

Dear parent/carer

I hope that this Summer edition of our newsletter gives you a flavour of the wonderful term we have had at Haywood Academy and City College-2022/23 has been quite a year!

As you will see throughout this newsletter, we have witnessed many much-loved academy experiences and opportunities; experiences our students absolutely deserve. Whether this has been in the form of curriculum-related trips, exciting rewards experiences, residential character building or the opportunity to perform in front of an audience, this year really has seen it all.

As we wish our leavers in Years 11 and 13 well, we do of course, welcome our new Year 7 students to the Haywood Academy community. I am really looking forward to seeing you at our Summer School in a few weeks and can't wait for your start with us in September. You will very quickly realise how special your new academy is and how exciting your journey with us will be; you have a fantastic 7 years ahead of you!

Before you go on to enjoy our end of year newsletter, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support. Your positive and constructive feedback not only recognises what you feel we do well, but helps us to continually improve our practice. An extra thank you to those parents who have volunteered to work with myself as part of our parent forum next year. If you are interested in joining us, then please get in touch at **info@clt.haywood.coop**.

So, grab a brew, sit back and enjoy scrolling through a small taster of what life has been like for our staff and students of the Haywood Academy and City College community this Summer term.

Take care and I hope you have an enjoyable summer break.

Mike Dawes Principal, Haywood Academy and City College



CHARACTER & ARTS FOUNDATION



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WELCOME TO NEW YORK

Thanks to the Character and Arts Foundation, four Haywood students were lucky enough back in May to join fellow students from across the City Learning Trust on the trip of a lifetime to New York!

The focus of the visit was for our young people to speak at a Climate Change Conference at the United Nations, but they also managed to get in some important sight-seeing too.

Our students had an early start, having to meet at the academy at 2am! Then, after arriving at JFK airport, they rounded their day off with a visit to the Hard Rock Café.



On their first full day in the US, our ambassadors saw dinosaurs and refreshed their knowledge on the American west at the Natural History Museum, visited Times Square, the Empire State Building, rode on the subway, and watched the musical 'Wicked!' on Broadway!

How could they top this? Well, they managed! The following day, the students saw the Statue of Liberty, Trinity Church, the Brooklyn Bridge, Grand Central Station, and made an emotional visit to the

9/11 memorial.

At the UN, our students found out lots of interesting information about deforestation, climate action and ways to reduce climate change from the scientific advisor for the President of the UN, before watching each other's speeches that were recorded in front of an amazing world statue. They then discussed what the younger generations can do to reduce climate action, and have helped to drive forward change for future generations of students.

Lastly, our ambassadors visited Top of The Rock at the Rockefeller Center, and got a breathtaking panoramic view of New York.

The students from across the trust did their academies and themselves proud, and have hopefully made some memories that will last a lifetime.

SUSTAINABILITY & SIGHT-SEEING



Thanks to the Character and Arts Foundation, 16 students from the CLT were given the opportunity for a free trip to London and access to a workshop on Sustainability.

Four budding STEM students from Haywood Academy were selected: **Harry Preston**, **Christian Asafo-Agyei**, **Skye Hall**, and **Alexia Colley**.

Everybody had a brilliant time seeing the sights of London and experiencing the London Eye as a surprise treat.

The workshop held by Professor Sunday and the Engineering students of Imperial College was excellent: our students got to build their own electric car and race it.

Team Haywood won!

Dates for your diary*

* all dates are subject to change.

Monday, 4th September 2023 INSET Day (Closed to students)

Tuesday, 5th September 2023 INSET day (closed to students)

Wednesday, 6th September 2023 Academy Open to Students

Monday, 11th September 2023 Year 7 & Year 9 Photographs

Wednesday, 27th September 2023 Year8 & Year 10 Photographs

Thursday, 28th September 2023 Year 6 Open Evening

Tuesday, 10th October 2023 PSHE Day & Mental Health Awareness Day **#helloyellow**

Wednesday, 18th October 2023 Year 11 Exam Success Evening

Friday, 20th October 2023 Show Racism the Red Card Day

Friday, 27th October 2023 Last day for Students

Monday, 6th November 2023 Return from Half-Term holiday

Tuesday, 14th November 2023 City College Open Evening

Tuesday, 14th November 2023 World Kindness Day

Friday, 17th November 2023 PSHE Day & Children in Need

Monday, 20th November 2023 Year 11 Mock Examinations Begin

Friday, 24th November 2023 INSET Day

Monday, 27th November 2023 INSET Day

Monday, 14th December 2023 Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday, 18th December 2023 Christmas Lunch Week

Thursday, 21st December 2023 Christmas Performing Arts Showcase

Friday, 22nd December 2023 Last day of term

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AY UP DUCK!

We are delighted to introduce a completely unique organisation, imagined and brought to life by the City Learning Trust: the **Character and Arts Foundation**.

Funded independently and exclusively via donation, its aim is to deliver a world class programme of activities for children and young people in and around Stoke-on-Trent. The Foundation is based around 5 core strands, learning from our past through:

- **History** celebrating the successes and the innovations of our collective past;
- **Heritage** understanding what made Stoke a world leader and promoting pride in our region;

And shaping our future with:

- **Performing and Expressive Arts** developing, broadening and showcasing our young people's talents and provide opportunities for them to appreciate others' while learning from the best;
- **Enterprise** providing a unique pathway for the business leaders of the future;
- **Sustainability** ensuring our children learn how to protect and safeguard our world for future generations.

Focusing on the transformative power of character and arts education across our communities, the Foundation will help hone and deliver talent. Through a diverse programme of opportunities, enrichment and immersion, we will enable our children to lift their heads and hearts and create their own brighter future whilst also working together for a brighter future for Stoke too.

We are launching the Character and Arts Foundation with a full week of activities between the **10th** and **14th July**, **2023**. We would love for you to be involved in any way you like - big or small!

All of the activities are completely free for you to access, and you are welcome to share them as far and as wide as you like. To confirm, you do not need to be a part of the City Learning Trust to participate, you just need to be interested.

One particular highlight of launch week though is a performance by the Hallé Orchestra on **Wednesday 12th July** at the Victoria Hall. There will be 2 performances on the day, a matinee at **1.00pm** and an evening performance at **7.30pm**.

We would love it if you could come and bring your young people.



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OFSTED VISIT

At the start of this term, we were all systems go for our long overdue visit by Ofsted. A team of 6 Inspectors joined us for a 2 day graded inspection visit.

As you know, inspectors are tasked with judging the quality of education; the effectiveness of safeguarding; behaviour and attitudes of students; personal development provision and leadership and management of the academy.

It is our absolute pleasure to let you know that the inspection team were overwhelmingly positive about the school and wanted us to let you know that you should be very proud of your children.

A thank you must also go to all of you who reached out to us during the two days to wish us luck, send messages of support and ask how we were getting on.

Ofsted have already shared feedback with us from the parent survey and we wanted to let you know how grateful we were for the supportive and appreciative comments that you made.



A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT



Miss Walker is not just a member of the English department at Haywood, but she is also a member of the St John Ambulance service, and was nominated by her peers to represent them at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Miss Walker was a street liner for the Procession to and from Westminster Abbey, alongside representatives from the police, fire, ambulance, prison services, the Red Cross and HM Armed Forces. What an incredible day to be a part of - congratulations, Miss Walker, we're all very proud of you!

In the lead-up to the coronation, students across Haywood produced festive bunting and artworks to make the academy fit for a king!





EASTER ACTIVITIES

Over the Easter holiday, we had a whole host of activities running to support our community.

We handed out many of our popular Pick-up Packs before we finished for the break on the 31st.

Then, after this, we had children out at Stanley Head on an adventure day, participating in workshops hosted by Port Vale in wheelchair basketball and football, baking pizzas and cupcakes, and enjoying a workshop delivered by Feasted.

Year 11 also came in from Saturday through to Thursday of the first week to undertake revision sessions tailored to individual examination preparation.

COMMEMORATED IN CLAY



To commemorate the coronation of King Charles III, Year 8 students visited The **Potteries Museum & Art Gallery** to explore how kings and queens have been depicted in clay.

Firstly, they visited the 'Dressing the Royals' exhibition, looking at costumes from film and television, spanning over 400 years of royal fashion.

Then, they viewed the ceramic collection, focusing on the rolled clay figures by William Ruscoe, who studied and worked as an assistant at Burslem School of Art (1938-42) – home of City College.

Finally, students participated on a hands-on ceramics workshop creating their own roll clay figures. The outcomes were fantastic!



A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



On Tuesday 25th April we celebrated Eid!

During the day, we invited all of our children and staff to wear celebration clothes or bright colours, and then after school, we hosted an Eid party.

Everyone who came had a wonderful time



and very much enjoyed celebrating together - it still feels very special to be able to host events like this after these past few years.

A huge thank you goes especially to **Ms Stanley** for organising the celebrations with our community.



SING LIKE AN ATTENDANCE SUPERSTAR!

Our Year 7 attendance superstars have enjoyed a reward party with a twist! $% \left({{{\left[{{{\rm{A}}} \right]}}} \right)$

Mr Courts had thrown down the gauntlet when he'd set his year group an ARCH challenge, and students who qualified for the VIP bash had smashed the target set.

They took turns belting out some karaoke tunes whilst basking in their glory. A big well done to everyone!

ARCH CHALLENGE!



Haywood hosted an ARCH Challenge Day on Friday 31st March.

We were really keen to get a clear understanding of what our values mean to our community.

Our students and staff participated in a range of activities that showcased how we live and breathe our values and what they mean to us. We shared some of the pictures we captured on the day via Facebook so please give it a look if you haven't seen them yet.

What was really, really important to us was the community art installation in the school hall. Watching all of our children making their permanent mark on our academy and being able to see what we can achieve when we work together was remarkable and really quite poignant. The day itself culminated in one of the most exciting undertakings... an Easter egg hunt!

It turned out the Easter Bunny had rocked up, left cream eggs all over the place and our students were tasked with hunting them all down – literally no stone was left unturned!





HAYWOOD'S GOT TALENT!

What a show! Our Expressive Arts Summer Showcase blew the roof off the Academy!

We had dazzling dancers, sensational singers and marvellous musicians performing to a packed audience. There were proud, beaming smiles all round, as well as a few tears shed at the array of talent on show.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved. You were amazing!







WONDERFUL WILDLIFE

The Year 7 Nurture Groups had an absolutely amazing time at Peak Wildlife Park on 19th April.

The students were absolutely thrilled with the experience, and couldn't get enough of the penguins, lemurs, meerkats, and wallabies.







MATHS MASTERS

On 4th May, Year 11 Grade 9 Maths students visited Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy (OSSMA) for a pre-exam booster.

The session culminated in a competition with students split into 26 teams – Team Haywood came 2nd and 3rd! We think that our students were just being generous in allowing the other team to win – clearly we smashed it!

Students gave up their own time to work with peers and teachers from across the city, and in return enjoyed some very intensive revision to help them achieve those top grades this Summer!

Maths are really racking up the numbers in other revision sessions too - even coming in every Saturday morning to make sure every student has the opportunity to achieve their best.

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BLOOMING MARVELLOUS!

Mrs Symington and the Eco-club have worked hard in the Humanities garden. They meet on a Tuesday after school, and have been hard at work getting the plants ready for our new raised tyre beds.

A group of Year 7s have been attending daily to water the plants and make sure the plants are looked after, and they are looking good despite the recent heat and the holiday!

The garden also has a bird table, bird feeders and a small greenhouse for seedlings. The vegetables are being grown in a straw bed.

Following the eco theme, Mrs Symington has managed to recycle as much as possible and the majority of the plants and equipment have been donated or bought from recycling sites.





SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

This term, some of our tremendous Year 7s went into Burnwood Primary school and did a presentation for Year 5 and 6 students.

They answered questions on life at the Academy to make the younger students feel excited and relaxed about their start to life at Haywood!

Who best to sell the many amazing opportunities on offer at Haywood than the students themselves?

A GOLDEN ROUTINE

Former pupil **Kelsey Ford** performed with her college group Unity on Britain's Got Talent on 20th May, where they received the Golden Buzzer from Simon Cowell, and showed the entire nation that Haywood's Got Talent! They came 4th in their semi-final, and we are extremely proud of her!

Many of our students will use her story to be inspired to reach for their own stars!





HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

A huge well done to Year 8 and 9 students Ruby Bourne, Grace Harvey, Wendy Wang, Thailia Higgs, Jacylin Asafgo-Agyei, Zehra Altindas, Georgina Wright, Grace Ojo, Sarah Sargeant, Gabriela Oliviera, Vin Zubayr, Lauren Baines-Davies, Emily Simeonova, Hadia Baig, Tanisha Ali, Kriss Simeonov, Liam Collins, Alex Chaddock, Oliver Sutton, Logan Boal, Courtney Crawford, Blessed Bulosan, Skye Mason, Rosa Mae Shingler, Justina Borawska, Ewilina Borawska, Maddie Bromley, Dasy Jamil, Emilia Borawska, and Lily Martin, who took part in a community litter pick.

We as a team collected over 25 bags of litter from the local community surrounding Haywood, and it was a fantastic effort from every student who took part.

They have all received a certificate to go into their Record of Achievement folders along with a letter from Mr Dawes.

INTERPRETING OBJECTS

On 28th June a group of Year 7s have worked with the British Ceramics Biennial, looking at how objects are interpreted and the meanings behind them.

This is the beginning of an exciting project where students will support the development of one part of the exhibition, held in the autumn.





Cel aars Champions!



Mr Batista Maths



Miss White Science



Mrs Symington Geography



Miss Walker



Mr Parton History





English





Mr Challinor **Business / IT**



Miss Barnes PE / Health & Social Care



Miss Morgan Art / Photography



Miss Burczak Music / Drama / Dance



Miss Brammer **Media Studies**



Product Design / Engineering / **Textiles** /Food

Mrs Evans



Mr Baillie **Careers Lead**

You can go to your Careers Champions to find out more about:

- Physical and virtual work experience
- Studying their subject further
- Jobs in their sector
- Any careers-related questions

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FAREWELL...

Year 11 leavers' assembly, hosted by the tremendous **Miss Stonier**, was a brilliant event full of sweet treats, awards, quizzes and good luck messages from staff - we'll really miss you all!

We are so proud of your achievements, and whatever your results in August, we know you'll go onto great things!

We look forward to seeing you all at results day on Thursday 24th August 2023!

Congratulations once again on a brilliant 5 years here at Haywood!

RECOGNISING LOCAL TALENT

This term during English time students have been producing submissions for the **Gareth Jones Award for Excellence**, an English prize for secondary students across Stoke-on-Trent, named in honour of a local headteacher who passed away from Covid.

The shortlisted writers were:

Aizah Khan Lillie Howard Lexi Hollinshead Amelia Everson Alex Chaddock Kaci Stotter Jack Meakin Zuzanna Kaczor Martha Harrison



...and the three winners from Haywood are:

Aizah Khan Lillie Howard Jack Meakin

These will then go through to the final judging round.

Your poems are excellent, and we wish you all good luck!

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr Courts's Year 7 Environment Challenge was met with gusto by some exceptional Year 7 students.

The young people were given three challenges to complete in a week:

- Home environment e.g. tidy up your garden- help parents at home
- School environment e.g. offer to help tidy up the classroom, pick up litter.
- Community environment e.g. pick up some litter from the street, tidy a neighbours' garden (ask parents' permission)

Those who completed all three qualified for a special reward! Well done!

Not only have these students shown all of the Haywood Academy ARCH Values, they've also made a real difference to their environment and we're so proud of them all!

HEAR OUR VOICES

On 3rd July 2 students attended the first ever City Youth Council to represent Haywood Academy, and they had the opportunity to voice their opinions on various issues across the city.

To be selected, students had to write a letter highlighting their skills and explaining what they would bring to the role, just like applying for a job!

YOUR PRESENCE PAYS!

Year 8 and 9 students with great C2P scores and excellent attendance were treated to doughnuts and hot chocolate in City Café by Miss Smith and Mr Adlington, which shows that being in school and engaging in lessons pays - literally!

STAFF FAREWELLS

Mr Breese joined Haywood Academy in 2005, as a new teacher, having previous careers in both the RAF and industry. In addition to his teaching career, Mr Breese was also a Scout leader for many years, giving young people across the city fun opportunities and experiences they might not otherwise have.

Within a few years Mr Breese became the Head of Business Studies, taking many students through GCSE at Haywood Academy and A-Level at City College. It should also be noted that Mr Breese has been the Haywood Academy champion fund raiser, charities close to the Academy's heart, such as The Donna Louise Trust and Douglas Macmillan, have been regular recipients of his fund-raising efforts. The lucky draw game, Breese's Bingo Balls, will be synonymous with Friday staff briefings and many staff have benefitted from the gift vouchers that could be won.

More recently, Mr Breese has supported his colleagues and the wider teaching profession as a union representative and, later, as a case worker.

Mr Breese will be missed by the whole school community. His dry wit, laid back attitude and humour will be missed by his colleagues, some of whom he has worked with for the last 18 years at the school.

We wish Mr Breese all the best in the next chapter of his life. I am sure he will enjoy his retirement spending time with his lovely family, getting away in his camper and tinkering with his scooters.

Whatever comes next for you, may it bring you happiness and fulfilment. May you live your best life from here on out.

Miss Dudley leaves us this summer after 6 years to become Director of Languages at Endon High School. Miss Dudley has made *"un contribution magnifique"* to languages at Haywood, with many students going on to study them further at college.

A great teacher, dedicated professional, avid well-dresser and community champion, Endon are lucky to have her. "Nous croisons les doigts pour que votre nouvel emploi se passe bien."

Mrs Hartley joined the Academy in September 2020 as Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead. Working with Mr Dawes and the Senior Team, she has made sure that student welfare and safety lies right at the heart of Academy life.

Mrs Hartley has led a number of key projects and initiatives including PSHE days, our peer leader and prefect programmes, and supporting our most vulnerable families with 'pick up packs'. We're so grateful for the support you've given to our community.

Mrs Hartley leaves us to join a specialist provider from September as Deputy Headteacher, a role which has long been on her career 'bucket list'!

We wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Miss Smith joined Haywood in 2012, and since joining she has put Dance into our curriculum and created a legacy for the subject. She has created so many opportunities for students over her time here - Christmas showcases, Dance extravaganzas, as well as regional and world Dance competitions. In addition to these, she has created other enriching experiences, from residentials for outdoor pursuits, visits to London to watch West End shows, to overseas Visits to Paris, and skiing in Italy and France. Her drive and commitment are commendable and will be missed.

Alongside her Dance commitments, Miss Smith has also provided pastoral support for our Year 11 students and led on instilling the academy's culture and values.

We wish her every success in her future, as she takes up an exciting role within the Trust to work with the Character & Arts Foundation.

Mr Zare has been at Haywood for a year and is leaving us for new experiences. We would like to thank him for all of the hard work that he has put in this year, and there will be a lot of students and staff that will miss him dearly.

We wish him good luck with everything in the future.





YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Our Year 9 team gave an excellent performance against Excel Academy. It proved to be a hard performance on a muddy pitch!

The game had plenty of action from both teams. Haywood had chances early on in the first half, but could not capitalise on them. A silly mistake in the first half saw an Excel Academy player one-on-one and slotted the ball into the net.

Player of the match went to **Tyler Adams Locket**, with an amazing performance in midfield. He showed great commitment to the team, never stopped running, tacking and leading by example.

Another key performance was from our goalkeeper **Ethan Bailey Loundes**. He was exceptional with his kicking and saves!

The score ended 1-0 to Excel. Well done to all that took part.



OUTDOOR CHALLENGES

Year 8 embarked on their Outward-Bound residential to Aberdovey back in April 2023.

They took part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities over the week, from climbing and canoeing, to gorge walking and jumping off a jetty!

Within the year group, 69 students completed challenging and confidence-building tasks with exceptional effort. All challenges set were linked back to the school's ARCH values of aspire, respect, community and hard work.

A celebration evening will take place later in the summer term to encapsulate and share the students' experiences with parents.



GREEN BELT SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Aisha Hall for completing her green belt in martial arts.

This demonstrates fantastic dedication and resilience by Aisha to achieve this level, and we wish her the best of luck with the next belt, and her up and coming competitions.

SPORTING STARS

We've had some real sporting successes to shout about this term, as the County Championships for Athletics took place on Saturday 10th June.

We had 4 students who qualified for this after representing Haywood Academy at the City Championships the week before: **Ronaldo**, **Lauren**, **Chloe** and **Harrison**.

Lauren, Ronaldo and Harrison all came in the top 3 again, which meant that they progressed to the Masons Trophy. They performed well at this, sadly missing out on the English Schools times/distance, but their efforts were fantastic, and even progressing to it was a huge achievement, so well done to our sports stars!









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FUN IN THE SUN

Students and staff from City College had a fun day out in the sunshine on 26th June, visiting Chester Zoo and Rhyl, all in the same day!

Our students got to explore the Zoo and see a whole host of exotic creatures, getting up-close to gibbons and gharials, spotting secretive birds and stripy tigers, and facing their fears in the bat cave!

At the seaside, students had time to grab some lunch and then spend some time in the glorious weather on the beach, splashing in the surf and getting their toes wet.

A great time was had by everyone, and it was lovely to spend time with our Year 13s for the last time before results day.





READING REWARDS

Louisa and Tiegan in Year 13 have completed their 10-book reading challenge this term!

At City College, students are free to take part in the City College Reading Challenge. If they read and review 10 books, they can then claim a **£10 book token!**

If they keep reading, they can keep building up their prize fund!





LOOKING AHEAD

On 25th April some of our Year 12 A-level students enjoyed the sunshine at Staffordshire University for their annual UCAS Discovery event.

There were lots of opportunities to ask questions and find information about courses and university choices, and students are now better equipped to make decisions about their next steps!

TOWNS OF TOMORROW

At City College we were joined on 12th May by a number of Year 11 students from Haywood Academy, who came to visit for an Employability & Life Skills (ELS) taster session.

They spent some time thinking about the requirements of a town or city, and set about planning their own!

Our ELS programme is bespoke to each individual and offers a supported, nurturing and inclusive environment for all. Students develop their personal and social skills, as well as skills for life, including budgeting, cooking and travel training.





SEE YOU AT A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY ON THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST!