

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

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Week commencing Monday 3rd May 2010

Week A



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From the Headteacher:

Question Time

We were delighted to have been able to host our own election Question Time debate chaired by Natalie Hughes, Philippa Harding, Rachel Burden and Elyn Kersey. Representatives from UKIP, Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat and the Green Party answered some tricky and controversial questions from Hayesfield students and there was lively debate. Politics is clearly alive and well at Hayesfield and we look forward to a week of hosting and campaigning for our own Mock Election.

Engineering Education Scheme

Congratulations to Vicky Cartwright, Tamsin Isaac, Jessica McKay and Iqbal Hussain, AS Physics students, who were selected to participate in the Engineering Education Scheme. This project involved working with Rotork to design and make an actuator. The project started with a three day residential to make the actuator and write a 2,000 word report. The project culminated this week with a presentation to engineers at Bristol University. Twenty other schools also took part and although this was not a competition, they will receive feedback from the University. Our thanks to Rotork and many congratulations to the students involved.

Examinations

A reminder that the exam season is well under way including internal Year 10 and Year 9 examinations. I know all the students will be well prepared and achieve high standards.

Catering at Hayesfield

Please refer to the website for advance information regarding menus. We are re-establishing the Food Group and if you are interested in joining, please contact Fran Bryden via the school.

Erica Draisey

Assemblies:

Monday:	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday:	Year 12 and 13 – DJP	Year 7 – No Assembly
Wednesday:	Year 7 and 8 – No Assembly	Year 10 – Mr White
Thursday:	Year 10 and 11 – DJP	Year 9 – Mr Price
Friday:	Year 9 – DJP	

Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Monday 3 rd May	-	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May	-	Governors' Curriculum Meeting, 5.00pm
	-	Governors' Personnel Meeting, 4.30pm
	-	Year 9 Exams – until Friday 7 th May
Wednesday 5 th May	-	Year 13 A2 Photography Exam – until Friday 7 th May
Friday 7 th May	-	Year 10 History Visit Georgian Bath
Monday 10 th May	-	Year 11 GCSE Exams start
	-	Year 12 AS Exams start
Tuesday 11 th May	-	Full Governors' Meeting, Upper School Library, 7.00pm
Friday 14 th May	-	Mufti Day
Saturday 15 th May	-	Saturday Morning Detention, Upper School IT3, 9.00-11.00am
		Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh

Theatre Club Tickets

Tickets ordered for shows starting with 'The Woman in Black' on Monday 17th May, will be available from Upper and Lower School Offices next week. The season continues with 'Giselle' and 'Twelfth Night' closing with stand-up comedy 'Moths Ate My Doctor Who Scarf' on Friday 25th June. Autumn shows and top writers at the September Children's Literature Festival will be on offer when details are available in the final summer term. Mrs Bryden

KEY DATES May– EXAMS

Please look on the website for important examination information

YEAR 9 Key Stage 3 Internal Exams

Tuesday 4th May

Period 1 English 1 hour (Paper 1)
Period 2 Science 1 hour
Period 5 Maths 1 hour

Wednesday 5th May

Period 1 English 1 hour (Paper 2)

All public Examinations

GCSE	Monday 17 th May - Wednesday 23 rd June (timetable on website)
Maths Module 3	Monday 21 st June am 2010
Science YR10 Modules	Monday 28 th June am 2010
AS	Monday 17 th May – Fri 11 th June (timetable on website)
A2	Monday 7 th June - Wed 30 th June (timetable on website)

Results

GCE RESULTS Thursday 19th August 2010
GCSE RESULTS Tuesday 24th August 2010

Post Exam dates

- Applications for 'Enquires after Results' - DEADLINE 20th September
- Applications for Original Scripts - DEADLINE 4th October
- January 2010 exam entries, resit GCE's - DEADLINE 21st October

Mrs Cottle Examination Officer

WWI - Battlefields Trip: 26th - 29th March

Just before the Easter holidays, 42 students from Years 10 to 12 travelled to France and Belgium on a four day residential to further their understanding of the First World War Battlefields.

"The highlight of the trip for me was when we visited the Somme battlefields. It was really interesting and really brought home the enormity of just that one battle. We were asked to walk from the British trenches towards the German trenches. If you were tapped on the shoulder by a member of staff it symbolised you getting shot down as you walked across No-man's Land. Looking around seeing how few of us would have made it to the halfway point was sobering.

After that, we went to the Thiepval monument, which is dedicated to all those missing in the Battle of the Somme. There are over 70,000 names on this memorial, which really showed us the scale of the human sacrifice. Almost everybody in our group found people on the memorial that shared their surname. Amongst the names I managed to find my Great-Great Uncle, Private Thomas Swainson. Later, I found out that he died on the 8th August 1916, 1 month and 7 days after the battle began".

Written by Bryony Parsons, Year 10

Hayesfield makes links with China

Over the Easter holidays, Ms Trueman travelled to **China** with a group of teachers from seven other schools in **Bath and North East Somerset** to make links with schools in the city of **Suzhou** in China. The purpose of this was to begin to give students and staff in both places the opportunity to learn from each other's approaches to education. Over the next few years, we hope to create opportunities to learn more about China and develop contacts with students and members of staff from **Suzhou** schools.

Suzhou is a city of approximately 6 million people in **Jiangsu Province**, one hundred miles west of Shanghai. Like Bath, it is a world heritage site, known as the "**Venice of the East**" and is also becoming known for its rapidly expanding hi-tech industries.

The teachers were fascinated to see a wide range of Suzhou's schools, meeting teachers and students, and being able to observe some lessons. We were really impressed by the work ethic of the students and the range of educational experiences open to them.

We are pleased to announce that Hayesfield has been formally linked with two schools; the **Suzhou New District Experimental Middle School** (for students from 13-16 years old) and the **Suzhou New District Experimental High School** (for students from 16-18 years old). Both are high-achieving academic schools and the word "**Experimental**" in their title indicates their focus on innovation, something we are equally proud of at Hayesfield. We hope this new relationship will be a fruitful one for all three schools and look forward to the opportunities this will bring. Ms Trueman

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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Please have a look at the following on our website (www.hayesfield.com) for the latest news

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Canteen lunch menu

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PE Fixture and Sports Club Lists are available