



SPRING 2022

Newslink



I draft my end of term Newslink article having attended the girls Under 16 football finals yesterday. Whilst not winning the match, I was very impressed with their determination and perseverance. It did not help that Fortismore School had an Arsenal and England player representing them! I would like to thank Ms Egan and Ms Glynn for coaching the side.

School does feel like it is starting to return to normal and as we approach two years since I was directed to close the school on March 20th, 2022 school. We all need to remain vigilant as there has been a small increase in Covid cases in recent weeks and I know colleagues in other schools are having similar experiences.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have had further practice

examinations and I am as certain as I can be that the end of year summer examinations will now take place as normal. Our Duke of Edinburgh programme is back in full swing and we have had a number of practice and assessed expeditions over the term. As ever, I would like to thank Mr Harding and Ms Maisuria for all of the opportunities that they offer the students for Duke of Edinburgh.

I am really looking forward to seeing our first production for some time, Les Miserables. I have popped into several rehearsals and I know the students are getting excited. I would like to thank Ms Pennel, Ms Thompson, Mr Bowman and Ms Drysdale and the PAMMS team for putting this opportunity on.

There are lots of revision classes

over the Easter holidays and I would like to thank the staff who will be coming in to give our students further help. I would like to wish my personal assistant, Jan Porter a very happy retirement. Jan is retiring after just under 28 years at Haydon School. Her support has been invaluable to me over the 10 years that I have been head teacher. I know that she is looking forward to her retirement!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a **very Happy Easter!**

Robert Jones
Headteacher

English



This term we had the Globe Players in to perform **A Christmas Carol to Year 10**. A little out of season due to covid times. However, it was an excellent performance, hugely enjoyable and educational to students and staff alike. **3rd March** we celebrated **World Book Day** with another performance by the Globe Players for Y7 of 'What You Will'. A fantastically, funny, mish-mash of the classic Shakespearean stories. Students and staff alike were enthralled by the exciting story telling and action packed performance. Other events happened throughout the school day including the story relay. Every lesson another part of the story was revealed

to the students and they had to wait for the next lesson of the day to find out what happened. It was a brilliant story with a wicked twist at the end. We had 'guess the Matilda Cake weight' in the canteen and a 'Design your own bookmark' competition to name a few of the events. **4 Fantastic winners of our Empowered Poetry**

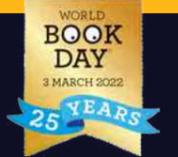
Competition: Katie Greaves Y8, Lucy Davies Y7, Bianca Bodrug Y11 and Manya Chowdhury Y11. Congratulations to you all, certificate and prize on its way! So many entries and so many wonderful poems, very difficult to choose but choose we had to. More competitions in the future, keep entering

During your reading of this issue you will see the poems that have been selected for our internal award and those that will be published in Young Writer's new Poetry Anthology. A book that will remain in National British Library forever. Enjoy.



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Bookmark competition winners



1st
Manya Chowdhury Y11



2nd
Bianca Bodrug Y11



3rd
Ishita Chowdhury Y8



4th
Ambar Chandane Y10



5th
Eve Leeming Y8



6th
Tiffany Sousa Y7

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Floating

I have drowned so many times
In the gargantuan waves that hit me,
Foolish was I, to believe I'll survive the highs.
They stifled and struck, perfidious to my plea,
Gasping for air was my only equanimity!
My legs have splashed the water violently,
My arms waving their way subconsciously,
Only making the sumptuous torrents
Leverage my body deeper into the currents.
This sea that I've created.
With my own permission it has risen,
At this point it's tough for things to be mended
The Intrusive thoughts keep me in this prison,
Since this life's anxieties are the cause
Of the abyss of fears within
And the hope that burned so brightly,
Has suddenly grown dim
But the ammunition of the gentle thoughts
Can revive my dying flame.
Thus I knew I'll survive those assaults
And the powerful waves that come
My legs are no longer splashing,
My arms no longer waving,
Just simply floating.....

by Bianca Bodrug Y11

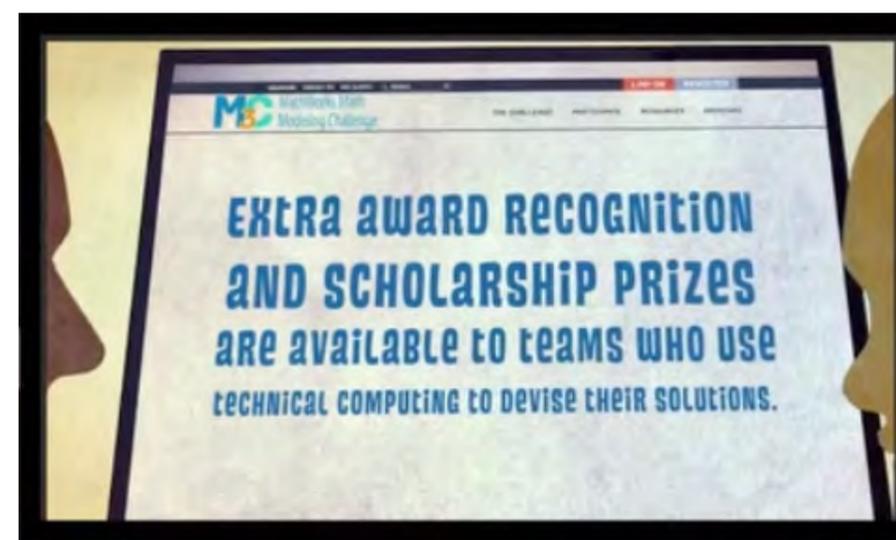
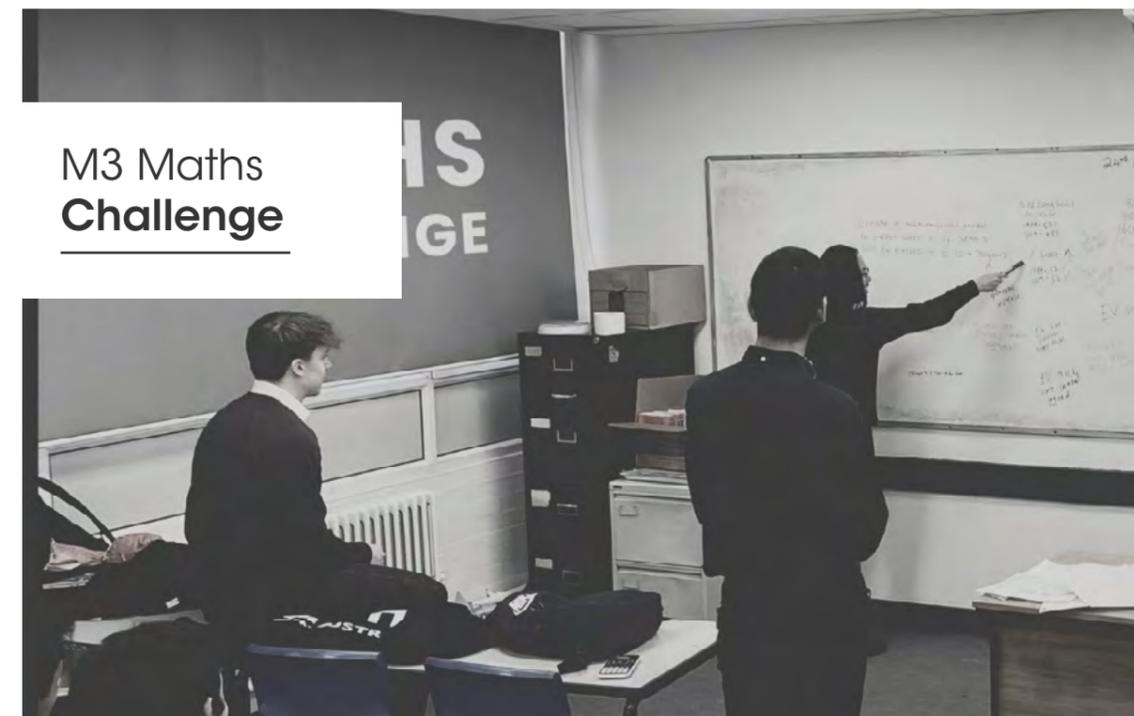


As part of their Mathematics course, all Y12 students attended a webinar, presented by University of Nottingham on Tackling Previously Unseen Data.

Students found this beneficial to the Statistics module of their A Level Mathematics course and in which they will be assessed in their final A Level exams on dealing with a Large Data Set in their exam. This workshop webinar will be of great benefit to them, which is why attendance to this extracurricular is expected. Sara Azizi Nigcheh (Y12 student) spoke about what she had learned from the experience: "A Nottingham University professor, professor Theo, led the seminar passionately and taught us a little about his work and how he deals with large data. But what is data? Data is all information to do with a specific variable in mind. The journey to data analysis can be split into a few simple steps:

- Understanding the problem
- Getting or generating data
- Enrich data (data cleaning)
- Find insights and visualise
- Create a simple data set, through modelling or machine learning.
- Iterate all steps above
- Present the results

It's important to understand that data is not always numbers or texts, it can be anything from colours to images. Searching through massive amount of data can be very long and tedious, sometimes impossible for a human to do. This is where machine learning and search engines come in. Often researchers will create a piece of code that will search through the data for them, making the entire process much more efficient. To finish off, professor Theo discussed the two questions you have to ask yourself when moving any data: Are there any problems with the model? Will this model always work in practise?"



M3 Challenge is unlike any other high school math competition! It is a math modelling contest that will push you to the limits of what you know about math and test your ability to work as a team and under strict time restraints. This contest gives you the unique opportunity to work on a real problem using each of your team member's

individual math toolkits, as well as problem solving and critical thinking. Teams are presented with a previously unknown problem scenario, and should work together, using the math modelling process to represent, analyse, make predictions and otherwise provide insight into that real-world phenomena and the posed problem's questions.

Haydon's team went through to the final in the M3 Challenge and were considered for the technical computing scholarship award. We are very proud of you guys Cameron B, Minh Thu N, Arushi K, Keiran V and Matthew W.

That others feel inspired by you and next year we do this again!

Well done!



School Show Les Miserables

This year's school show 'Les Miserable' takes place on the 30th and 31st March at 7pm in St Mary's Hall. Tickets are on sale via parent pay. Les Miserable is the world's longest running musical based on the famous novel by Victor Hugo. The show's backdrop is the French revolution where Jean Valjean tries to make an honest way in the world after he is unjustly imprisoned. He is doggedly pursued by Inspector Javert, who refuses to believe he can change his ways. The show features the classic songs including 'I Dreamed a Dream', 'Do You Hear the People Sing' and 'On My Own'. Over 60 students have been involved in the show and the sounds coming from the hall during rehearsals have

been absolutely amazing. After such a long break due to Covid it is such a joy to see the students back on stage doing

what they love so brilliantly. We hope to see you for the show.



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What now?

It's a horrible virus, how long will this last?
When can I throw away this itchy mask?

From panic buying toilet rolls, to major death tolls.

To vaccinate the nation was their goals, jeopardised by
Internet trolls.

No one was expecting it; vaccines we're injecting it.

Some people were rejecting it, now they're reinfecting it.

Think back!

The NHS working like heroes for a salary with not enough zeros.

Teachers still working on zoom, carrying on from the shed or spare room.

All locked inside in sunny weather, not so bad, we're all in it together.

Hoping scientists can find a quick fix, waking up each morning to train with
Joe Wicks.

Watching my dad trying to find things to fix, while me and my
Mum are watching Netflix.

Lest we forget the souls that were lost, the pain
And the heartbreak was such a big cast.

Country, age, race, rich or poor, this angry pandemic
Savagely tore.

Through working together let's stop it's return.

A wink to mankind - there is a lesson to learn.

By Katie Greaves Y8



**Research
Methods Project**

Year 9 students have been learning about sociological research methods. They then completed a research methods

completed research into the effects of social media, attitudes towards marriage, teacher labelling in education and other

exciting areas and one student even conducted cross cultural research by conducting interviews with people in Turkey over the half term on their attitudes towards relationships within the family and education.

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project where they had to undertake their own research on a sociological topic, collect the data and analyse it. Students

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Silent and Serene

Silent and serene.
 Mundane yet everything has been
 The simplicity of that sole moment
 Made everything assommant
 Fatigued by my own words
 That I muttered ever so slurred
 Everyday becoming bettersweet
 My life as plain as a white sheet
 Coldness creeping over me
 Shackled to a ball and chain – I know I'm not free!

Wispy shadows staring into my soul
 Sucking me into a black hole
 An empty void of sadness
 With only company the darkness
 I think I'm going insane
 Oh the pain!

Words binding me to a pledge
 I feel like my sanity is at its very edge
 The monster has come
 Bringing the sensation that makes me numb
 And just like that I'm alone
 All on my own.

A light breaks through the gloom
 I'm no longer condemned to doom
 Hope blesses me with its presence
 And suddenly It's omnipresent
 Now I'm happy as can be
 And I'm fine being me.

by Lucy Davies Y7

National Youth Orchestra Inspire Programme



Year 12 Student and Clarinetist Ben Hall (12SFB) spent 3 days participating in the National Youth Orchestra Inspire Ensembles programme. NYO Inspire provides orchestral opportunities to musicians who are underrepresented in the sector, which is why the opportunity is

verse. Places are fully funded so that no musicians miss out. This is what Ben had to say about his experience: "I gained a lot from playing alongside some very talented woodwind players. Tim, our tutor, was amazing. He was supportive and encouraging in helping

that alongside the other woodwind sections.

"I have been invited to an NYO Inspire Orchestra day in London in April which I am really looking forward to. It was great to meet so many people who have similar passions and aspirations as a musician so I can't wait to meet more people at the orchestra day. The whole experience has given me more confidence to pursue a career in music."

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open to teenage musicians at Grade 6, 7 or 8 standard, who attend a state school, who are home schooled, or who are Black, Asian or ethnically di-

us through some challenging repertoire. A new experience for me was the sectional work. We did a lot of work on tuning as a section and then integrating

Orchestras For All



Students in the Training Orchestra attended the Modulo

Orchestras for All Regional Meet Workshop Day on Monday, 14 March 2022, at Cecil Sharp

for the opportunity, Hillingdon Music Hub for providing transport and our Music Department for organising.



performed beautifully as part of a large-scale orchestra with students from other schools, supported by a team of professional musicians. We are very proud of our performers.

A very special thank you goes to Orchestras for All



Safeguarding



It was a pleasure to welcome back the Daniel Spargo Mabbs Foundation who have delivered their theatre production and interactive workshop to our Year 9 and Year 10 students - raising awareness of the dangers of drug taking. The theatre production tells the story of Dan, who was just 16 years old when he died. He was one of the very last people anyone would have expected to come to harm from drugs. Dan's death was a tragedy that need not have happened and so the Daniel SpargoMabbs Foundation exists to make sure no harm happens to another young person through drugs or alcohol, and that all other young people get to go home safely. I have received very positive feedback on the effectiveness of this

presentation. For the first time, we also welcomed the St Giles Trust into school. They presented to and worked with our Year 7 and 8 students, educating



them about the risks of County Lines and Gangs. Presenters from this organisation have experience of the criminal justice system and use their experiences to deglamourise gang involvement and expose the harsh realities of crime and violence. As they know these issues first-hand, they can speak from their own experiences and have high levels of engagement from the young people.

Remember:
SAFEGUARDING
IS EVERYONE'S
RESPONSABILITY

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Colours of Memory

My time is running out.

An hourglass turned, the wheel is spun
 A kaleidoscope of memories begin to shurn
 One after the other, I contemplate my life
 The wistful feeling of every flawed choice.

When it lands on blue, the colour of oceans and pools,
 I get flashbacks of the horizon view
 The colossal ships that sail through
 And the maine life swimming in the sea,
 Focused in their world with complacency.
 But wait! They can be strangled, murdered too.
 With human invaders and their wasteful tools.
 We must try to save them.

When I see the shostly grey, I think of air and the way
 The fresh salty breeze that melts on the tongue
 With the rate of industrialisation, can't last long.
 We should try to lower our waste
 And focus on what we can - together - save.

In the golden blur of gifts and glamour,
 Make sure to help the wretched, battling poor.
 They starve and perish in their endless endeavour
 And freeze for a tenth of your exotic dessert.
 Eyeing the money in your extravagant purse
 You'll see them turn to crime for a dozen dimes
 While you whine at them wasting your news and time.

Being wise and witty, the colour of simplicity,
 Yellow calls for summer and glitter
 Plain clothes and sandy tees,
 With splashing waves that shine silver.

Then, a streak of red, of love and wealth
 But also danger, toxicity, fake friends,
 So watch out for heartless daggers of dread
 That'll leave you lying broken in bed.

'What's done cannot be undone'
 The memories gone can never return
 So live life to the fullest and give the needy a chance;
 Life's treasures can only be enjoyed once.

by Manya Chowdhury Y11

PE

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London Youth Games finals Y7 Boy and Girls. Girls 6th place in London and Boys 8th. Well done!



Girls U16 Silver medal



Year 8 Boys Rugby Team



Year 7 Netball Team



Year 9 Boys Football Team



Year 7/8 Girls Football Team



Year 8 Boys Basketball Team



Year 7/8 Boys Basketball Team

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Mirror, Mirror On The Wall

Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Beautiful you are, you stand proud and tall,
I see reflections of grace and beauty,
Every day as you do your duty,

I look at you as you disclose the truth,
An elegant ornament revealing my youth,
You came in all shapes and sizes; some big, some small,
You cause me no shame at all,

"Behold my beauty!" I call to you,
I laugh as I say this, knowing it's not true,
Gazing at quite a sight,
I ask myself, "How do I look tonight?"

Your importance is known worldwide,
You and your popularity side by side,
Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who's the fairest of them all?

by Aishani Goel Y8



Raising funds

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As a way of raising funds for the school, the Haydon Parents Association have linked with

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HAYDON SCHOOL

HAYDON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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are a team of parents and carers, who work together to hold events to raise money for our children's school, to purchase things outside of the school budget.

Every year we lose some great members of the team, the team really do need new helpers every year to keep the fundraising going.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP/SUPPORT

You can volunteer to help at any of the events for any amount of time. Join the committee and be involved with brain storming ideas and planning events at our regular meetings at school or down the local pub.

By just supporting events by buying a event ticket or a raffle ticket you're helping raise money and your children will gain. We can't do it without you...

WHY JOIN HAYDON PTA?

- * To help raise much needed funds
- * To make new friends
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So, if you think you could help even a small amount, please think about joining and being part of such an amazing group of people, giving HAYDON children all they deserve and more by fundraising with Haydon School Parents Association..

It might be one of the best decisions you make!

We have a number of members who are leaving this year, so any new members are very welcome and I'm sure you will find it a fun and rewarding experience.

Contact us: parentsassociation@haydonschool.com





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cilities are suitable for Football, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Badminton, Martial Arts, Fitness, Dance and Yoga classes. **Dance Studios & Performance Space** - We have great facilities for dance and the performing arts including rooms for rehearsal space or for larger events. **Conference Facilities & Meeting Rooms** - We have a range of rooms ideal for meetings,



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An exciting evening with over 30 universities and apprenticeship providers coming to Haydon. Some of the names:

- Brunel University
- Cardiff University
- Coventry University
- Loughborough University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Swansea University
- The University of Law
- University Campus of Football Business (UCFB)
- University of Bath
- University of Bristol
- University of East Anglia
- University of Glasgow
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- University of Leicester
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Economics Workshop

After two years of hiatus, due to Covid19, we finally got a chance to host our two-day Econplus-dal Economics Workshop in St Mary's Hall on February 25&26, 2022. The Economics Department also had three neighbouring schools participating in this wider curriculum opportunity namely, Bishop Ramsey, Bushey Meads, and Avanti House Secondary.



Students developed exam skills, techniques, and many secrets to wow examiners when answering 25 marks Essay type questions. It was engaging, informative, factual, and fantastic with immense fun activities that kept students engaged for the 6 hours each day.

The reflection from Parents and students is encouraging which has geared us up to make next year an even better experience for our Year 13 students as we help them secure those top grades in A level Economics.



Poem selected to be published in Young Writer's new Poetry Anthology.

The Impact Of A Stutter

A stutter,
not a something; a someone.
Someone who stabs you in the chest and leaves you to rot.
Someone who embarrasses you and makes you
the laughing stock.
Why?
If God, a loving figure was in control,
why would they leave you in this state?
Why wouldn't they develop you to be normal?
To be the perfect, self-confident person you want to be?
To be treated with respect and with empathy?
All I'm trying to say is us people need not to judge someone
right off of how they speak,
or how the words roll off of their tongues.
We have to gain a bigger picture about what they must think,
their attitudes
and their judgements.

by Sam Masihzadeh Y9



our students and their families attended a talk by Hannah Snell, an Outreach Officer for our link college, St Anne's at Oxford University. The students were invited because they had expressed an interest in applying for Oxford,

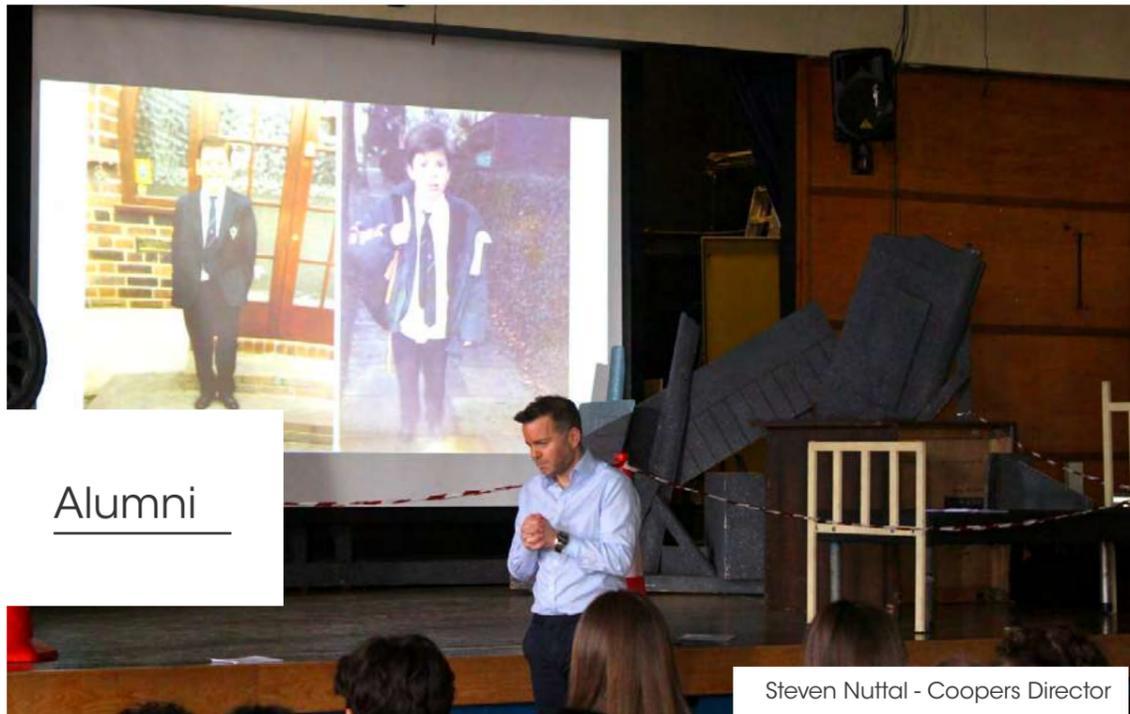
Cambridge and/or a medicine related course (doctor, vet or dentist). The talk went through all the reasons they should apply, what the application process is like and how to make a competitive application to arguably some of the best univer-

sities in the world. The evening was a great success with parents and students reflecting that they felt far more informed and confident in navigating their way through the complexities of higher education. Thank you to everyone that attended.

Y11 & Y12 students will have the opportunity to sign up to a 2 week programme that will challenge all students, develop team building opportunities, give students life skills & help them bring to life a rewarding community project.

For more information, prospectus download and applying for Haydon Sixth Form visit

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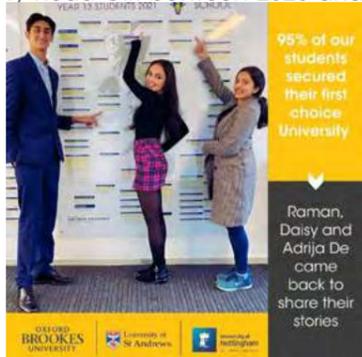
Alumni

Steven Nuttal - Coopers Director

Steve Nuttal is a director of a large local estate agency (Coopers) and alumni student of Haydon. He came in to give a talk to Y12 Business and Economics students. At the end of last term, we welcomed our dear former student Ivan Mahoney who has recently started at Oxford University. Ivan is studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics at St Peter's College. Thanks, Ivan! Come back anytime. Our former students Raman, Daisy and Adrija De have returned to share their stories with Y12 students. Raman was our Head Boy from 2020 to 2021 and is currently studying for Primary Teacher Education at Oxford Brooks University. Daisy was Head girl from 2020 to 2021 and is currently studying International



Relations at the University of St Andrews. Adrija De was Deputy Head Girl between 2020 and



2021 and is studying Medicine at the University of Nottingham.

What a team! Also, we delighted welcome back one of our former Haydon students who spoke the Year group in assembly about degree apprenticeships. Alyssia works for Skanska, one of the UK's leading contractors. Thank you for coming Alyssia!



#WeAreHaydon

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Beneath My Wings

Dreams Beneath My Wings,
 Dreams of fulfilling my life,
 Life is full of many things,
 This Ambition always keeps me thinking alive,

To fulfil that dream,
 You must be full of hope,
 Dreams can be quite extreme,
 Never give up, or go down that dark slope,

Underneath my wing is my dream of becoming a pilot,
 People may call me a geek,
 But when I open my eyelet,
 I let myself speak,

Aviation is my interest,
 And nothing is going to let my goals down,
 And if I have to be honest,
 The end of your dreams is when you get that crown.

by Ali Reza Merchan Y8

Army



Our students have had the opportunity to participate in a workshop on leadership and teamwork coordinated by the professions such as engineers, doctors, nurses, teachers etc. Thank you @armyinlondon for coming!



army. The activity took place during the PE class. As well as developing these skills, there were time for conversation and questions. Students learned new things about the army, such as that only 30% of the personnel deal with battle situations. The absolute majority are from



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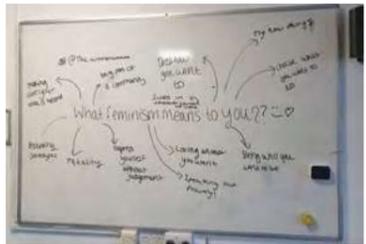
Earth

At the beginning of time, peace covered the land;
The animals lived happily with no sight of man.
As the years passed, natural selection selected;
The strongest and biggest to live for the longest.
And we evolved, gained skill, learned to thrive;
We learned to live together, so that we could survive.
From that point on, the world had changed;
Civilisation gained, loss of species unnamed.
Villages, towns, cities built;
Wars lost and won, innocent lives killed.
The industrial revolution, discovered power unknown;
And the harm it'd cause, through the fault of our own.
As humans we've knitted a blanket of change;
That's wrapped around earth and made life pretty strange.
Our home is warming, at our own hands;
The end is in sight, why can't you understand?

by Ella Cooper Y9



8th March was the first session of the Women Who Care Club which is facilitated by Miss McAvilley and Miss Thompson and run by a group of Y13 girls who founded the initial group. Today's session was run by Cianna Gavaris, Makayla Muia, Saniya Magon, Sophia Pillay and Ella Savan and was attend-



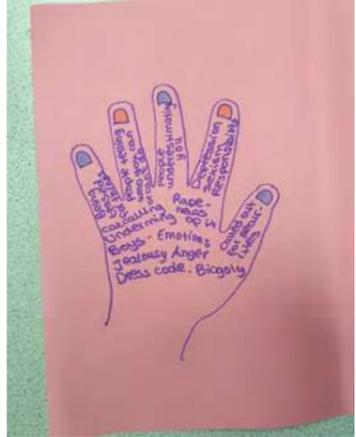
and brainstormed this on the board. They were then asked to draw around their hand on a piece of paper and fill the hand



ed by a collection of Y8 and 9 girls. First the girls discussed what feminism meant to them

with all the problems they saw that young girls and women faced in school and the wider

world. These were discussed as a group. They were then invited to write solutions to these problems on post-it notes and stick them to the whiteboard to see how the group can focus their energies into creating solutions. The session ended with a game of Zip, Zap, Boing! Next session will be focused on more discussions of school experience whilst the girls work together to make jewellery!



Four exceptional Y10 students spent a day competing against teams from other schools in the area in a variety of Physics tasks. Our girls competed in a number of practical challenges that built upon their GCSE learning. They competed in a Physics escape room, where they had to use deductive skills to solve problems against time. They tremendously enjoyed an equation challenge which had them using their teamwork skills to finish difficult problems before other schools. Finally they learnt about the importance of the work of female Physicists around the world in a talk from a researcher and lecturer at Imperial College London.



Donations to Ukraine

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Ukraine Appeal. A Ukrainian family in our community helped by packing up everything you see in the staff room, and loaded it up into a van belonging to a recent alumni of ours. The destination for all the goods was the Ukrainian Cultural Centre seen below. Again thank you for demonstrating the Haydon Values of kindness and community. It has been a heartwarming experience.

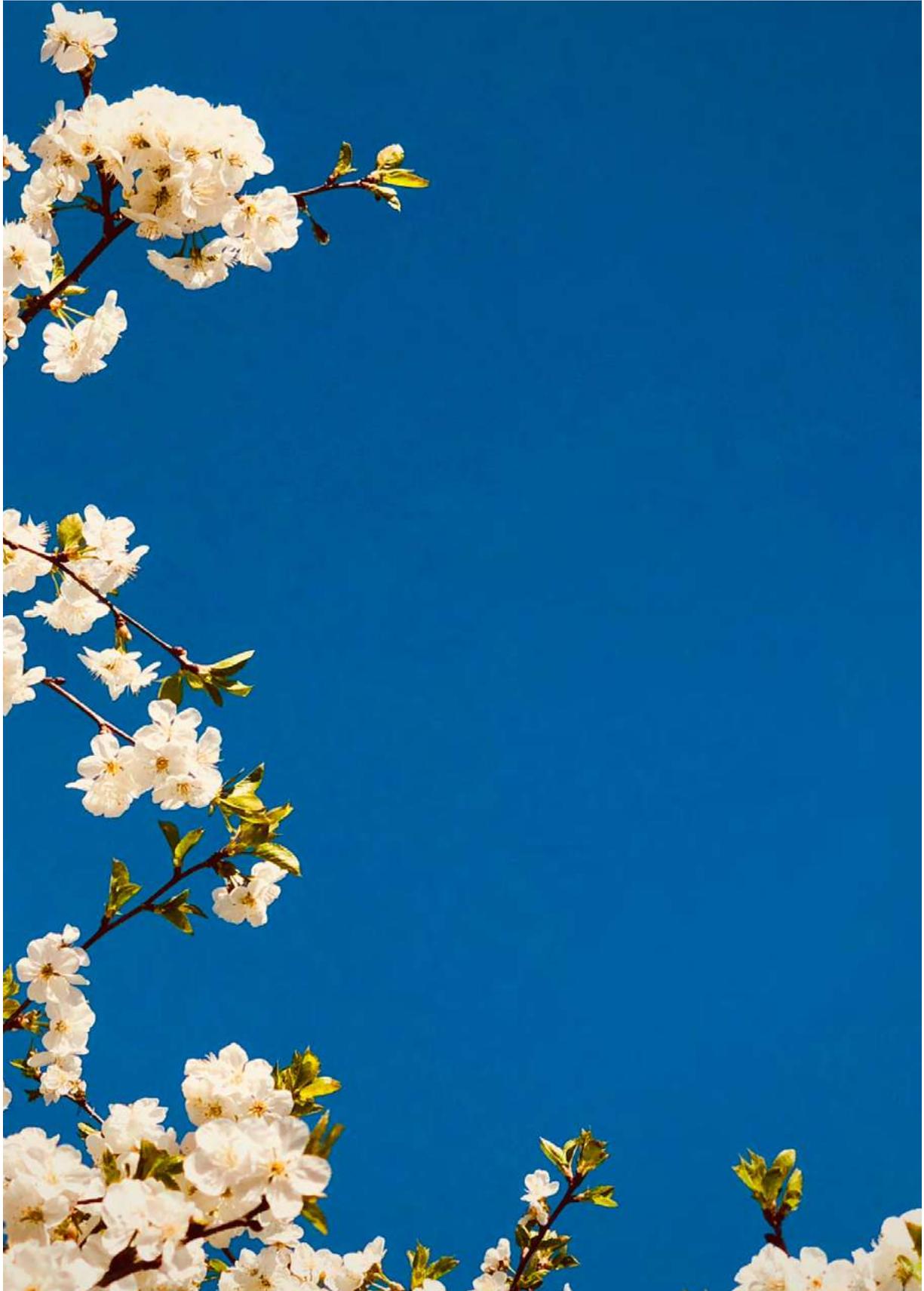


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Let go

I still call your name every now and then,
 longing for an answer or for you to come back,
 every thought in my mind goes back to you,
 yet you are no longer there,
 it is only memories we share,
 My world fell apart when you left so suddenly,
 Now I can only look back to the days you were so bubbly,
 through every high and low you were by my side,
 not a day goes by where I don't say why,
 the time that we shared will forever be precious.
 It was like only yesterday,
 I cuddled you with both arms,
 today I spread your ashes with one hand,
 now I let you go.

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