

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

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Week commencing Monday 17th October 2011

Week A



No 7 11/12

From the Headteacher:

Year 11 Parents' Evening

I was delighted to see so many parents and students at the Year 11 Parents' Evening. The girls are all focused and working towards their GCSEs and the forthcoming mock examinations and modules in November.

Extra curricular activities

I would urge all students to look at the extensive range of sporting activities available and commit to taking part in one of them.

Erica Draisey

Assemblies:

Monday:	Year 11 – Ms Draisey	
Tuesday:	Years 7 and 8 – Ms Draisey	Year 10 – Mrs Brown
Wednesday:		Year 11 – Mr Holbrook
Thursday:	Years 12 and 13 – Ms Draisey	Year 8 – Mrs Ingram
		Year 9 – Mr Harrison
Friday:	Years 9 and 10 – Ms Draisey	Years 12 and 13 – Mrs Banks
		Year 7 – Mrs Young

Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Monday 17 th October	-	Full School Council
	-	Year 8 Disco at Beechen Cliff, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday 18 th October	-	Sixth Form Subject Information Evening, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Upper School
	-	Year 9 Disco at Beechen Cliff, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Wednesday 19 th October	-	English – Author Visit – Period 5
Thursday 20 th October	-	Year 7 Disco at Beechen Cliff, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Friday 21 st October	-	until Monday 24 th – Year 10 Rites of Passage Expedition
	-	Last day of term

Park and Stride

As part of our efforts to create a safer environment for our students, staff and parents, we are actively encouraging parents to consider where they drop their children off in the mornings and where they collect them in the afternoons. Some parents stop outside the school buildings and cause a significant hazard for all road users and pedestrians. Please ensure you drop your daughter at a safer place and allow her to walk the short distance to the school buildings. We encourage all parents to use the Homebase Car Park as a drop off and collection point and allow their daughters the chance to Park and Stride using the crossing point at the junction of Lower Bristol Road and Brougham Hayes. Please help us to make the environment safer for everyone. Mr White

School Travel Plan

As a school we have a responsibility to promote safe and sustainable travel by all members of our community. We are also keen to campaign for a better environment for the local community to make the area a safer place to live.

The School Travel Plan has been updated after consultation and can now be found on the school website in the Parents' Area. We will continue to review and update the plan regularly.

We are working with parents and local Councillors to deliver sustainable travel solutions for the local area.

Our key aims are to:

- Reduce traffic speeds on local roads
- Improve the walking environment and create a safe crossing for students, staff and all members of the community
- Campaign for the route of the Bendy Bus to be altered and move bus stops, particularly at the junction of Lower Oldfield Park and Upper Oldfield Park
- Lobby for the reopening of Victoria footbridge
- Continue to educate students about road safety and provide opportunities for cycle training
- Stop vehicles mounting the pavement on the railway bridge on Brougham Hayes
- Improve bus provision for students
- Provide bicycles for staff to reduce car commutes between sites
- Lobby for the removal of the bin outside the pedestrian entrance into the Upper School site

Please do not forget to sign the petition for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the local area on the front page of the Website. Mr White

Community Sustainable Travel Forum – Wednesday 16th November - 6.30pm

All members of the school and wider community are invited to participate in a Sustainable Travel Forum. This is an opportunity to come and talk to local Councillors and Council Officers about the ways we can improve the environment to allow safer and more sustainable travel to take place. Several councillors will be attending to hear your views and give their responses to our proposals. Confirmed guests include, Councillor Paul Crossley (Leader of the Council), Councillor Roger Symonds (Transport Cabinet Member), Peter Bailey (Area Traffic Engineer), Councillor Ian Gilchrist and Councillor Ben Stevens, who has been working with the school on the development of the proposals. Several other Council Officers will also be in attendance.

Programme: Presentation of the key points in the Hayesfield Travel Plan
Response from Council Members to the issues raised
Question and Answer session

Tea and Coffee will be served. There will also be an opportunity to see the plans for the new Science Centre on our Lower School site. Mr White

Operation Christmas Child

I am sure your daughter has spoken to you about Operation Christmas Child. This is a charity that encourages the collection of Christmas Shoe Boxes to be distributed to children, who will otherwise, receive no gift or thought at Christmas.

Your child will have heard all about the work of the charity in an Assembly this week and we will start filling the Shoe Boxes after the October break. We are encouraging the students to use the half term break to have a little clear out of items they may no longer want or need, which can be used to fill their boxes. This year, we think our Shoe Boxes will go to children in Liberia so no need for scarves and mittens!

We have supported this charity for a number of years and hope that the students will really enjoy filling their Shoe Boxes. Thank you. Mrs Collins

Craft Club

Students will have the opportunity to explore lots of areas of art and design such as clay, sculpture and textiles and produce some fantastic items to take home. Past projects have included making a unique pencil case or bag, name plaques and mosaics. Projects change each term and include seasonal and cultural activities. Craft Club will be run by a qualified Art Teacher and a Primary School teaching assistant.

It runs throughout the year termly and this term will run in a six week block. We would like students to sign up for the full term. Each session will run for one hour after school.

Price per session per student - £3.00 plus £1.50 material costs

Price per student per term - £27 (£18 plus £9 material costs).

All work produced can be taken home. Please collect a letter from Lower School Office if you are interested in joining the Craft Club.

Sports Makers Launch

This is a chance for Year 11 and Sixth Form students to get involved in Sports Leadership. More information will be provided at the launch which takes place on Monday 17th October from 3.30pm in the main reception. Please come along and find out more.

Trampoline Club

After October Half Term, the Trampoline club will be open to all Year 10 students. It runs for five weeks and will cost £10. Anyone interested please give your name to Mrs Hodkinson.

X-Country

If you are interested in representing the school at the X-Country event on Wednesday 2nd November please put your name down on the sign up sheets on the PE notice boards.

Aerobics Club

This is a new club starting after October Half Term. It is open to all Year 9 – Sixth Form. It will run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the Upper School Hall, however the day is still to be confirmed. Look for the posters.

Rowing Club

Anyone interested in learning how to row? Free sessions are available at the Minerva Bath Rowing Club if we can drum up enough interest. In addition you would be able to get an indoor rowing coach qualification should you wish to. In the spring you would get the option to row properly on the river after having learned how to do it on the rowing machines. If you would like to get involved please give your name to a member of the PE department. Open to anyone over the age of 12.

Table Tennis

If anyone is interested in playing table tennis can you please give your name to a member of the PE department.

Netball V Somervale

More wins all round for Years 7-9 Netballers. They all played brilliantly, well done.

Year 7 Squad (6-3 win)

Rosie Cross (woman of match), Molly Matthews, Karla Turner, Livvy Mansell, Eden Imrik, Emily Romero Shaw, Zoe Parsons, Lucy Marchant, Lily Edwards and Issy DeMiceli.

Year 8 Squad (16-5 win)

Milli Millet (woman of match), Katie Oliver, Annabel Parry, Susie Laughton, Rosie Davies, Lucy Cryer, Vicky Pointing, Izzy Parker and Abi Brewer.

Year 9 Squad (19-5 win)

Ella Finch (woman of match), Ella MacGreggor Bellart, Sydney Marshall, Milly Abbott, Issy Patterson, Alice MacDonald and Molly Banham.

Fixtures for next week

Year 7's have a netball match against Writhlington (away) on Tuesday 18th October.

Years 8 and 9's play Writhlington at home on Thursday 20th October.

Support Welcomed.

Positive quote or empowering question for this week

"It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always".
Oprah Winfrey