

The

Haywood News

Summer 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the summer edition, and the final, newsletter of this academic year. Where has the year gone?! As you will see throughout this newsletter, we have witnessed many much-loved academy experiences and opportunities; experiences our children 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. Our children continue to rise to the challenge of the higher expectations we have set and they really do make me smile with pride when I see how polite, hardworking and caring they can be. I am truly honoured to have presented so many awards since I started at the Academy and have been so impressed by the talents of our children throughout this term.

You may have heard your child talking about **WISH**, which is our newly developed Welfare Inclusion and SEND Hub and further details are in this newsletter. This area provides our children and their families with support if and when they need it. Our Inclusion and Mentoring Teams are coordinating and running a wealth of interventions to ensure that all students are successful at our Academy. If you would like any more information about **WISH**, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

We all wish our Year 11 and 13 leavers the very best for the future and do hope that they keep in touch. I am really looking forward to seeing our new Year 7 students at our Summer School and can't wait for them to start with us in September. I am sure that they will very quickly realise how special our Academy is and how exciting their journey with us will be.

All that is left for me to say is thank you to all the children and staff for making me feel so welcome since my appointment as Principal in February - it's like I've never been away! Thank you to the parents and carers for the ongoing support of the Academy and I hope that all the Haywood community has a lovely summer break. Please look out for our parents and carers guidance to 2024/2025 where a number of changes to Academy life have been detailed.

Take care and see you all on Wednesday 4th September.

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Principal, Haywood Academy



The trip of a lifetime

We are delighted to share the incredible journey of six of our students who recently embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Iceland, made possible through the Character and Arts Foundation, part of the City Learning Trust.

From April 30th to May 4th our competition winners, along with peers from across the trust, immersed themselves in an unforgettable exploration of Iceland's natural wonders!

This fully funded trip, awarded after our students triumphed in a sustainability competition, allowed them to explore incredible

places like the **Golden Circle**, **Frioheimar Tomato Farm**, **Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Plant**, and even hike along **Solheimajokull glacier** and visit a black sand beach! They also visited the **Perlan Nature Museum** and Lava Cave, the **Eyjafjallajokull** volcano, saw stunning waterfalls like **Seljalandsfoss** and **Skogafoss**, and on their last day got to explore the Icelandic capital **Reykjavik**. One of the highlights of the trip was swimming in warm geothermal waters!

This adventure not only educated, but also inspired a deeper appreciation for sustainability and environmental stewardship among our young participants, and provided memories that will last a lifetime.

Important changes

From next academic year, the penalties for irregular attendance or leave in term time are changing, due to new guidance from the government. These penalties are not something that Haywood has any control over, but the issuing of them is - Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority when instructed by the academy, and it is the responsibility of parents, carers and students to ensure attendance at school each day.



School Penalty Notices for Attendance are Changing from August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into effect for all those issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice are issued to each parent, for each absent child.

For Example: 2 siblings absent for leave during term time would result in each parent receiving 2 separate Penalty Notices.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be £160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence

(Within 3 Years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be **£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.**

Third Offence

(Within 3 years)

The third time a Penalty Notice is issued for leave in Term Time or irregular attendance, the case will be presented to the Magistrates Court, where fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be imposed.

Note: Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on Parents future DBS certificates as a 'Failure to safeguard a child's education'.

10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notices will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-school week period.

These Absences can be late after register closes, Unauthorised Absences and Unauthorised Term Time leave absences. They can also be a combination of any of the above.

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority on the instruction from the School/Academy, in line with the Department for Education legislation. Once issued these cannot be withdrawn.

Dates for your diary

All dates are subject to change.

Wednesday 4th September
School opens to Students

Monday 16th September
Year 7 Form Tutor Drop-in and
Year 11 Success Evening

Friday 20th September
Flu Immunisations

Thursday 3rd October
Year 6 Open Evening

Saturday 5th October
Year 6 Saturday Open Morning

Friday 25th October
School closes for half term

Wednesday 6th November
School opens to Students

Thursday 7th November
Year 11 Mocks begin

Tuesday 12th December
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th December
Christmas Showcase/
Winter Fayre

Friday 20th December
School closes for holidays

Tuesday 7th January
School opens to Students

School Meals - Important Reminder

Please can parents and carers be aware that for a student to have a snack or lunch from Café Life or any of our other food points around the academy, they **must** have money on their accounts.

If a student is in receipt of Free School Meals and they want to spend more than the allocated amount, then additional money must be added to their account.





Welcome to WISH!

Our newly decorated **WISH centre** is where students that need that little extra support can go. The WISH team work with individual students or groups to support their welfare, emotional, or mental health needs.

You will find Mrs Johnson and Mrs Weir in '**Thrive**' (previously known as the 'yellow room') where they will offer students a warm welcome, as well as delivering our intervention and support programmes.

Mr McCarthy is based in '**Restore**' and works closely with our Year Managers to ensure students that have made wrong choices are supported in making the right ones. He will also be running our kick-boxing intervention sessions in September!

Our Safeguarding team (Mrs Ryder and Mrs Jones) and our Inclusion team (Ms Eardley, Ms Worthington, Ms Shingler, Ms Price, Mr Plant and Ms Billings) are also based in WISH and will work with students when they need care and support.



Summer Showcase

On 3rd July we hosted our '**Summer Showcase**', where our talented students showed off their dancing, singing, and instrumental capabilities in front of a packed audience.

The amount of training and practice that our young performers had to put in was phenomenal, and they really impressed with the quality and skill on display.

Well done to all our talented young people, as well as the team behind-the-scenes, who really went above and beyond to make it an unforgettable evening for everyone.

Seeing Stars

Back in April, some of our KS3 Drama students had the opportunity to take part in an industry encounter at **Staffordshire University**, where they met film and TV stunt double **Oliver Ward**, and learnt more about Higher Education and careers within Drama.

The students also had a session with performance company **2Engage**, and in this session students had lots of fun engaging in activities that helped build confidence on stage.

Music Magic

Students from Haywood have been running a series of workshops with a group of **Mill Hill** students this term.

In these workshops students were busy developing their vocal skills and learning repertoires ready for the **Summer Showcase**.

Year 11 Prom - Congratulations!

A huge well done to Year 11 who have celebrated the end of their journey with Haywood at their Prom. The Prom was held on 15th July at Keele Hall, and despite the awful weather, all students had a fantastic time.

We wish all of Year 11 every success for the future.



Reimagined in Art

Since Christmas, the Art Department has had an artist in residence programme running, provided by local Arts organisation **Partners in Creative Learning (PiCL)**, and funded by the **Arts Council**.

Through this the school was paired with artist **Richard Franks** who has worked across Key Stage 3 classes every Thursday to develop artworks inspired by the theme '**Re-imagining Burslem**'. He has worked with 10 different classes and over 250 students.

In the workshops students used a range of processes and idea development methods to create their own 3D artworks, and we showcased all of this hard work through an exhibition at Burslem Old Town Hall on 27th June.

This has been an exciting opportunity, as students have been able to shape the project with Rich and have built a relationship over time with an artist, discovering that it is a viable career path.



Treat-tastic!

Before we broke up for the half term, some of our students were rewarded for excellent ClassCharts data and outstanding conduct in lessons with a range of fun activities.

Year 7 had an amazing time during their Rewards Treat, as they joined together for a disco in the hall, where we had break dancing, the conga, the Macarena, and a whole lot of singing!

Year 8 students were treated to an afternoon tea, whilst Year 9 tucked into breakfast and a range of games. Year 10 rounded off their half term with a sporting reward, with some students choosing to try their hands at archery!

Finally, Year 11 enjoyed an ice cream and some much-needed chill time while preparing for their GCSE exam period.



It's the Haywood Way!



The Year 5 **Haywood Way** has been fantastic! We have covered archery and multi-sports, and it has been great to see the Year 5s learning new skills, as well as making friends!

Meeting Musicians

Our students recently had the opportunity to participate in the **Meet-a-Musician** programme, a part of the **Character and Arts Musical Pathways** initiative.

During this experience, students were introduced to a musician from the prestigious **Hallé Orchestra**. The musician not only shared insights into the life of a professional musician but also demonstrated their instrument and its role within the orchestra. This introduction provided valuable context for the students as they prepared to attend the musical concert at the Victoria Hall, presented by the world-class Hallé Orchestra!

This took place on 3rd July, and over 2,300 children from across Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire came together to experience the world-class Hallé Orchestra in an unforgettable performance. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this event a massive success, and a big shout out to our Student Ambassadors who did an amazing job!

Stay tuned for more exciting opportunities!



Leaving on a high

After the stresses and strains of the GCSE period had come to an end, there was the opportunity for our Year 11 Leavers to gather in the academy one last time for their fun-filled Leavers' Assembly.

Miss Stonier made it an amazing occasion, where our students had the chance to sign shirts, spend time together, and say goodbye to staff and each other whilst reminiscing about the past five years! There were lots of happy faces, some amazing shirt designs, awards, inflatables, thank you cupcakes, and a very impressive Haywood Academy cake!



Digital Futures

On **Wednesday 19th June**, a group of students embarked on an exciting trip to **Staffordshire University**, thanks to our **Character and Arts Foundation** partnership with them, to investigate future opportunities within Computer Science.

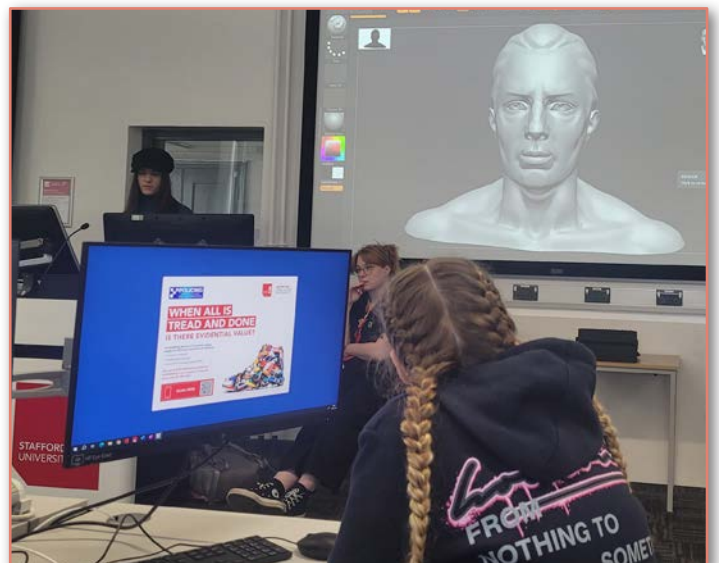
The group included Year 10 GCSE Computer Science students and a selection of Year 9 girls who have shown a keen interest in pursuing careers in IT.

The day was packed with engaging activities, providing the students with hands-on experience in various aspects of Computer Science and Game Development.

They had the opportunity to develop a level in a computer game, program a platform game in JavaScript, test innovative software controlled using a drum kit, and even dabble in concept art for computer game characters. Each activity was met with enthusiasm, sparking creativity and curiosity among the students.

The students represented the academy with pride, exhibiting excellent manners and behaviour throughout the trip. Their willingness to try every activity and their enthusiastic participation made them an absolute credit to the school. The experience not only enhanced their understanding of the practical applications of their studies but also inspired many to further explore the dynamic field of IT.

This trip was a testament to the students' dedication and the supportive learning environment fostered here at Haywood, and is one of a number of projects by the Character and Arts Foundation to create opportunities for children in the City learning Trust to visit the campus and get insight into careers in various industries.



Kindness and Care

This term, our Year 7 Ambassadors have been out and about as part of our project to promote kindness and show appreciation for people in our local community, and have even featured across Stoke-on-Trent Live's social media channels!

Staff at **Haywood Hospital** welcomed a visit on 8th May from our students, who had collected donations for hampers, and then presented these to staff at the hospital's walk-in centre.

Mr Courts said: "I want to say thank you to the staff that hosted us. Our pupils not only took away experiences in modelling kindness, but they learnt something too! The staff were very welcoming and generous with their time. The children enjoyed a talk from a stroke consultant, and they were also given the opportunity to try plaster casts on each other in the walk-in centre - they loved it!"

Emma Pinto-Lima, Head of Operations at the hospital, said: "We believe in putting people at the heart of what we do to make life better for the communities we serve, so we were pleased to be able to support Haywood Academy with their project and to make links with their local community. It was a lovely gesture and the staff and I welcomed them coming to see what we do here.

The staff really enjoyed the visit and are very grateful for the hampers gifted to them. Thank you for thinking of us and your kind generosity."

Our Ambassadors also took part in a litter pick in the grounds of neighbouring **St Werburgh's**, and spread kindness at **Bradeley Village**, where they hosted a 'games and scones morning' for the residents. You can't beat a bit of bingo!



June saw the beginning of the Art Department's annual work experience opportunity with the **V&A Wedgwood Collection and Partners in Creative Learning**.

They began working with the team and visited the Wedgwood factory and museum in Barlaston.

They had the opportunity to tour the factory, experiment with clay, brainstorm ideas, and even had time to explore a range of activities at lunch time.

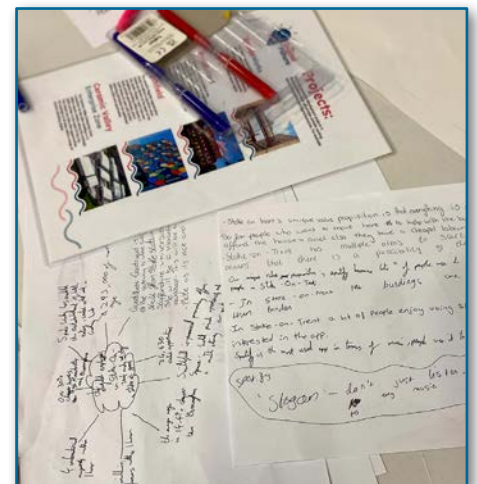
This project will continue in September when they begin in earnest to arrange a Careers Event for students from across Stoke-on-Trent, and they will have to develop all aspects of the day, taking responsibility for running the full event!



Inspiring Stuff!

We had a visit from **The Inspirational Learning Group** in the academy at the end of April.

They worked with our Year 8 students to design a campaign for a digital hub which would attract businesses to Stoke-on-Trent for a brighter and prosperous future!



Wonderful Wedgwood

Amazing Artists



Through the **Character and Arts Foundation**, our Year 10 artists had the opportunity to work with industry professionals during a full-day workshop on 28th June.

Katie Leonard from **Art UK** took them through a **'Super Power of Looking'** session where the students honed in their observation skills before engaging in a creative workshop led by local artist **Ian Mood**, where they worked collaboratively to recreate a well know masterpiece!

Later, they engaged in a session led by **Kerry Jones** from **ArtsKeele** who showcased a variety of art entries for this year's **'Three Counties Art Exhibition'**.

Our students put their observation skills to practice and were invited to cast a vote as part of the Audience Choice Award!



Musical Magic

We are proud to announce the success of the **Adopt-a-Player Programme**, part of the **Character and Arts Musical Pathways Programme**.

This transition project brought together children from **Haywood Academy, Burnwood Primary School, Mill Hill Primary Academy, and Smallthorne Primary Academy** for a series of three workshops with musicians from the **Hallé Orchestra**.

These workshops culminated in a captivating performance at **Haywood Academy** on Monday 8th July, where students proudly presented the music they had created to their parents. The programme not only nurtured musical talents but also fostered teamwork and creativity among our young people.



We Will Remember



On 27th June we took a group of Year 8 and Year 10 students to the **National Memorial Arboretum** to explore the unique contribution of those who have served and sacrificed.

The Arboretum, near Lichfield, contains over 25,000 trees and 400 memorials, which honour the fallen and recognise the service and sacrifice of the British Armed Forces and civilian community during periods of conflict.

The students had a really valuable experience, enjoyed the glorious sunshine, and were a credit to the academy.

The bread and butter thing.



New Hub Opening: STOKE NORTH

from Thursday 11 July

at Stoke North Family Hub, Bishop Rd, ST6 6QW.

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Thursday at 1.30pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.
- Everyone who signs up before 14 October 2024 will get their first order free.

It's really easy to sign-up:



1 Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: **"STOKE NORTH"**



2 Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.



3 You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the **STOKE NORTH** hub on Thursday at 1.30pm.



4 Collect and pay for your goods from the **STOKE NORTH** hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).

Where does our food come from?



Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping will help you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons – sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarkets to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its **BEST BEFORE** date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including: Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline date, including:

- Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline.
- Biscuits and cereals can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your store cupboard for a whole year, as can sweets and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard. If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its **USE BY** date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its **USE BY** date or, if you have a freezer, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be freezer safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

www.breadandbutterthing.org

or at

@teambbt



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Transferable Art Skills

A group of Year 7 students visited the **V&A Museum in London** to view some of the fantastic ceramic work on display.

Students have been working with the **British Ceramics Biennial** over the last few weeks, working on a project called **Transferer**, which the academy has been involved with for the last year. **Transferer** is an innovative project that explores cross-curricular approaches to art-based learning, to engage students within the community.

They will work with clay, talk about art and create their own exhibition spaces. As a result, this will help students to build confidence and key transferable skills.

The students went to the V&A Museum to produce further research for an exhibition they will be curating in the future. The students had a fantastic time and were absolutely amazed by the amount of ceramic artwork on display!



Back in Time in the Black Country



As part of the Key Stage Three **Partners in Creative Learning** project, Haywood Academy students have enjoyed a trip to the **Black Country Living Museum** this term.

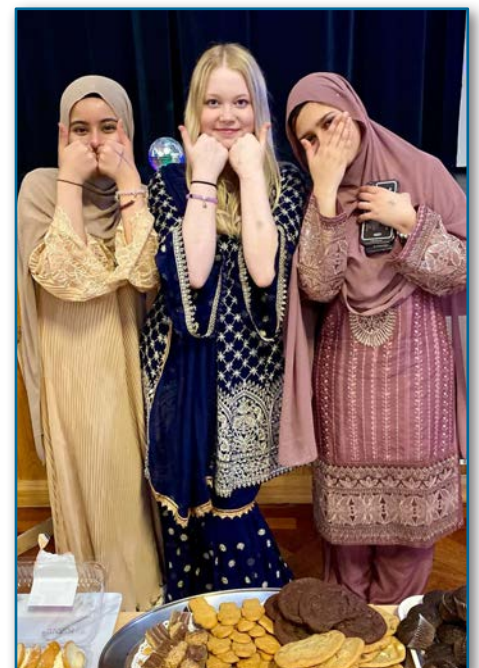
They had a tour of the museum, a canal trip through the **Dudley tunnel**, and a guided walk through a coal mine. Students also had time to explore both the 1950s and Victorian streets, and a great educational day was had by all!

Sharing in Celebration

As an academy Haywood is incredibly proud of its diverse and multicultural student body, and we have helped our Muslim community celebrate Eid in style this year!

For Eid al-Fitr, we hosted our very own Eid party on 15th April. The main hall was splendidly decorated, and Ms Stanley and her band of student helpers made this a really special afternoon! We are so lucky to have such an amazing community who pulled together to create a wonderful atmosphere.

Then, for Eid al-Adha, we used Community Time on 21st June to have some treats, as well as information and conversations around the meaning, origin and importance of this occasion!



Engineers of the Future

Our **Greenpower Club** spent the day on Friday 10th May at the Burslem campus of **Stoke-on-Trent College**, working on the Greenpower car - a battery-powered single-seater race car, which competes in KMF's **Young Engineer of the Year**.

Schools from across the city took their Greenpower cars along for a maintenance and build day, spending the whole day working on their cars. They also had a series of sessions on creative media, aerodynamics, and batteries during the day to help them make the most of their time there.



We then took our Greenpower car to **Blyton Park** to race it! On 10th July, the team arrived early to set up their pit spot and workstation, registered the car, and got through pre-race checks.

Unfortunately, we had a major breakdown on race 1, only managing 3 laps before an electrical failure.

Thankfully, we were very kindly rescued by another team, who loaned us a replacement control box, but it took all the remaining time in race 1 to diagnose the fault, find a replacement and fit this to the car.

For race 2 The Haywood team came out fully repaired and raring to go, and came **5th** out of 24 kit cars! This was an excellent achievement, as we made more pit changes to allow all students who wanted to drive to have the opportunity to.

A brilliant effort by all!

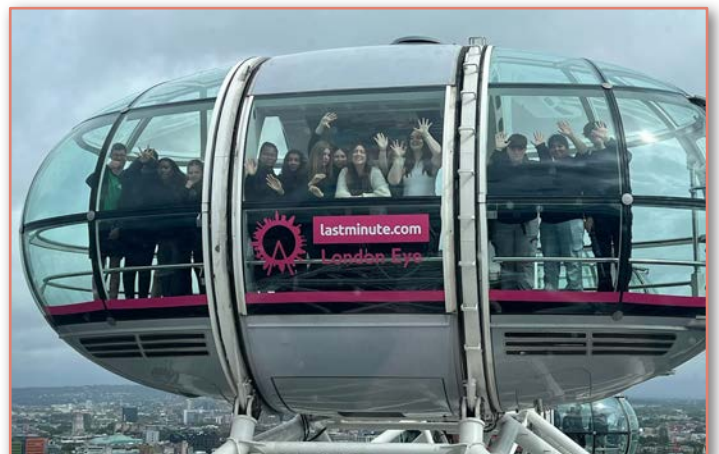
...Race day!



Cultural Capital

Students across the Performing Arts Department (Music, Dance and Drama) had the opportunity to visit London at the beginning of July to participate in a Musical Theatre workshop led by ex-show members. They visited the famous **Pineapple Dance Studios**, and also watched a performance of **The Lion King!**

Making the most of their time in the capital, our students had the chance to see some of the landmarks, including the **London Eye** and **Buckingham Palace!**



Earth Day

As part of the **Character and Arts Foundation**, some of our students had the opportunity to attend an 'Earth Day' at **Keele University**, coinciding with the global Earth Day, held each 22nd April to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Our students' day included a tour of the Low Carbon Energy Park; a session with **Jason Singh**, the creator of '**Hidden Music of Trees**'; and an experience in their **Stardome**, learning about the creation of our planet. Thank you to the team at **Appetite** for leading a brilliant day!



This term, students who have opted in for **BTEC Dance** improved their contemporary dance skills with the **National Youth Dance Company**.

Professional dancers from **Sadlers Wells London** delivered an amazing workshop with material from Wayne McGregor's piece 'Novacene'.

The students were extremely professional, pushing themselves for the three-hour workshop, and our professional visitors were thrilled with their progress. They are excited for another workshop next year!



Dancing with the Professionals



On Thursday 11th July we hosted our **Excellence Awards**, which recognised the amazing work of students who have excelled in a variety of subject areas. Each department nominated one winner per year group, with one overall 'Gold Award' winner to be an example of excellence in their field.



The evening was a huge success, with families beaming with pride as they watched the students accept their awards, a dance performance from our Senior Dance Club, and even Haywood-branded cupcakes baked by our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students.

The ceremony was expertly hosted by our brilliant team of Head Students - well done to them, and to all of our Excellent award winners!

Excellent!



Prefects and Peer Mentors

We have been very busy during this term taking part in hustings for our Prefects and Head students.

All Year 10 students that were interested in becoming part of our Student Leadership team started the hustings process by writing a letter of application to Miss Bradley, detailing why they wanted to become a Prefect, why they think they would make a good leader, and detailing a list of activities and events that they have taken part in that they have been able to use in their record of achievement.

All students then took part in an interview process to see which students were the right candidates for our leadership programme, and have now been awarded their Prefect ties and badges to signify their importance within the academy.

Alongside the Prefect interviews, we had our candidates for head students performing hustling speeches in all year assemblies, and students and staff were then able to vote for their choice.

We are pleased to say that our head students are **Alyana Malik** and **Jakob Bochentyn**, and our Deputy Head students are **Isabel Neeson**, **Zuzanna Kaczor** and **Jamal Khan** - congratulations to them all!

The Prefects have already been taking their new roles incredibly seriously and have been helping out with activities and events to represent the academy in the best possible way.

We are incredibly proud of all of the hard work that our students have put into their applications and are confident that we have the correct students leading our students in and around school.

Miss Bradley has also been overwhelmed with the confidence portrayed by our Year 9 students during their hustings to be Peer Mentors during our next academic year.

The applicants took part in a similar husting to our Prefects, where the Year 9 students that were interested in the role wrote a letter of application detailing why they thought they would make a good Peer Mentor.

This was followed by an interview where the previous Peer Mentors asked them questions linked to the experiences that they have had this year.

Our successful Peer Mentors have received their new badges and have already been put to work by looking after the Year 6 cohort in school during our Transition Days.

The Peer Mentors have been linked to the Year 7 forms that they will be supporting next year and have oozed professionalism, really showing why they suit the leadership position they have been selected for.



There for each other

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place each May, and this year our Peer Mentors delivered well-being activities all week during break time and lunch time. These included Uno and other card games, colouring, bracelet making, and origami!

The theme of the week this year was 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health', and so we also encouraged students to get up and active to get that serotonin flowing!



Teams on Tour

The Haywood PE department took 17 girls to **Condover Hall** in Shropshire back in May to take part in the Football Tour.



We entered two teams from Years 7-9, and Team Haywood 1 finished second in the tournament! This was an incredible achievement as schools from across the country had entered the tournament.

As well as football, the girls had the opportunity to do other adventurous activities, such as laser tag, a silent disco, rock climbing, and abseiling!

All the girls were superb throughout the weekend, and we're already signed up to go again next year, with two netball teams and two football teams! We can't wait!

Football Final Fun!

On the 11th May, 15 of our female footballers went to **Wembley** to watch the **Women's FA Cup Final** between **Manchester United** and **Tottenham Hotspur**.

They had an amazing time watching United win 4-0, and even got to witness an Ella Toone "worldie"!



Rocking Rounders

We were pleased to host the **Year 8 rounders tournament** here at Haywood on 11th June.

Team Haywood played with two players short and still finished in 2nd place! It was an amazing effort by everyone - well done!



Super Athletes

Some of our Year 9 and 10 athletes took part in the Super 8 Athletics competition at Northwood back on 13th June. All of the students behaved impeccably and made the school very proud.

We are so impressed by their talent and dedication!

STAFF FAREWELLS

Miss Ward will be leaving us at the end of this academic year for her new job as a sixth form Drama teacher. She has done so much in the year she has been here, making a huge impact on the performing arts department - the shows and trips that have taken place wouldn't have been possible without her. Staff and students are sad to see her go, but we wish her well in her new adventure!

Miss White is leaving us for the second time this summer! Miss White began at Haywood in January 2014, before leaving in 2017, and she returned here from the position of Head of Science at Codsall in January 2023. Initially returning as a Science teacher, she quickly became Lead Practitioner in Science, and in the department Miss White has proved to be a valuable member of the team, both through her teaching, and her support of other members of the department. Her knowledge and expertise both in the theory and practical aspects of the Science curriculum has proved invaluable to teachers and technical support staff.

In addition, Miss White has run a Thursday after-school games club where students from all year groups can play a variety of games, from the well-known, such as Chess, to more niche games. She has decided to now pursue a variety of interests outside the school environment, such as running science-themed parties, and will be missed in the department. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Ms Rayworth is leaving also Haywood this term - for the second time! She has been a member of the Science department for just over two years, but left for the first time seven years ago, after being with us for a year. During her time here, she has established and run the LGBTQ+ group for students, where they can spend time with friends and allies in a supportive environment, and which has helped many of our young people. Ms Rayworth is moving on to the North Staffs Engineering Group Training Academy in Hanley to run and teach a Functional Skills department for apprentices and others who want to upskill their workforce. Ms Rayworth would like to thank everyone who checked on her to make sure she wasn't lost when they saw her floating around the Maths department, and would also like it to be known that the science department rocks!

This term we also say farewell to **Mr Taylor** as he moves on to pastures new at Moorside High School. For five years Mr Taylor has inspired students in Maths with his energy and enthusiasm in the classroom. Mr Taylor will be fondly remembered for his incredible artwork in Ma3, as well as for his impeccable timekeeping. He has been active in school life as a teacher governor, as well as running the chess club, taking students to many competitive tournaments, and welcoming students into his room during break and lunch times. Staff will miss Mr Taylor's humour, passion, and sincerity as a true friend in the department.

As **Mr Bailey** prepares to embark on his new journey, we would all like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for his services to Haywood Academy. For his fellow History staff, working alongside Mr Bailey has been a privilege and a pleasure; his innovative teaching methods, patience, and the genuine care shown for each student have not only inspired the entire team, but have also inspired many students with a love for the subject. He has been more than a colleague; Mr Bailey has been a mentor and a friend. While we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for the new opportunities and adventures that await and have no doubt that he will continue to make a profound impact.

Ms Taylor has spent seven remarkable years with us at Haywood Academy. Her conscientious and talented nature has made her an invaluable member of our team, both professionally and personally. Starting her career with us as an IT teacher, Ms. Taylor successfully completed her NQT year and quickly established herself as a dedicated and inspiring educator. Over the years, she has expanded her expertise to include teaching IT, Computer Science and has taken on the significant responsibility of overseeing the PSHE curriculum and teaching Citizenship. Ms. Taylor's commitment to her students and her role has been exemplary, and her contributions to the school have left a lasting impact. Her nurturing spirit and dedication to her family have been evident in all she does. Both staff and students will deeply miss Ms. Taylor's presence, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We are confident that she will continue to achieve great success, and we hope she carries fond memories of her time at Haywood Academy.

Mr Baillie has been at Haywood since January 2014, and in his time here has had a range of roles. He started as a mentor for High Attainers at KS4, and was integral to the setting up and delivery of the Excellence Academy programme for our High Attainers. In September 2015, he became a part of the new Haywood Sixth Form Academy (later City College) team, and started to work there full-time in 2017. Since then, he has helped dozens of students through the UCAS process to reach university, and in 2023 became Careers Lead for Haywood and City College. Amongst Mr Baillie's other roles at City College have included the establishment and maintenance of their social media accounts, PHSE programme and academic mentoring, and for the past half term he has been back at Haywood, working as an LSP. Mr Baillie has also been responsible for the writing and editing of every issue of The Haywood News since 2016, including this one! He leaves Haywood to take up the position of Careers Education, Information and Guidance Co-ordinator at the Co-op Academy.

Miss Houldsworth has been at Haywood for nine years after training here for her PGCE. In this time, she has been an English teacher; a Teaching and Learning Coach; a CPD lead; a mentor for trainees, NQTs and 2nd year teachers; a Performance Leader for Years 10 and 11; Literacy Lead, and finally, the Lead Practitioner for English. She now plans to travel, write, and complete charity and voluntary work, and we wish her all the best on what looks to be a very exciting future!

Finally, **Mr Challinor** has been an integral part of Haywood Academy for the past 14 years, and it is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to our esteemed colleague and friend. Mr Challinor's steady and dependable nature, coupled with his exceptional teaching skills, has left an indelible mark on both students and staff. Over the years, Mr Challinor has worn many hats at our school, from being a talented IT teacher to assuming significant roles such as Head of KS3 IT, Head of House for Baskeyfield, where his competitive spirit shone brightly, and most recently, Head of Business Studies. Mr Challinor's contributions extend beyond his professional duties; he has been a supportive and reliable team member, always willing to lend a helping hand. His camaraderie and friendship have enriched our lives, creating bonds that will be cherished long after his departure. As Mr Challinor embarks on his new journey, we wish him nothing but success and fulfilment in his future endeavours. While we hope he achieves great things, we also hope he fondly remembers his time with us and misses the vibrant community he helped build at Haywood Academy.

As we wish a fond farewell to our colleagues, we would also like to welcome new colleagues that will be joining the academy in September:

Mr Goddard (Assistant Principal), **Ms Wilmer** (MFL), **Ms Lovatt** (MFL), **Ms Moody** (Maths), **Ms Mills** (Drama), **Ms Walton** (English), **Ms Alalade** (Science), **Ms Smith** (Science), **Ms Az-Zahra** (Business) and **Ms DeFreitas** (Product Design).