTFA Meeting, Lower School Library, 7.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 28 th April	-	Year 13 AS Art Exam – until Friday 30 th
	-	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh First Aid Training, 4.00-5.30pm
Thursday 29 th April	-	Year 10 Mock Art Exam
Monday 3 rd May	-	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May	-	Governors' Curriculum Meeting, 5.00pm
	-	Governors' Personnel Meeting, 4.30pm
Wednesday 5 th May	-	until Friday 7 th – Year 13 A2 Photography Exam
Friday 7 th May	-	Year 10 History Visit Georgian Bath

Year 11 MFL GCSE Speaking Exams

A reminder for all Year 11 Modern Foreign Language students. The week commencing the 26th April marks the start of the MFL GCSE speaking exams. You should have been told by your teacher what time you are expected to arrive and where, but if you are in any doubt please check directly with your teacher and also the exams notice board where you will find a copy of this information. On the day, you must ensure that you have your prompts for your presentation with you (words/pictures) but you should not bring any other resources with you as they will **not** be allowed in the preparation room. Bonne chance! Viel Glück! ¡Buena suerte!

Junior Maths Challenge – Thursday 29th April 2010, Lesson 3 - 11.20am

Congratulations to all those students selected for the Junior Maths Challenge. It lasts for 1 hour and will take place in room 10 (Year 7) and room 6 (Year 8). Our more senior students have had a very successful year and we hope that we can achieve more gold, silver and bronze certificates.

House System

Well done to all of you who completed the Head of House survey. The results of the survey are now on the school website.

We will be telling the students who their Head of House is week commencing 10th May. We will then hold a mufti day on Friday 14th May to celebrate our Houses. Students and ALL School Staff will be invited to wear their own clothes in their House colour.

We would like to take this opportunity to make clear that Heads of House will not be replacing our Heads of Year. The House System at Hayesfield is being introduced to encourage students to take on active roles within the school and to take pride in their House and school. Through the House system we hope to build a sense of community, to offer leadership opportunities and to enable students to have a voice within the school. Being a member of a House is about being part of a team, so each and every member of our school community has been allocated a House and will be part of a team.

The Centurion Book Award

On Wednesday, 21st April 2010, nine members of the Centurion Award reading group – a mixture of Year 8 and Year 7 students - attended a prize-giving event at Bath Library. In the months leading up to this, they had read and discussed the seven books on the shortlist, including the winning book "Declaration" by Gemma Malley. Voting had taken place in all the BANES schools that were involved, and there was only one vote between the eventual winner and the author who was in second place – local writer, Rachel Ward (who wrote "Numbers").

The Mayor of Bath and his wife were present at the event, and Rachel Ward gave a very interesting talk about what it was like to be a writer and what you need to be a successful writer. Gemma Malley received a painting by a local artist as her prize, and both she and Rachel later chatted to us, gave autographs and had photos taken.

Hayesfield students told the audience what it was like to be part of the reading group and the voting process, and Fiona Collier presented Rachel with a bouquet of flowers. Everyone has enjoyed all the

reading and discussions that have taken place over the past few months and are grateful to Mrs Atkins for representing us at meetings with other schools. We are now looking forward to next year's event!

The members of the reading group were: Fiona Collier, Erin Lynch, Emilie Noad, SophieWhite, Sarah Dance, Hannah Cleland, Maia Webb-Hayward, Milly Abott, Isobel Alexander, Ella Richardson, Megan Burke. Written by Fiona Collier

Year 9 Manifesto

The Queen, Gordon Brown and Don Foster have replied to the manifesto pledges devised and debated by Year 9. Congratulations to Philippa Woolfrey, Megan Latimer, Lydia Lees, Abit Frith, Evie Hunnybun, Lucy Meddick, Emily Wood, Chelsea Lewis, Eleanor Lucas, Rhiannon Bishop, Taran-Jade Walton, Tilly Butter, Emily Malloy, Poppy Feeney, Anya Seek, Aisha Fenton, Issy Lawrence, Amy Pitman, Megan Wills, Becky Kersey, Abi Webster, Tilly Butter and Poppy Feeney. Replies from David Cameron to other members of Year 9 are keenly awaited!

The Sun in Splendour Concerts – Lower School Wednesday, 28th April 2010 at 6.00pm

Details of this concert can be found on our website. Tickets can be purchased on the door or reserved by emailing m.bradbury@hayesfield.com. Tickets £2.00/£1.50.

E-Safety Information Evening – Beechen Cliff School Hall

Wednesday, 12th May 5.00pm to 7.00pm

- open to parents/guardians of Hayesfield and Beechen Cliff students

The speed of Technological change can be confusing and create anxieties for many adults, whilst children appear much more adaptable, assured and knowledgeable about these advances.

This E-Safety Information Evening is an opportunity for parents to find out more about the issues surrounding e-safety and to share concerns about this complex topic.

Please book a place by telephoning Mrs S Millen, Pastoral Secretary, at Beechen Cliff School **by Friday 7th May 2010** on 01225 480466.

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