

HAILEYBURY NEWS

14 November 2025



From the Master

What an excellent 'In-Weekend' we enjoyed. House music was an evening of colourful costumes, creative choreography and enthusiastic singing – congratulations to Colvin on their impressive victory. The spectacular fireworks display over Terrace was wonderful and Angela and I were delighted to welcome so many parents for drinks in the Lodge. We look forward to doing the same next year. Sunday's Remembrance Service saw our choir singing beautifully and our pupils performing their ceremonial duties to the highest of standards.

The fun informality of Saturday night was in stark contrast to the more serious and reflective tone of Sunday morning. The two together, however, highlighted the wonderfully varied life of a busy boarding school. Running through everything we do – and evidenced at every turn – is the strong sense of community which makes Haileybury the special place that it is.

Thank you for your ongoing support and best wishes for the weekend,

Engage du Tait

Haileybury was delighted to welcome Jo Roundell Greene, granddaughter of OH Clement Attlee, on the 80th anniversary of her grandfather becoming Prime Minister. Jo, who now leads the Attlee Foundation, toured key sites across the School, including the Library, Terrace, the Attlee Room, Lawrence House, the Dining Hall and the Attlee Tree, originally planted by her mother in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary.

Exploring the school archives, Jo examined historic documents, including letters from Clement Attlee written from Downing Street offering guidance on Haileybury and Speech Day attire, alongside photographs capturing his time as a pupil and boarding life in 1900. The visit also included discussions on the legacy of the Haileybury Youth Trust in 2025 (Clement Attlee once served as the Trust's manager) and plans for a pupil-curated Clock House display highlighting Attlee's life and times at Haileybury. The day offered a fascinating glimpse into the enduring connection between the School and the Attlee family.

A Special Visit from Jo Roundell Greene



On Tuesday 11 November, the entire school gathered once again in Quad for the Armistice Day Service. Proudly led by the Haileybury CCF Colour Party, the school community stood together in reflection for two minutes to honour all those who served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present. The silence was followed by the playing of Reveille. Following the service, the Master and Chaplain laid a wreath at Red House in remembrance of Operations staff who lost their lives in the war.

These occasions were deeply moving and served as a powerful reminder of the enduring importance of remembrance, reflection and gratitude within our community.



Remembrance at Haileybury



This week, the Haileybury community came together in solemn remembrance to honour those who gave their lives in service to their country.



On Sunday, a formal Remembrance Service was held in Chapel, where we gave thanks for the sacrifice of so many, including Old Haileyburians who served with courage and distinction. The moving service featured thoughtful readings, hymns and choral music reflecting themes of service and gratitude. This was followed by the Two Minutes' Silence and the laying of wreaths and flowers at the Cross of Sacrifice by the Master, Heads of School, CCF representatives and pupils from across all year groups.



A New Chapter of Adventure

Haileybury's brand-new **Outdoor Education Area** was officially opened this week, marking an exciting milestone for our school community and the continued growth of our Outdoor Adventure programme.

Set within the beautiful surroundings of Hailey Wood, the new space has been thoughtfully designed to encourage exploration, creativity, teamwork and a deeper connection with the natural world.



To mark the occasion, Lower School pupils led the celebrations with a day of hands-on discovery and outdoor fun. From den building and fire lighting to cooking hot chocolate on Kelly kettles, pupils threw themselves into every challenge with curiosity and enthusiasm.

Guests were welcomed by the Master and the Deputy Head (Co-curricular), who spoke about the exciting opportunities the new Outdoor Education Area will offer.



The space will serve as a hub for outdoor learning, adventure and wellbeing and will assist pupils in building confidence, resilience and leadership skills beyond the classroom.

The celebrations came to a close with a lunch served in the outdoor kitchen, where pupils, guests and staff gathered to enjoy the delicious food right in the heart of Hailey Wood.





Academic Enrichment Group: Pupil-Led Talks

On Monday, the **Academic Enrichment Group** welcomed Minh (Colvin, U6) as the first of four pupil-led talks this year from our Academic College Prefects.

Minh’s presentation, “*Through Vietnamese Eyes: The Impacts and Legacies of the Vietnam War*,” offered a fascinating perspective on a period of history often explored from a Western viewpoint. Drawing on her own family history, Minh shared the experiences of three generations, highlighting the lasting social and cultural effects of the war on the Vietnamese people and reflecting on Ho Chi Minh’s famous words: “*Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom*” (1966).

The newly refurbished Library, a vibrant hub of academic exploration, provided the perfect setting for this personal and thought-provoking talk.

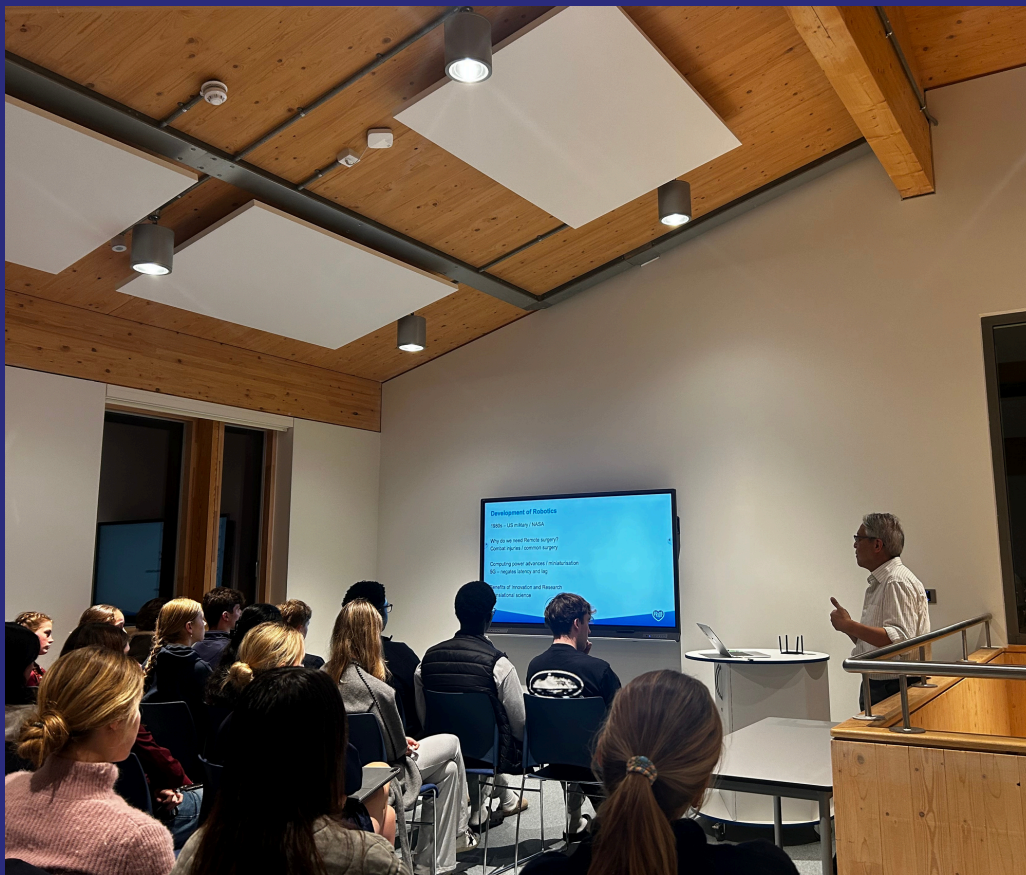


Insightful Haileybury Lecture

On Tuesday evening, we were delighted to welcome academic and author **Dr. Michael Collins** to Haileybury for this week’s lecture. Dr. Collins, Associate Professor of History at UCL, recently published *Windrush Cricket: Imperial Culture, Caribbean Migration, and the Remaking of Postwar England* with Oxford University Press, the culmination of a five-year project exploring the historical and contemporary significance of cricket for Caribbean migrants to Britain.

In a timely lecture titled “*These Fine Men from Afar*”: Colonial Cricketers on Britain’s World War II ‘Home Front’, Dr. Collins offered fascinating insights into the role of colonial cricketers during the war.

Pupils, staff, and guests greatly enjoyed his engaging talk, and Dr. Collins joined the Master and pupils for dinner in the Lodge following the lecture.



Italian Society Webinar

The webinar with the Private Wealth Management team at Goldman Sachs was incredibly enriching. The insights into the industry, market perspectives, and potential career paths provided immense value and offered our pupils a practical, real-world understanding of the sector.

The Haileybury Italian Society were honored and delighted by the excellent turnout, with a remarkably high number of pupils attending the webinar. This strong engagement is a clear signal that many pupils are interested in finance. They are looking forward to seeing similar enthusiasm for the upcoming webinar on 2 December.



STEM Twilight Sessions

Our pupils were inspired during a recent STEM Twilight Session by **Dr Joseph Huang**, consultant colorectal surgeon at Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust. He shared fascinating insights into the use of robotics in surgery and explored the future of the field, including autonomic robotics and nanorobotics.

Pupils were captivated by the complexity and precision of surgical procedures, such as removing cancerous growths from the colon and eagerly asked thoughtful questions. The session offered a unique glimpse into cutting-edge medical technology and left our students excited about the possibilities of science and medicine.



House Music Brings the House Down!

What a night!

Haileybury's much-loved House Music Competition made a triumphant return on Saturday evening and it truly brought the house down. The atmosphere was electric as pupils took to the stage with dazzling performances, infectious energy and plenty of sparkle.

Each House delivered something special, showcasing the incredible breadth of musical and creative talent across the School. From powerhouse vocals and slick choreography to heartfelt harmonies and clever arrangements, the audience was treated to an unforgettable night of entertainment and school spirit.

In the end, it was the Colvin House girls who stole the show with their glitzy, show-stopping ABBA medley which was a performance bursting with glitter, glam and good vibes that had the whole hall singing along. The Trevelyan boys followed closely behind, impressing the judges with their musical flair and the unstoppable enthusiasm of their cheerleaders, earning a well-deserved second place.

To top it all off, the celebrations continued outside, where a spectacular fireworks display lit up the Terrace and the night sky, bringing a magical close to an evening filled with music, joy and community spirit.





Piano Duet Brilliance

Piano Duet Brilliance Last Friday, Joseph (L6, Bartle Frere) and Bérenger (L6, Thomason) demonstrated the complexities and expressive power of the piano duet with an impressive **Spotlight Recital** in Bradby Hall. The main item of their programme was Franz Schubert's landmark piano composition for four hands Fantasy in F minor.

This incredible piece lasts for 20 minutes and requires the two players to be perfectly in sync with each other, not only in terms of the music, but also working as a team, giving each other space to have moments of thematic leadership, or to be weaving their independent musical lines into a perfect blend.

Their programme also included works by Francis Poulenc and W. A. Mozart. Many thanks to Mr Hewson for his coaching of Joe and Bérenger to prepare them for this performance. It is intended that the boys will perform the Schubert composition again in the summer term.

Co-opted Committee Member- Haileybury Audit Committee

Haileybury Council of Governors is seeking to appoint a co-opted member to join its Audit Committee.

This voluntary role offers an exciting opportunity for someone from the Haileybury community with audit, finance or internal control expertise to contribute to the School's governance.

The Audit Committee oversees the School's financial reporting and internal financial controls, providing independent insight and challenge. Co-opted members play a key role, bringing professional rigour and perspective to the Committee's work.

We are particularly interested in hearing from individuals with senior experience in audit, accountancy or internal control.

To express interest, please send your CV to the Clerk to Governors at clerktogovernors@haileybury.com by **Friday 28 November 2025**.

Coming Up

Friday 14 November

- Jazz & Pop Concert, 7.30 pm, Bradby Hall

Sunday 16 November

- Weekend Activities: Trip to Covent Garden
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Tuesday 18 November

- Junior Musical Showcase, 7 pm, Bradby Hall

Wednesday 19 November

- International Men's Day, 8.30 pm, Grubber

Friday 21 November

- VEX Regional Competition, 9 am - 5 pm, Big School

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