

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

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Week commencing Monday 16th November 2009

Week B



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From the Headteacher:

'Hayesfield Happenings' – The Student Newsletter

A group of students in the Lower School have produced a newsletter which gives a flavour of the activities and events taking place at the school. I do hope you enjoy this publication, which will be produced on a termly basis.

Asere

It was wonderful to welcome back Asere for a Concert in the Lower School Hall. They brought sunshine to a damp and dreary Thursday evening. I should like to thank Mr Harris, in particular, for creating this super opportunity for us all.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents and students at the Year 11 Parents' Evening. The girls are all focused and there was a positive atmosphere in the building.

Assemblies:

Monday:	Year 8 – Mrs Brown
	Year 11 – Mrs Beasley
Tuesday:	Year 12 and 13 – Mrs Methley
Wednesday:	Year 7 and 8 – Mrs Methley
Thursday:	Year 10 and 11 – Mrs Methley
Friday:	Year 9 – Mrs Methley
	Year 7 – Mrs White
	Year 10 – Mr White
	Year 9 – Mr Price

Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Sun 15 th – Wed 18 th Nov	-	Year 12 A Level and IB Geography Field Trip to Dorset
Monday 16 th November	-	Attendance Panel, 4.00pm
Tuesday 17 th November	-	GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening, 7.00 – 8.30pm, Upper School
Thursday 19 th November	-	Year 10 Science Modules
Friday 20 th November	-	Children in Need
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Nov	-	Year 11 Mock Exams
Tuesday 24 th November	-	Governors' Site Meeting, 6.00pm
Thursday 26 th November	-	Year 9 Options Information Evening, 6.00pm, Upper School
Saturday 28 th November	-	Autumn Fair, 11.00am – 2.00pm, Lower School

Catering News

The catering team will be having a pizza and wedges day (McCain Day) at Lower School on Tuesday 24th November with a dessert all for £1.10. Drinks will not be included in this promotion, and they will still be 50p.

Also, Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 16th December and a menu will be sent out shortly.

Hayesfield School PTFA Autumn Fair
Saturday 28th November 2009
11.00am – 2.00pm, Lower School

It is only 2 weeks to go until the Autumn Fair, the biggest fundraiser on the PTFA's calendar. Would you like to help? Here is what you can do.

Book a stall

If you would like to run your own stall, please email information@hayesfield.com with the subject title Autumn Fair.

Help out

If you could offer us a little time on the day to help out, please email information@hayesfield.com with the subject title Help Autumn Fair.

Raffle Tickets

Every student will receive a book of Raffle Tickets to sell before the day. A little encouragement and help would be appreciated and please encourage students to return unsold tickets to their tutors. With 'sold' tickets, remember to write the buyer's name and telephone number on the ticket stub so that we can make sure the prizes are awarded. Please return money with stubs in an envelope with the student's name on it, as well as unsold tickets, to the School Offices before Friday 27th November.

Tombola Prizes

Can you donate a tombola prize? Bric-a-brac, books, games, bottles, home made cakes, health and beauty products or Christmas gifts are all very welcome. Simply drop off any of these at the School Offices.

Make sure you come along to the Fair. It is going to be a great day with some wonderful gifts and prizes on offer. Come along and spend some money with us. Feel free to bring friends, family and neighbours; the more the merrier and all for the benefit of our girls. Mrs Cleveland

Carol Service at Bath Abbey 2009

Our Annual Carol Service will be held in Bath Abbey on Tuesday 15th December from 2.00 – 3.00pm.

- Parents are invited to attend but we must emphasise that space is **very** limited and views are restricted.
- Tickets are limited to a maximum of **two per family**, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis up to our maximum number.
- If you would like to attend the Carol Service, please return the attached slip to one of the School Offices by **Tuesday 1st December**.
- In order to conform to fire regulations, we are unable to accommodate young children who need to remain in pushchairs/buggies.
- **NOTE:** If you do not have a ticket, there will not be sufficient room to accommodate you in the Abbey.

The Write Team

Please can all students be aware that the Write Team meeting will be at the normal time on Monday 16th November from 3.15 – 4.30pm. Mrs Bevan

Poems from Year 7 Assembly

Here's this week's poem; quite a deep and profound poem about how precious each day should be to us. For those scholars among you, have a look at the structure of this poem – notice how the first couple of verses end with a full stop – perhaps to reflect that, when we are young, we look at each day as a single unit and expect another day to follow it as a new start. However, between verses 3 and 4 and verses 5 and 6, the poet uses enjambment (they run on across the break in verses) – this reflects the idea in these verses that each day builds on the one before it and as we pile them up (get older) we realise how much we value each one and want more of them; we need to keep them balanced in order to fit one more day on top of "the impossible tower". Thought provoking stuff! Enjoy, Mrs Bevan.

Days

Each one is a gift, no doubt,
mysteriously placed in your waking hand
or set upon your forehead
moments before you open your eyes.

Today begins cold and heavy and bright,
the ground heavy with snow
and the thick masonry of ice,
the sun glinting off the turrets of clouds.

Through the calm eye of the window
everything is in its place
but so precariously
this day might be resting somehow

on the one before it,
all the days of the past stacked high
like the impossible tower of dishes
entertainers used to build on stage.

No wonder you find yourself
perched on the top of a tall ladder
hoping to add one more.
Just another Wednesday

you whisper,
then holding your breath
place this cup on yesterday's saucer
without the slightest chink.

Billy Collins, from The Art of Drowning (The University of Pittsburgh Press, 1995)

Safe Places for after School

Lower School

The ICT room is open daily from 8.00am until 8.30am and after school until 4.15pm, for students to access the internet and work on their homework.

The Library is open daily at lunchtime for students' use.

Upper School

The Library is open daily from 8.15am until 5.00pm.

We do have a variety of After School Clubs for students to attend.

For more information about the clubs running at school, please visit the Community and Clubs section of our website (www.hayesfield.co.uk/community.asp) to see a PDF file with all listings for each year group. If you do not have access to a computer, black and white copies are available from the Lower School Office.

There is also a link on the Community section to see opportunities available to students, families, parents and the community. This is marked "Extended Learning and Holiday Clubs Link".

There are further links on the website to other outside providers of after school and outside of school care.

Mrs Nye, Extended Schools Co-ordinator

Parents' Forum Meeting – Thursday 26th November 2009

The Parents' Forum is an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss educational provision for children with additional needs in Bath and North East Somerset.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 26th November 2009, 10.00am – 12.00pm at Riverside Offices, Temple Street, Keynsham

Kay Sibley, Project Officer for Aiming High for Disabled Children, will be talking about provision for Disabled Children and their Families and Mary-Jane Middlehurst, Transition Support Services, will be visiting the meeting to talk about provision for Young People after school leaving age.

As space is limited, please ring Chris Jorgensen on 01225 394382 or Julie Tweedie on 01225 394476 to book a place.

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To: School Office

Carol Service at Bath Abbey 2009

I/We would like (1 or 2) ticket(s) for the Carol Service at Bath Abbey on Tuesday 15th December.

Student Name: Tutor Group:

Parent/Guardian:

