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# Spring 2026 Newsletter



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# A Message From the Headmaster

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of the Spring Term and despite the weather's best efforts to convince us that it is still Winter time, we have seen a few days recently with no rain! This slightly improved weather is much needed and as the fields dry out, I am hopeful that the students can enjoy their break-times and lunchtimes on the grass very soon.

The improving weather is also most helpful for the construction projects in school which are both now in full flow. You will see from these photos that the Community Hub project is entering the final phase of laying foundations and all too soon we hope to see the steel frame appearing. Estimated completion targets suggest that the building may be ready early next year.



The all-weather pitch is also making increasingly good progress and if the weather remains on our side then we are told that it might be ready for use in the Autumn. We will keep you updated as we make more progress, and it is an exciting and tantalising prospect to think that the staff and students might be able to benefit from these projects so soon. Certainly the school deserves to enjoy much improved sporting facilities and better hygiene facilities, and the additional classrooms and hall space will provide the much-needed relief from the busyness of the main buildings.

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These projects could not have happened without the financial support that we have secured from both the government and the Academy Trust, but I should also say a huge thank you to the large number of significant donors who have given to the fundraising campaign. Without your support we could not have achieved the double success that we are now so excited about, and we are now in the home straight having nearly secured all the funds we need for the fixtures and fittings for both building and pitch.

Recently we held our latest Parent Forum meeting and for this meeting the topic was mobile phones. Recently the government issued new guidance on the banning of phones in schools and we really appreciate the strong turnout from parents to give your views on our draft new policy. It is clear that many of you are concerned about the well-researched harm that addictive online platforms can do to young people, and we are seeking to protect our students from these harms whilst still supporting the safe use of technology in their learning. More recently we launched a listening exercise with the students and their remarkably mature feedback gives us confidence that we can all work together to implement a school-wide ban on mobile phones, whilst enhancing our strategy to bring more opportunities to use laptops or tablets in classrooms in a safe and controlled way.

The students have continued to excel themselves in sport, music, art and drama and the recent concerts and musicals have been a delight to behold. Academic competitions continue to provide plentiful opportunities for the students to shine too, and the recent mock examination results for both Year 11 and Year 13 students were both pleasing and I hope reassuring for students and their families. There is still more work to do, but if the students stay on their current trajectory then I am optimistic that we will see plenty of happy faces on results days in the summer.

I will sign off by saying that I hope that the weather improves enough for us to all enjoy a restful and happy Easter holiday period. I look forward to seeing the Camp Hill family return in high spirits in the Summer Term.

Warmest wishes,

**Mr Bowen**  
**Headmaster**  
**March 2026**



# Celebrating Jermaine's Outstanding Tennis Success

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This spring, we are delighted to highlight the remarkable achievements of one of our students, Jermaine, whose dedication to both sport and academic life has made him an exceptional member of our school community.



Over the past several years, Jermaine has shown extraordinary commitment to tennis, training diligently as a member of Billesley Tennis Club. He receives weekly coaching and regularly competes in tournaments, balancing his sporting pursuits with consistently strong academic performance.

Jermaine's hard work has led to outstanding results on the court. In 2024, he entered his very first all-comers Billesley Under-16 Tournament – and won it. His success didn't stop there. In 2025, he competed in the Billesley Under-18s Tennis Tournament, facing older and more seasoned players, and once again emerged as the tournament champion. This impressive achievement even earned him some local media attention, including a featured photograph of him receiving his award.



While Jermaine is known for his modest and unassuming nature, his accomplishments speak volumes. His dedication, resilience, and sportsmanship make him a wonderful role model for our school community, and we are incredibly proud of everything he has achieved.

We look forward to supporting Jermaine as he continues to excel both on and off the court. Congratulations, Jermaine – your school is cheering you on every step of the way!

Miss Holloway-Lee  
School Office

# Adwaya Shines on the International Stage at the 2026 AI Olympiad

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We are thrilled to celebrate the extraordinary achievement of one of our students, Adwaya, who recently represented the United Kingdom at the 2026 International Artificial Intelligence Olympiad (IAIO) in Ljubljana, Slovenia.



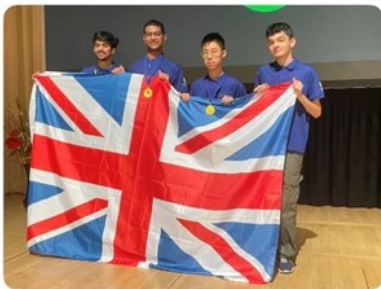
Competing against 98 top students from 26 countries, Adwaya demonstrated exceptional skill across advanced areas of artificial intelligence, including

machine learning, neural networks, and natural language processing. His outstanding performance earned him an Honourable Mention, placing him among the most promising young AI talents in the world.



**Nigel Baker** @NigelMBak... · 20h ✕  
Delighted to attend the medal ceremony of the International Winter Artificial Intelligence Olympiad (IAIO 2026) in Ljubljana and meet Team GB. Congratulations to the whole team and especially 🇬🇧 Anango Prabhat (second from left) who was the overall winner. AI stars of the future!

This year's IAIO was a historic moment for Team UK, marking one of the team's strongest performances to date. Their success was recognised at the highest levels—Nigel Baker, the British Ambassador to Slovenia, attended the closing ceremony to personally congratulate the team on their remarkable achievement.



Adwaya's success reflects not only his talent, discipline, and dedication, but also the high standard of education and support he receives from our school community. We are immensely proud of his accomplishments and excited to see where his passion for artificial intelligence will take him next.

Congratulations, Adwaya—your school and your country are incredibly proud of you!



Miss Holloway-Lee  
School Office

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# School Swimming Clubs

Despite a few cancellations due to pool closures and staff commitments, both Junior and Senior swimming clubs have remained as popular as ever this term.

It has been wonderful to see many of our regular Sixth Form boys and girls continuing to attend the Friday after-school sessions, alongside a growing number of keen Year 11 swimmers from both schools. Terry Sutton, Eisa Randeree, Arthur Hill, Vidyut Tutika, Eddie Kosina and Irem Kayani have all been regular attendees since Year 7, while Musa Yusupov has attended almost every session since joining us.

Mr Jack and I run the swimming option for Senior Games on Wednesday afternoons, and we are delighted that so many students from Years 11 to 13 have chosen swimming this year. Aiden Pang has been particularly impressive with his speed, and we hope to see him competing in the House Gala later in the year.

Junior swimming club, held on Wednesdays after school, regularly attracts up to 30 swimmers — a superb turnout. Special mentions go to Joshua Rowlands, Esa Athaif, Aditya Sarkar, Kiaan Yusaf and Daniyal Lockyer, who have managed to attend almost every training session this term.

Our poolside helpers have also been outstanding. Zac Johngir, Abhi Naveen, Abhijoy Dutta and Thomas Badenhorst have shown great initiative and enthusiasm in supporting the junior swimmers. We hope they will continue assisting even after their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering period finishes.

The new adjustable diving blocks, kindly supplied through our friends at Camp Hill Swimming Club, are a welcome addition to the pool. The recently renovated benches in the changing rooms are also much appreciated.

I am extremely grateful to Mr Jack (Fridays) and Mrs Espinosa (Wednesdays) for generously volunteering their time to be the second adult on poolside. Without their support, swimming club simply would not be possible.

With continued investment in our facilities and the dedication of staff who give their time so generously, the legacy of former Head of PE and GB Olympic swimming team manager Gerry Thain will continue for many years to come.

**Mr O'Malley**  
**Chemistry, Master i/c Swimming**

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# Beaufort House

It's been a really lovely term in Beaufort, and it's been great to see the house doing so well across so many different areas. There's been a real buzz around competitions, assemblies and house events, and it's fantastic to see so many of you getting involved and representing Beaufort with pride.

## Sporting Success

We've had a busy schedule of inter-house sport this term, and Beaufort has put in some brilliant performances. Thank you so much to the Games team for all of the time they put into organising this huge calendar of events, as well as refereeing the matches and recording scores!



In Rugby 7s, there were some strong results across the year groups, with both our Seniors and Year 7 teams putting in particularly good performances. Thank you to everyone who played - it's always great to see Beaufort pupils stepping up and giving it their all!

Table Tennis saw some excellent results too, especially from Year 10 and Year 9 who both secured 1st position. Overall, Beaufort finished on a very impressive 32 points, just behind Tudor who retained their title.

In Handball, we had some really competitive matches across the year groups, with particularly strong performances from the Seniors and Year 9 teams. Beaufort finished with 28 points overall, which is a great effort and shows just how hard our teams worked.

And a big well done in Volleyball, where Beaufort had a fantastic showing across the competition. Strong results throughout meant that we finished on 30 points overall, making us joint champions with Tudor - a brilliant result!

## Quiz Champions (...again!)

A huge congratulations to our Beaufort quiz team who absolutely smashed the Intermediate House Quiz this term - they really did "wipe the floor" (Mr Hill, 2026) with the competition!

A big thank you to Nikhil, Sachit, Kezi, Yusuf, Ben, Aariz, Noah and Shawn for such a fantastic performance. Your teamwork and knowledge were seriously impressive. They secured a brilliant win, finishing 10 points ahead of Howard, with Seymour in third place. It was great to see so many people getting involved.

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### **Assemblies**

We've also been really pleased to be back in the Hall for our house assemblies again - it's always much nicer when we can meet together in comfort!

One of our assemblies focused on meditation and manifestation, encouraging everyone to pause for a moment, think about their goals and take a bit of time to reset. It was a calm and reflective way to start the week.

We were also treated to a thoughtful International Women's Day assembly from Ryan and Vidyut, who introduced us to two remarkable women: Eileen Gu and Lyudmila Pavlichenko.



Eileen Gu is an Olympic freestyle skier who has become one of the most exciting athletes in winter sport. What makes her story particularly inspiring is that she has balanced elite sport with her education, while also speaking openly about confidence, ambition and encouraging young women to take up space in sport and beyond.

Lyudmila Pavlichenko's story is very different but equally powerful. She was a Soviet sniper during the Second World War and became one of the most successful snipers in history, with 309 confirmed kills. At a time when women were rarely allowed into combat roles, she proved beyond doubt that women could perform at the very highest level in the most demanding situations. Her determination and courage made her a powerful symbol of women breaking barriers. Ryan and Vidyut did a fantastic job bringing these stories to life - thank you both.

We also had a language-themed assembly from Abuzar Khalid about words lost in translation, which was fascinating. It began with a beautiful piano performance from Samuel Pitches. It was a lovely moment and the perfect way to start such an interesting assembly - thank you Samuel and Abuzar!

### **Looking Ahead**

There's plenty to look forward to next term. The Swimming Gala is coming up and we are very excited about Beaufort's chances. Our swimmers were outstanding last year, with several of them achieving Victor Ludorum titles, so we're hoping for another strong showing in the pool.

After that we'll be heading into Sports Day, as well as house competitions in cricket and tennis. If the enthusiasm, we've seen this term is anything to go by, Beaufort should be in a great position.

### **Thank You**

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to Vidyut, Nisith, Muhammad and Wakil for all of the work they've been doing for the house. They've been incredibly committed and helpful, all while juggling the pressures of UCAS applications, which is no small task!

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Thank you as well to everyone who has represented Beaufort this term - whether in sport, quizzes, assemblies or just by contributing to the gorgeous atmosphere in the house.

Let's keep it going next term... GO BEAUFORT!

Have a lovely Easter, I am off to get married!

**Miss Marston**  
**Geography, KEC Subject Lead, Head of Beaufort**

# Swimming: Bromsgrove Invitational Relays

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In late January two squads of U15 and U18 swimmers took part in the Bromsgrove School Invitational Relays. Competition was stiff, with our boys racing teams from KES, Warwick School, Cheltenham College and Bromsgrove.

It was a day for achieving PBs, primarily because most of our Camp Hill swimmers hadn't taken part in a competitive gala for a couple of years, if ever.

At one point the Camp Hill participation made a transition into Artistic Swimming, when Eisa Randeree gracefully completed his backstroke tumble turn in the adjacent lane, much to the surprise of the oncoming swimmer. Fortunately, and with elegance, he managed to get back under the lane rope and into his own lane with such fluidity and grace that our team didn't receive a disqualification.

The event was a first time out for Year 9 swimmer Abhijoy Dutta, who showed a lot of determination and a desire to keep reducing down his times.

While competition was tough, the U18 team (Terry Sutton, Musa Yusupov, Eisa Randeree, Julian Francisco), and the U15 team (Zac Johngir, Abhi Naveen, Vedaant Nagar, Abhijoy Dutta), both held their own in the heats and the 'B' finals. The day saw some very close finishes, excellent team camaraderie, and an impressive free lunch courtesy of Bromsgrove School.

Thank you to Mr Jack for coming along to support and assist with timekeeping, and to Aiden Pang and Jacob Hanratty for being available as our reserves. We will make sure to get you swimming next time.

**Mr O'Malley**  
Chemistry, Master i/c Swimming



Left to Right – Zac, Vedaant, Julian, Musa, Eisa, Terry, Abhi, Abhijoy

# Celebrating Anren's Success on the Ice

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We are delighted to recognise the recent achievement of Year 7 student, Anren, who took part in an ice-skating competition in Sheffield earlier this month.

Representing both himself and the school with outstanding dedication, Anren achieved his personal best score during the event. Competing in the Beginner Boys category, he delivered an excellent performance and was awarded the silver medal.



Anren's family shared the wonderful news with the school and expressed their pride in his success. The whole school community joins them in celebrating this impressive accomplishment.

This achievement highlights Anren's commitment, discipline, and passion for skating. We look forward to seeing what he goes on to achieve next, both on the ice and in school.

Well done, Anren!

**Miss Holloway-Lee**  
School Office



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# English Department News

Dr Donnelly has successfully run a Senior Debating Society in school for several years now; this year, his team participated in the English-Speaking Union Mace Debating competition. Rithvik Bodapati, Amen Thomas and Alex Schielke sailed through the first round, with able support from Sachit Sharma and Saabir Kanyare on the swing team. Sachit was singled out by the judges as future Prime Minister material!

The second round took place on the 19th of January; this team consisting of Abuzar Khalid, Amen Thomas and Sachit Sharma. They were accompanied by Mrs Parmar and, after an extremely long taxi ride to the Jewellery Quarter, debated the title 'This House would hold tech companies responsible for mental health outcomes' against King Edward's School. After a fantastic evening of debating, our team successfully made it through to the regional finals for the first time in living memory. Rithvik, Amen and Alex will be attending the regional finals on Monday 23rd March, where they will debate the topic 'This House would tie Government University funding to graduate employment outcomes' against Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. We will have our fingers and toes crossed for them- if they win, it will be our first time ever at the Mace finals.

In addition, and thanks again to Dr Donnelly's hard work, the Department took part in the Shakespeare in Performance competition. This took place in school on Monday 9th March. We hosted five schools: Four Dwellings, Greenwood Academy, Winterfold House School, Warwick School and Concord College. Judged by external judges from the English-Speaking Union, our three competitors: Elyasa Ahmed performed a soliloquy from Hamlet, and Izyaan Shahid and Siddharth Sinha performed a duologue from Merchant of Venice. All three of them performed superbly are now through to the regional finals in May.

The Department are now focused on the Poetry by Heart competition, introduced to the school by Dr Donnelly as part of his role as Head of Enrichment. Any student or member of staff can take part, either individually or as part of a group. There has already been a lot of interest from pupils and teachers alike. Finalists will be selected before Easter, and some will hopefully get to perform their poem in the Globe during the summer term. Don't miss out!

Furthermore, this year is the National Year of Reading. Ms Garvey has already run a series of exciting events around World Book Day, which took place in March. In addition, we are running a Summer Reading Challenge for both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, as well as updating our reading lists on the Super Curricular area of the school website to further boost extracurricular reading. More details to come after Easter.

It is worth noting that the Public Speaking Competition has now moved to the summer term. We are all looking forward to it after a highly successful year of oracy and rhetoric throughout the school and expect some outstanding speeches (as always!).

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Finally, we wanted to highlight the website, Young Writers, available at [youngwriters.co.uk](http://youngwriters.co.uk). We have used them in school, but they also offer a parent login and access to a range of writing competitions. If you have a budding author, please do sign up and let us know – we would love to read their writing. If you are interested in writing, please remember that Dr Donnelly runs a Scribblers Club in E2 during Friday lunchtimes welcome to all. This year, several participated in the National Novel Writing Month competition, and some are still working on their magnum opuses – we'll let you know when they're published!

And here are some poems from the Year 7 Poetry Anthologies for you to enjoy.

### The English Department

#### The tortoise

He stomps across his lonely lands,  
With ancient feet and ancient hands,  
He carries his home upon his back,  
A resting place when under attack.

A beautiful creature, old yet complex,  
His dad even met the mighty T-rex.  
Now he enjoys a life in slow motion,  
Founded before the rocks or the ocean.

*Albert Kightley, 7B*

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# Sonnet

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Her flirty eyes now glitter like the sun,  
Her lips still shine in red like sunsets glow,  
Velvet her face I brush as though to run,  
Aroma beauty brings from long ago.  
A waterfall of hair falls from her head,  
Her hands are soft to touch like fallen snow,  
In her close love I feel my fears have fled,  
Her face is beauty shaped in perfect flow.  
She's like a flower flourishing in grace,  
She floats like heavens formed of beauty's breath,  
She learns each second, growing in her place,  
A housekeeping beauty gentle as fresh breath.  
The heavens, gods, and beauty crown her light,  
She is a goddess glowing through the night.

*Daniel Beech, 7B*

## **Tweeting**

I rest on a  
Branch, gazing up at  
The open blue, I dream of  
Flying with my parents but I cannot fly  
yet. I tweet my morning song, a  
soft melody in the morning rays,  
I rustle my beautiful, colourful  
Feathers, small as they are.  
I Tweet, lonely, shuffling across  
My branch carefully as I stretch my  
Weak legs. I miss them, and my brother,  
Killed by the cat next door. I will have to wait  
Now, on my branch till they arrive  
Alone,            lonely,  
That branch next to home that they left me on.

*Markus Pineau, 7B*

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### A Love Sonnet To Cake

Oh how I wonder how sweet you might be, so crazy how you're made with just a bake, No road too long, no car too far for me, I'd chase your crumbs by field or shaded lake.

Your gentle layers hide a comfort deep, Soft frosting coats the cake with creamy care. Each stolen bite takes time I meant to keep, And makes each day feel easier to bear.

Yet something steps in, offering a test, A plain, dry biscuit, steady, safe, and thin, Its crunch lacks warmth, no joy within its rest, But cake just wins and makes me dive right in.

I'll stick with cake, no matter what they say, I'll eat your cake and never walk away.

*Zain Shah 7K*

### Acorn

Acorn, tiny nut  
Is hard as rock  
Harnessed to wood  
Never falls  
Then SNAP  
DROP  
All to hear  
Is tiny thump  
Broken hat  
Scratched and faded  
Damaged  
brownshell  
Rolls away  
Away from home  
Away from safety  
Finds  
A spot  
A spot to stop  
Plants his feet  
A new home  
Shoots and roots  
To branches  
and leaves  
A harness  
A nut  
Then many more  
Hope they stay  
But in good  
time  
They drop  
and roll away  
Oak

*Alex Chatt 7K*

# The UK Chemistry Tournament

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On Saturday 14th March, four of us went to the University of Cambridge to compete in the pilot of the UK Chemistry Tournament (UKChTo). The competition comprised of six problems which had to be prepared beforehand and were tested in debates and presentations from other teams and a jury of experts.

For each problem, one team were asked to give a presentation (report), another team would ask critical questions (oppose), and another team would summarise a review. A jury of four experts would then ask questions about the presentation or any comments made during the problem, asking for clarification or further extensions.

Initially, in the first half of the day, the extremely complicated formatting of each round began to be tested. During the first four problems, we managed to provide a decent initial performance, giving a good presentation on Astatine Chemistry and pointing out relevant questions in the practicality of using NMR spikes for a titration.

After the lunch break, the team cranked back into gear, as we were much more familiar with how the tournament would plan out. The competition provided each team with two vetoes and required a great deal of game theory, of which we managed to play out perfectly in the final half. At the very end, our presentation on solutions to detecting glass fractures, given by Gabriel, was incredible and showcased the epitome of our strength throughout the competition.

In all, the long day was packed with high cortisol levels and a team spirit for us to perform as well as we could, especially when we felt well out of our depth. Our team managed to secure fourth, narrowly missing out from the top two placed on the chance to go to the international competition held in South Korea this year. It was surreal to spend the day with friends and compete in the UKChTo. A special thanks must go out to Mr O'Malley and Mrs Espinosa for taking us down to Cambridge, and the team: Gabriel Whiteley Rose, Alexander Hopkins, Ishan Gautam and Jae Park.

**Alexander Hopkins**

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## **The Eco Committee Present Their Campaign at the Active Travel Campaign Junction**

Thirteen students from Camp Hill Boys and representatives from nine other schools, made a bid for campaign funding in this year's Modeshift Active Travel Campaign Junction, at Birmingham City Council House.

Camp Hill Boy's launched their presentation with an Active Travel Video, a remarkable achievement considering filming took place over two half hour lunch breaks. Thanks to the directing and editing skills of Zaydan Ahmed, and the exuberant acting skills of Year 8, the Eco Committee surpassed their brief and produced a fabulous upbeat video. It illustrated this year's slogan 'Travel Together' and featured local assets, Pineapple Road Station, Kings Heath Park, convenient bus services, and a comical human cycle.

'Travel Together' addresses safety concerns that many students and parents have about travelling independently. We recognise that students' mode of transport is often a family decision and safety is frequently cited as a barrier. By encouraging students to travel together we're hoping to alleviate fears, increase daily activity, reduce pollution and extend time for friendship groups to flourish. The message works for those who live close enough to walk/scoot/cycle and those who live further away and could travel by public transport/ car share.

Though we were pleased that this year's Active Travel Hands Up Survey (HUS) showed a slight increase in students walking to school, it also highlighted a stubborn preference for travelling by car, reducing these numbers has become our secondary mission. By holding assemblies with guest speakers from Mums for Lungs and a paediatrician, we plan to share cases where pollution has been found to be the major cause of ill health and evidence the benefits of regular exercise.



*The Eco Committee launch their presentation with an upbeat Active Travel Video*

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The Active Travel Campaign is planned, 15th- 26th June, we're anticipating the sunshine to be on our side. We want all current active travellers to exercise their influence and persuade others to choose ecofriendly modes of transport, not just because of the rising price of fuel, alarming though it is, but because it is in everyone's interest.



*Jenny Royal from Modeshift signs a £200 cheque for this year's Active Travel Campaign*

**Patricia Crummay**  
Science Technician, Eco Committee Coordinator

# Senior Musical - Hadestown

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After the fantastic success of *Les Misérables* last year, the Camp Hill Drama department was excited to take on the ambitious, mammoth 36-song jazz blues *Hadestown* as the senior production for 2026.

The show follows Orpheus, the poor son of a Muse who journeys to the Underworld to defy Hades and rescue his wife Eurydice from certain death. Soulful, funky and powerful, the show was an outstanding success (despite the usual stresses of tech week!)

Every element of the performance was brilliant, from the striking factory backdrop created by the art department, the brilliant musical performance of the band, backstage crew coordination and the visually stunning lighting engineered by the Tech Team.

Under highly competent, thoughtful and passionate direction, an incredibly talented cast from CHB and CHG came together to create three very special, memorable performances. Standout CHB performances came from Amen Tomas (Hades), Akbar Butt and Macca Ross-Nalugon (Hermes) and Tom Mullen (Orpheus).

*Hadestown* was a fitting way for Ryan Bahmani (Tech), Mustafa Ahmed, Mohamed Awadalkarim, Andre Lau, Amen Tomas and Tom Mullen to end their Camp Hill Drama careers. As a friend said to me after the show, this song might have been a sad one, but 'We're gonna sing it again!'

**Mr Dowling**  
Drama, Economics



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# Tudor House Article

The best place to start is of course the house championship standings. Tudor has surged back to the top of the table with 74 points at the time of writing. This is down to the continued commitment and endeavour of the competitors and our brilliant leadership team who have continued to organise and inspire the house.

We have adapted to our first ever experience of the Sports Hall for assemblies, it is certainly different to the other venues, a little 'sparser' in terms of facilities, but we have made it work. We have continued to have great contributions from across the house with Ms Gore and Mr Bennett delivering assemblies. Felix and Etik recently delivered an inciteful assembly on what it is like to be a House Captain or Vice-Captain and the process of becoming one. A student perspective is always welcome, and I think resonated with those who aspire to hold the post themselves in the future.

We have continued some traditions, having another celebration assembly. Awards deservingly going to Timeo Zhang, Uraib Kiyani, Zakaria Quereshi, Sami Osman, and Sathya Vaidyanathan. With the team award going to our all-conquering chess team, and Noori Haider winning the coveted Tudor award; given to the student who has stood out most across all year groups, so a massive well done to him! A massive thank you and well done to all our award winners and to everyone who has contributed to the house this term.

We have also tried to get some new traditions off the ground; we have got our badges! And we are still working on a newsletter for the house to keep people updated! (inspired heavily by Miss Cave).

We have had some really strong performances this term, as already mentioned the powerhouse Vaidyanathan brothers were crucial to our Chess victory, but all competitors where instrumental and played well.

We also continued to dominate in Table Tennis winning in year 7, year 8 and Seniors and coming second in year 9 and 10. It is a shame there are no bonus points on offer!

We also managed to tie with last year's Volleyball champions Beaufort improving on last years effort. There were strong performances across the board, but the year 7s, 8s and 9s acquitted themselves particularly well, with strong performances from Haadi Zahoor, and Uraib doing a sterling job captaining the year 8s. The key performance may have been again a dominate showing from our year 10s, which I expect to continue for years to come!



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Although we struggled in Rugby there is still cause for celebration, with year 8s inspirational victory in the 7s, this meant they did the double in XVs and 7s. It was a dramatic affair too with last minute tries from Shaan, Mo throwing a magnificent dummy to go over and Milan in the final game. There was also great tackling from Mo and William. Well, done once again!

An honourable mention to Ayaan Bhanji and Ibrahim Uddin who stepped into last minute for the Inters quiz and secured us third place on a tie break I believe!

There is also much to look forward to with the ever-exciting Swimming Gala straight after the Easter break, along with Senior Tennis and Cricket.

A thank to the other house masters and competitors, as the whole thing only works, because of the work we all do.

A final, well done to everyone that has represented Tudor so far this year and will continue to do so over the coming year. Our recent success is down to you! Once again, the Green Machine thunders on! And hopefully to victory!

**Mr Rudd**  
History, Politics, Games, Head of Tudor House



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# 1st XI Football

Off the back of a successful season last year, we started the season in much the same fashion with a 6-0 thrashing of Handsworth. It was an impressive clean sheet for the centre back pairing of Ben Hodgetts and Adam Ali, and “Hill-ball” was in full flow throughout the game.

We quickly moved on to a fixture against Solihull School, which was won in dramatic fashion thanks to last-minute goals from Jesse Okunbor and Felix Iliff. In our last game before the December break, we comfortably beat Alcester 4-1, resulting in a remarkable achievement of going unbeaten through a whole calendar year for the 1st XI. After a long break, we returned in January to face Alcester twice in a row. Unfortunately, we lost the first game due to an uncharacteristic game filled with errors, but bounced back immediately in the return fixture with a resilient 1-0 win, with the defence once again shining.

In our penultimate game of the season, we played Five Ways, and despite dominating the game, we fell to only our 2nd defeat of the season due to some dodgy decisions going against us. In our final game of the season, we travelled to Kings Worcester, who, on paper, appeared to be the strongest team we would face this season. Despite this, we recorded a massive 7-0 win with outstanding performances throughout the team, including a hat-trick from Adam Bashir and a brace for Will Brett.

Throughout the season, our attack was prolific, scoring 24 goals in 7 games, with great contributions from players such as Will Brett, Reuben Howard, Ali Berair, Basheir Said, Adam Maflahi and Adam Bashir. It was an impressive season, and it wouldn't have been possible without Mr Hill's 4-3-3 formation and his 'strong' bench.

Overall, a big thank you to Mr Hill, Mr Dowling, Mr Rudd, Mr Burgess and Mr Brown for taking the time to organise and travel to these fixtures and giving us this opportunity.

**Vinay Bora (Captain)**

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# Howard House Article

'Stuck in the Middle' by Stealers Wheel feels like an appropriate song for this time of year; neither the start of things or the end, neither super-thriving or super-declining with a lot of creditable performances throughout the different age groups. The less said about the 'clowns to the left of me, jokers to the right' the better... It was term started in snow and one ending with blossom, bright sunshine and gale force winds. Our term did not get off to the best of starts with chess but thank you to all performers who put in decent boards against some outstanding national-level players. Table tennis did not fare much better and it seemed we were plunging the depths of the deep, deep blue, however, handball was just the tonic we needed; we shone throughout the competition like sapphires and finished top of the pile. With things on the up and confidence high we hoped for great things in volleyball – here victories for the Years 7 and 8s gave us confidence but, overall, we ended up in third place. Intermediate hockey has been another positive win for the house and a creditable second

place in intermediate quiz means we are well poised in those (yet to be completed) competitions. Swimming standards also look promising and we look forward to the gala immediately after the Easter holidays.

We are hanging in there as far as the overall championship is concerned but there is a need to get some big numbers in the big-ticket summer events. As ever, I wish to proffer my gratitude to all the competitors across the house and the leadership shown at so many levels from Year 7 through to the seniors, notable thanks to Jed and his Captaincy team who have been on the ball all year, and to all the Howard staff for their support with assemblies in a change of venue and their amazing child wrangling skills in awkward spaces! 'It's so hard to keep this smile on my face' as the Stealers would say, but Howard this term have offered moments a-plenty!

**Mr Hill**

**Assistant Head - Widening Access, Head of History, Politics, Head of Howard House**

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# Seymour House Article

It's been an exciting, busy, and slightly chaotic term with multiple fixtures, trips and drama performances, so we've got plenty to discuss! From volleyball and table tennis to chess and house quizzes, the competition is heating up around us. So, it is only right that we address the most surprising plot twist of the season...

After checking the scores, refreshing the page, turning my computer off and on again and quizzing PE staff to double and triple check the data... results show that Tudor is at the top of the table. Yes, Tudor.



While we might not be sitting on the throne right now, I have a feeling that when Sports Day arrives, Seymour will come blazing out of the gates, ready to defend our crown with all the energy of a house that absolutely refuses to be second. Speaking of which, this term we have had a few adventurous students from other houses deliver assemblies as their audition to smuggle themselves into our ranks. It seems they realised their true colours weren't red, green or blue at all, but good old gold - because deep down, they are Seymour at heart. We can hardly blame them!

Most importantly, we've had some brilliant house assemblies from our very own, led confidently and enthusiastically by House Captain Haaziq, Vice-Captains Jacob and Luis (who loves Seymour so much he's bleached his hair) and Lemuel, who is showing the leadership of a House Captain despite being in Year 12! All of the boys have done an excellent job representing Seymour and keeping everyone engaged, so very well done.

Another student who is embodying what it means to have the Seymour Spirit is Siddharth Sinha in Year 8, who has written a piece for you below:

*A spring of change, a spring of war, and a spring of disappointment. This spring is a spring that will turn the world on its head, and this spring is one that hasn't treated Seymour as well as the dark, bleak winter preceding it (ironic, considering we pride ourselves on having the brightest, most cheerful colour of all houses.)*

*Perhaps what's left of this year will see Seymour's luck turn to the sunny side (eh, eh?) as we are currently second place with Beaufort and with upcoming events such as the Swimming Gala we might have another chance. Although admittedly, we did lose all but a few categories in the last Gala but... we still won the championship overall... so it must be fine, right?!?!*



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*We continue to march on with the prospect of maintaining our crown as victory may come slowly, but it will come for us. I'm trying to convince Miss Cave to change our motto from "Do More, Be More, SEYMOUR" to "don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" Whilst the actual speaker of this quote remains unknown, the words themselves are symbolic of the resilience of 18th Century American revolutionaries, an energy we must channel to retain our golden status. Thus, us Seymour students remain resilient, and are pacing ourselves to win. Slow and steady wins the race, as they say... but we do have a rehearsed tantrum that includes cries of "rigged" and "cheats" to shout if we do lose.*

Have a lovely break and happy Easter!

**Siddharth (8H) & Miss Cave (Religious Studies, Games, Head of Seymour House)**



# Y11 History Trip to London

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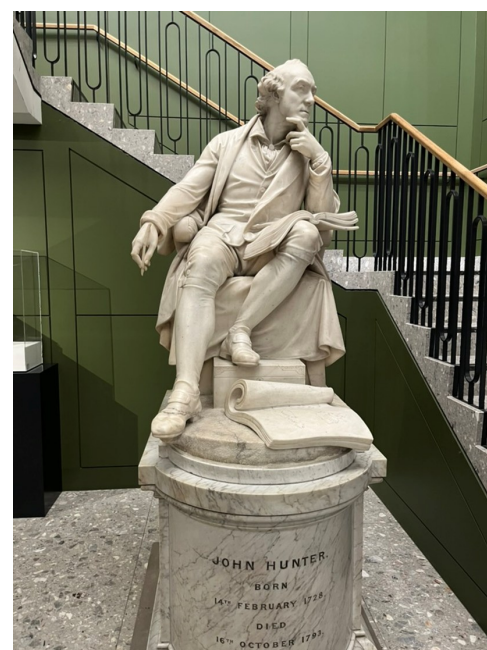
In early February, Year 11 GCSE Historians made the visit to the Bloomsbury area of London in order to visit three museums to help with their GCSE courses on Health and Medicine and Norman England. We were meant to go a month earlier but judiciously called off the trip early due to heavy snow, it was pleasing that the coach company and museums would still be able to accommodate us the following month. At



the heart of the visit was the British Museum, the great global repository of knowledge and culture where we could explore the famous reading room and explore galleries including Greek sculpture, Persian Astrolabes and the Lewis Chessmen. The museum was so busy with school parties that it became difficult to navigate and the relative peace and quiet of the other museums was welcome.

A visit to the Wellcome Collection on Euston Road provided a range of insights into the importance of health and medicine, here we could examine artefacts from all over the world and explore exhibitions related to audio impairment and obstetrics as well as explore its extensive collection of art, posters and medical paraphernalia (and an impressive gift shop). A brisk walk away was the Hunterian Museum which is based in the Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Here was the specimen collection of the surgeon John Hunter from the late 18th Century with his fascinating exploration of life, health, disease and healing in all its specimen-jar formaldehyde peculiarity. It is not a museum for the faint hearted and enable our students to open up about the ethical treatment of patients in life as well as death. Upon leaving, the Hunterian staff were informed "we have a vomiter." Luckily none of ours, but probably a regular occupational hazard in this collection of health-related matter.

Amazingly for a London trip we arrived on time, and left on time, and returned home early! This is an unprecedented experience in all my many years of taking trips to the capital, however I did then remember that the whole thing was four weeks late! Nevermind, as Kurt would say...



Mr Hill

Assistant Head - Widening Access, Head of History, Politics, Head of Howard House

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# Quiz News

It has been a busy term of fixtures for the school quiz team with Schools Challenge competitions involving all three age groups taking place with some degree of success. Quiz aficionados will also note intermediate success for Beaufort in House Quiz, the successful and popular AFS Quiz happening in early February and the primary school-attended Little History Quiz on 18 March (well done Colmore!). Our junior teams played impressively with the A team winning in the plate competition against King's Worcester and then Lady Eleanor Holles, the B team, having won in the first round of the Cup competition were then narrowly defeated by Ashmole Academy in London by 330 to 380. Our intermediates were both in the Plate competition and Camp Hill A defeated St Colman's College of Newry in Northern Ireland by 290 to 190 while the B team beat Bishop's Stortford College but were then defeated by St Colman's. The A team then have been given a bye to the third round of the Plate.

Our seniors have also been impressive, having reached the national Plate final in 2025, the A team were unfortunate in the Cup to go out against Kingham Hill School by 480 to 370 in the second round this year. However, the B team of Nikhil Gilliam, Yusuf Sultan-Qureshi, Krish Dhir and Amen Thomas navigated victories over George Heriot's School in Edinburgh and Haberdasher's Elstree to make it through to the final eight and the national finals taking place in April. We look forward to seeing how all the teams get on in the latter stages of their competitions. Bravo!

**Mr Hill**

**Assistant Head - Widening Access, Head of History, Politics, Head of Howard House**

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# Art News

Over the Spring term we have seen the development of some excellent artwork across the school and have included a selection for you to see what our students have been working on. Year 7's have been busy developing their painting skills in both abstract form, exploring colour theory and also in a more realistic style responding to the work of Sarah Graham. Year 8's have finished their Comic book portraits and are now exploring architecture. Meanwhile year 9's completed their cultural identity pieces, which look fantastic....all unique and showcase our individuality! In more recent weeks the year 9's have started to explore our new project 'Stitching the Body – Art meets medicine' and they have done some fabulous work in response to Leonardo DaVinci and even put their sewing skills to the test!

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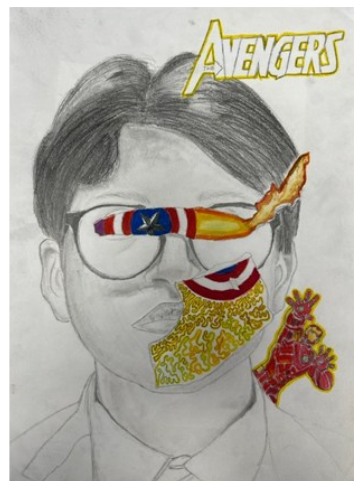
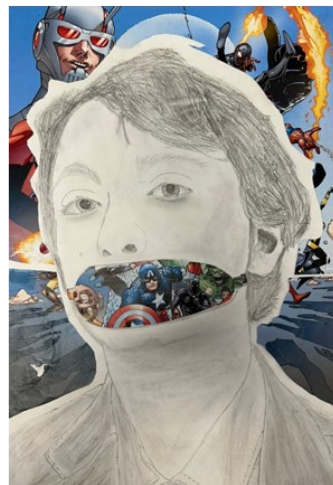
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Year 8 Artwork



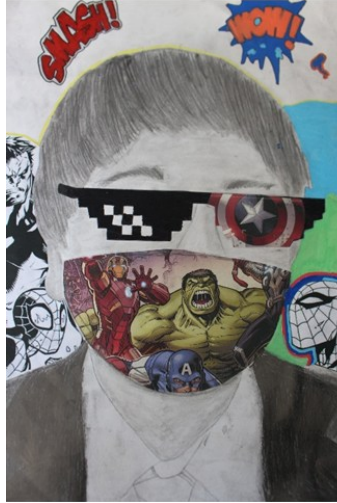
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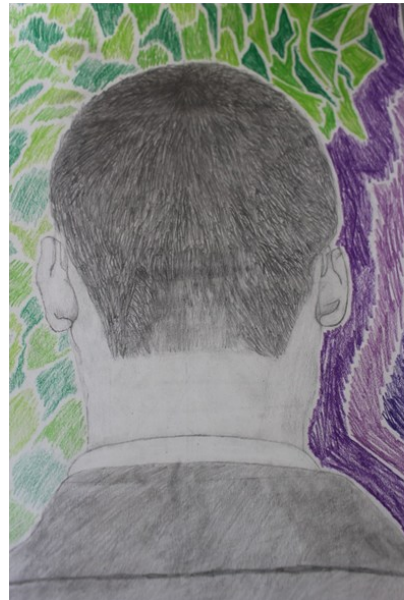
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Our Year 12 students took part in our internal round for the National Gallery's 'Articulation' competition, aimed at developing oracy skills, while also exploring Art and expressing our views and ideas. We had an excellent set of presentations that explored a range including Art from the Art Nouveau movement, 'Inconsolable Grief' by Ivan Kramsko and Christ's Orb by Leonardo DaVinci. Every presentation was delivered confidently and gave an interesting angle on each piece and collection of works. Our finalist, Jed, went on to the regional final at The Herbert Gallery in Coventry where he gave a fantastic presentation.

Below, you will find a summary of the adjudicators' feedback:

*Professor Jennifer Powell congratulated all speakers on their excellent presentations, highlighting in particular the supportive and collegial way in which the speakers had engaged with one another throughout the event. She noted that the experience would be extremely valuable for their CVs, regardless of the career paths they choose to pursue. Jennifer added that she has taught Art History at a number of institutions, including the University of Warwick, the University of Birmingham, and the University of Cambridge, and stated that all of the presentations were of university standard.*

*Professor Jennifer Powell described Jed's presentation as fantastic, noting a deep understanding of the artist that became even more evident in his response to her question. She praised the detailed deconstruction of each panel, highlighting careful attention to colour and composition, and noted the strong engagement with the audience.*

Well done Jed!

The Art Department look forward to sharing more work next term!

**Mrs Smith**  
**Head of Art**



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# Music News

Alongside GCSE and A level students finalising their coursework, life in the music department this term has been heavily focused on some excellent productions and concerts.

## Hadestown

Although there is a separate article on our production of Hadestown, it would be hard to talk about music taking place this term without mentioning this production. An enormous amount of rehearsal goes into putting on a musical and it has been a pleasure to have worked with all the cast, band, tech team and everyone involved.

Everyone involved in the production should be

immensely proud of their achievement. The standard of musicianship was astonishing.



## Teatime Concert

The Teatime Concert took place on Monday 23 March and was our third joint event with the Camp Hill Girls this year. We were treated to fantastic performances by the String Quartet, Guitar Ensemble, Oboe Ensemble, String Orchestra, Training Wind Band and Wind Dectet. Of particular interest were the pupil-led initiatives, which seem to be growing by each concert: a group of Year 9 pupils performed a very well-received version of Journey's 'Don't Stop Believing', a Year 8 ensemble performed a Star Wars medley arranged by Joshua Rowlands, and a Sixth Form violin quartet performed pieces by Yu-Peng Chen and Piazzola. Many congratulations to all!

## Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils who successfully attained graded music examinations:

<b>Athan Job</b>	8B	ABRSM	Piano	4	Distinction
<b>Joel Foo</b>	8C	ABRSM	Piano	Diploma	Distinction
<b>Daniyal Aziz</b>	8E	TCL	Violin	2	Distinction
<b>Esa Athaif</b>	8K	TCL	Guitar	1	Merit
<b>Johan Beech</b>	8K	TCL Rock & Pop	Drum kit	7	Distinction
<b>Will King</b>	9B	ABRSM	Cello	7	Distinction
<b>Aiden La</b>	9B	TCL	Guitar	3	
<b>Tris Bishop-Park</b>	9C	TCL	French horn	5	Distinction
<b>Tejasv Dhek</b>	10C	TCL	Violin	3	Merit
<b>Khushal Jain</b>	10K	TCL	Violin	3	Distinction
<b>Nicolas Hotzel Escardo</b>	11K	TCL	Bassoon	TCL	Merit
<b>Rupert Bowler</b>	L7	TCL	Oboe	6	Merit

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Please note that, at the time of writing, pupils have not sat our termly ABRSM examinations – these are due to take place on Thursday 26 March.

As always, please do remember to let me know if your child has musical achievements outside of school, so that we can celebrate them.

**Next Term**

We look forward to events in the Summer Term. Please note the following dates for your diaries:

- **Tuesday 28 April (19:00) - Senior Concert** (CHB Choir, Concert Band, Concert Orchestra and chamber groups)
- **Tuesday 16 June (19:00) - Summer Soiree** (Intermediate Orchestra, Intermediate Wind Band, String Orchestra, Training Wind Band and chamber groups)

Congratulations to everyone for such an excellent term!

**Mr Watters**  
**Head of Music**

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# Boost Your Languages Day

After an eventful bus journey (during which I temporarily lost my bag on the bus) we arrived at the University of Birmingham campus for an enriching day of talks and workshops on our respective foreign languages. The day started off with a short introduction to MFLs at the University before we split off into French, German and Spanish groups. The workshop was aimed at A level students and consisted of speaking and writing activities regarding technology, AI and of course prospective robot assistants for our grandmothers (don't question it!). This provided us with a great opportunity to supplement our A level vocabulary and cultural knowledge, as well as discuss and debate different topics in our target languages.

We also had the opportunity to ask questions to students currently studying MFLs at the university and were provided with an overview of a prospective course, as well as opportunities to study languages even when doing other degrees. This included a rundown of the various countries in which one can study abroad, specific modules one may take during a language degree and the various possible career paths that studying languages can open up (Spoiler alert: a lot).

After requisitioning a member of the public for a short photoshoot the day concluded and we left having learnt a huge deal more about German and French. Many thanks to the language department and the University of Birmingham for organising the day und wir hoffen, dass Sie auch Fremdsprachen studieren!

**Daniel Okpla (L2)**

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# Basketball

## U18 Basketball

The U18 basketball team produced a season full of intensity, resilience and impressive teamwork across a challenging set of fixtures. They opened with a thrilling 36-34 victory over Bishop Challoner Catholic College, showing real composure in a tight contest where defensive discipline and smart late game decision making proved decisive. Building on that momentum, the team delivered one of their standout performances of the year with a superb

90-71 win against Oswestry School. Their ball movement, relentless pace in transition and confident shooting allowed them to take control early and maintain dominance throughout all four quarters.

The schedule then presented a series of tough tests, beginning with a 41-30 loss to King Edward VI Five Ways School. Despite the defeat, the team demonstrated commitment and fought hard to stay in the game, displaying moments of strong defensive work and promising attacking combinations. Another challenging matchup followed against Aston Manor Academy Boys, ending in a 59-40 loss. The team continued to battle, showing determination even when under sustained pressure from a well organised opponent. Their final outing of the season came down to the narrowest of margins in a 59-57 defeat to Bishop Walsh Catholic School. It was a fiercely competitive contest, and the team's refusal to give up kept the result uncertain until the final possession.

A huge well done goes to all the players who represented the squad with pride and commitment throughout the campaign: Rithvik Bodapati, Musa Yusupov, Vidyut Tutika, Barachel Ankrah, Ryan Bahmani, Ali Berair, Hassan Afzal, Jesse Okunbor, Gabriel Kalejaiye, Yusuf Abdullah, Ethisham Hussain, Eddie Kosina, Zed Cheema and Jed Jimenez. Each of them contributed to a season marked by growth, effort and a strong sense of team spirit, laying a positive platform for future success.



## U15 Basketball

The Under 15 basketball team produced an exciting mix of determination, skill and teamwork throughout their recent fixtures. Their first match saw an excellent 39-26 victory over St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, where the boys showed strong defensive discipline and fast, intelligent play on the break. The energy on court was matched by confident shooting and unselfish passing as the team controlled the game from start to finish.

Their second fixture was a much tighter contest, ending in a narrow 41-37 loss to Turves Green Boys' School. Despite the result, the team displayed impressive resilience, continually battling back and keeping the score close until the final whistle. The match highlighted the group's growing confidence, with several players stepping up in key moments and showing real composure under pressure.



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A huge well done goes to all the players who proudly represented the team this season: Daniyal Watton, Mohammed Abdi, Yusuf Ali, Karim Berair who led the side superbly as captain, Kevin Cao, Taijuan Sonko, Preston Umanah and Ishaan Aggarwal. Their effort, teamwork and commitment have been outstanding, and each of them contributed to a season full of promise and progress.

### **U13 Basketball**

The Year 8 basketball team faced two very tough fixtures this week, taking on larger, more physical opponents with noticeably more game experience. Although the results didn't go our way, the boys showed real resilience, character, and promising individual contributions.

Lordswood proved to be a very strong, physical side, and although the scoreline was challenging, our players continued to work hard throughout. Ibrahim Ali attacked the basket fearlessly and created several of our best scoring opportunities with his confident drives. Aaron Equbay (Captain) led calmly from the front, organising the team's offence and making smart decisions under heavy pressure. Samuel Tan fought well on the boards, securing key rebounds and showing real determination defensively. Hayden Tang helped us advance the ball up the court with composed dribbling and positive movement. Bhaavyan Dirisala produced tight, disciplined defence, forcing rushed shots and difficult passes. Isa Khan found good spaces on the wings and linked play effectively in transition. Myle Faraz defended strongly and made good outlet passes to launch counterattacks. Despite the 36–8 defeat, the team's effort and energy never dipped.

This match offered another difficult test, particularly with Windsor Academy relying heavily on a standout player who scored over 20 of their 29 points. A key positive was the introduction of Mo Bedward-Holland, who added much-needed height, power, and presence in the paint. His strength around the basket helped the team contest rebounds more effectively and challenge Windsor's inside scoring. Across the game, the team showed improved communication, more effective ball movement, and greater confidence against a strong opponent. Although both results were tough, the players demonstrated great perseverance and encouraging growth. Every boy contributed positively, and their attitude throughout was excellent. With continued practice and experience, this group has the potential to develop into a very competitive side.

Well done to the whole squad for their commitment and teamwork.



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# Indoor Cricket

## U18 Indoor Cricket

Our U18 indoor cricket squad produced a superb pair of performances as they overcame Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Technology College in back-to-back games. Captain Haaziq Wani led from the front with an exceptional 60 not out, anchoring the innings and setting the tone for both victories. He was well supported throughout by Ishan Gautam, Parth Trehan, Raees Latif, Mushaf Mir, Aakshat Kumar, Kabir

Singh and Spencer Hazzell, each contributing important runs, tight bowling or sharp fielding at key moments. The team's energy, discipline and teamwork were clear to see, and their efforts have now secured a place at finals day at Edgbaston after the Easter break. The squad is looking forward to the challenge and aiming to carry this momentum into the next stage.



## U15 Indoor Cricket

The U15 indoor cricket squad played their second fixture against Turves Green Boys' School. Batting first, we set a target of 78 runs, with Omar Slatter and Adyan Khan scoring 27 and 26 not out respectively. With strong bowling displays from Rahul Sinha, Fred Belcher and Omar Slatter, the team reduced Turves Green to 43 all out, winning the game by 35 runs.

Congratulations to all the players involved Adyan Khan (Capt), Hashim Wani, Omar Slatter, Fred Belcher, Rahul Sinha, Ibrahim Hussain, Aariz Irfan and Aditya Manu, who can now look forward to finals day.

## U13 Indoor Cricket

The Year 8 indoor cricket squad delivered two excellent performances this week, showcasing a brilliant combination of disciplined bowling, composed batting, and strong tactical awareness. This is a talented and well-balanced team with contributions across the whole squad.

The boys opened the first game in dominant fashion, bowling Queensbridge out for just 22 runs. It was an outstanding team bowling performance, with every bowler hitting consistent lines and applying relentless pressure. Abi-Bakr Bashir led the attack superbly with fast, straight bowling that proved almost unplayable. Umar Ayub swung the ball dangerously, beating the bat multiple times. Uraib Kiyani kept things tight, giving nothing away. Captain Salah Usmaan provided excellent control with his spin, varying his pace and flight cleverly. Fielding was sharp, with Muhammad Abdullah wicketkeeping confidently and taking clean gathers throughout.

The second game proved tighter but once again the bowlers led the way, bowling Moseley out for 34. The spinners were especially effective in this match: Salah Usmaan (Capt) produced another excellent spell of controlled spin, taking key wickets. The supporting attack kept the run rate down, forcing errors and creating constant pressure. Sharp fielding protected the walls well, with Abdullah continuing his reliable work behind the stumps.

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# Indoor Cricket

Chasing 34, CHB remained calm and composed, knocking off the runs for the loss of just 3 wickets. Consistent batting throughout the order ensured there was little danger of a collapse, and the team timed the chase well.

Two commanding wins—first bowling Queensbridge out for 22, then Moseley out for 34—demonstrate just how strong this Year 8 team is. The boys showed skill, confidence, and fantastic teamwork throughout.

Their performances have secured them a well-deserved place in the Indoor Cricket Final in the Summer Term.

A brilliant effort from the entire squad—well done, boys!

## U12 indoor cricket

The boys had that second fixture against Handsworth grammar school right at the beginning of the term. The boys won the toss and chose to bat first. They achieved a massive total of 106 runs. Henry, Arhum and Zayaan contributed well with Mahdi scoring some well needed runs of ends. In the 2nd innings Ed kept brilliantly along with brilliant bowling performances from Noori, and Mustafa. They achieved the win which now takes them into finals day in the summer term.



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# Badminton

The under 18s featured in one fixture since Christmas playing away to Bromsgrove school. With the facilities were amazing however the boys were brilliant but came away with the loss. A big thank you to those who took the journey representing the under 18 badminton this year. These players include Shayaan Shehroz, Kanish Nayyar, Yicheng Hu, Raees Latif, Adnan Lohawala, Aariz Gangji, Parth Trehan, Arjun Aravind Kumar, Rafe Sullivan, Muaath Khan, Pavan Dendukuri.

The under 16s 13s and 12s played in a matches against five way school. Under 16 came out on top with a win four games to nil. The thirteens and twelves both unfortunately lost their fixtures but was great to see what the future of Camp Hill badminton will look like.

Players who represented the school include: Ali Janmohamed, Salmaan Mughal, Aditya Sarkar, Muhammad Raza, Pak Long Sham, Huzaifa Sibtain, Mahdi Gulamhusein, Xuanhao Timeo Zhang, Aran Virdi, Yanson Yu, Mithulan Muthukrishnan, Toby Gunn, Jiale Chen, Sami Saddique, James Mar, Anirudh Ambayiram, Damon Chu, Angad Sandhu.



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# Volleyball



The volleyball team had one more game against a St Georges side. The U15s came out on top with a 2 sets to 1 win. I cannot get over how much this team has improved since the start of the training sessions. A big thank you goes to all those who played this side of Christmas including: Donnie Sutton, Zenith Lee, Ryaan Vikal, Ismaeel Khan, Muhammad Musa, Abdul-Hadi Shahzad, Mohammad Uddin, Sami Osman, Garlon Chen, Damon Chu. I hope you all continue with the volleyball and look to test your skills in competitive games out side of school.

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# Hockey

## U14 Hockey

The U14s have played 3 games since the turn of the year. The first against Old Swinford Hospital. At the start of the game, Camphill controlled the game early and thanks to Sufyaan Camphill took a deserved 1–0 lead before halftime. After the break, they increased the tempo and continued to create chances. Two second-half goals scored by Aarav and Ibrahim put the match firmly out of reach. A dominant performance ended in a comfortable 3–0 win. Overall, it was a commanding team display, with Aarav named Man of the Match for an outstanding all-round performance. The second was a return to Wolverhampton Grammar school which ended 1-1 with the goal coming from Tris Bishop-Park. The final game of this campaign was against a side from Five Ways. On a hot day we lost the game 4 goals to 2. Matthew Priest gained MotM after a hard-working tough performance. The squad has come on leaps and bounds this year despite no actual hockey space to train! I hope all players including Tris

Bishop-Park, Sufyaan Farooq, Ibrahim Hussain, Aarav Samra, Mukund Sreekantha, Stefan Rusu-Ardelean, Arhaan Panda, Matthew Priest, Shashank Rao, Harvey Jiang, Jacob Jiang, Eisa Khan, Pranshu Kumar, Kassim Alias, Aaron Chopra, Satvik Manyam, Raghuvamshi Ankam, continue to play next year with the new astro in place and who knows what levels this team can reach.



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# Football

## U15 football

The U15 football squad delivered a dominant performance, earning a well-deserved 3–0 win against King Edwards Five Ways. Well worked goals from Kaleem, Subramanian Nair and Bhatti secured the victory. Congratulations to all the players involved especially man of the match Ollie Hancock for his fine display at right back.



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# Rugby

## 1st XV

The 1st XV have enjoyed an excellent run of performances this half term, playing with confidence, ambition and a growing sense of cohesion across all three of their recent fixtures. The team opened with a composed 24–12 victory over Oswestry School, beginning strongly as Arthur Kelly finished a well-constructed move to put CHB ahead. The pace and precision of the backline continued to threaten throughout, with Spencer Hazzell producing two well-taken tries that proved decisive. Strong defensive organisation in the closing stages ensured the side remained in control and secured a well-earned win.

A week later, the squad delivered one of their most impressive displays of the season in a commanding 45–7 win over Queen Mary's Grammar School. The team combined fluid attacking play with relentless pressure, resulting in seven tries and sustained dominance across the pitch. Close opened the scoring before Daniel Kippax crossed twice with real power. Further tries from Jimenez, Lemuel Adjei, Kadir and a double from Kelly rounded off a superb attacking performance. Throughout the match, Mushaf Mir stood out for his work rate, decision-making and influence on both sides of the ball, earning him a thoroughly deserved Man of the Match award.

The final fixture of the block produced a thrilling 38–38 draw against Alcester Grammar School, a contest defined by attacking intent and end to end drama. CHB showed real resilience as they responded to each momentum swing, with tries from Kelly, Adjei, two from Kadir and another brace from Hazzell demonstrating the side's creativity and determination during a fast-paced encounter.

Alongside team performances, several players achieved notable representative success. Congratulations go to Lemuel Adjei, Kaaraj Chandock, Matthew Dainty, Luke Dolan and Daniel Kippax, all of whom were selected to represent the Foundation XV in their fixture against Solihull School. In an excellent individual display, Dan Kippax was named Man of the Match, reflecting his continued development this season.

Away from the regular season, the squad also enjoyed a very entertaining senior rugby tour. Results were not great, but the students had a fantastic time together, and it proved to be a memorable experience with plenty of moments that will stay with them for years to come. The spirit, camaraderie and good humour shown throughout made it a genuine highlight of the sporting year.

A special note of thanks must go to Matthew Dainty, who has led the team exceptionally well throughout the year. His composure, commitment and example have been central to the squad's progress and identity. As the season closes, we also extend our best wishes to all members of Year 13 as they move on to their next chapters. Their leadership and contribution to CHB rugby will be remembered fondly.



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### U15 Rugby

Post-Christmas, the U15 rugby team has been very successful, playing six games, winning four and losing two.

The squad travelled to Bablake School to play their final Saturday fixtures against Bablake and Queen Mary's School in two 30-minute games. First up, they faced Bablake and secured a convincing 24–7 win. Tries from Slatter, Umanah, and Moss (2), along with two Slatter conversions, helped them to this comfortable victory.

They then went on to play Queen Mary's. In a fiercely contested battle, the game came down to a last-minute driving maul, which saw Berair get over the line. Another Slatter conversion sealed a 7–0 win and a successful finish to their Year 10 Saturday fixtures.

Their next fixture happened to be against Queen Mary's again, this time at home. As with every game against them this season, it was tightly contested, with the lead changing hands multiple times. Unfortunately, a try in the final five minutes secured a 26–29 win for Queen Mary's. Tries came from Berair (2), Hanratty, and Moss, with three conversions from Slatter.

On tour, the team came up against two strong opponents Cockermonth School and Carlisle Rugby Club. Unfortunately, against Cockermonth they came up short, losing 12–5, with Umanah scoring the team's only try in what can only be described as horrific conditions. Then, against Carlisle, the squad seeking revenge after last season produced one of their most complete performances, winning 7–5. A try by Slatter and a conversion by O'Brien gave the squad a fitting end to the season.

Thank you to all the players who came on tour and represented the team throughout the season. Muhammad Alderwish, Sufyaan Azad, Esa Azeem, Karim Berair, Yunus Ali, Tejasv Dhek, Dexter Guest, Shawn Sen, Jacob Hanratty, Aditya Manu, Arnav Khanduri, Hishaam Padia, Preston Umanah, Donnie Sutton, Aariz Qadri, Fadi Bouhouia, Zack Ditta, Yusuf Ali, Ollie Hancock, Kingsley Moss, Finn O'Brien, Rahul Sinha, Omar Slatter, Taijuan Sonko(Capt) and Ibrahim Razaq.



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### U14 Rugby

The Year 9 squad have shown huge determination and character throughout a challenging but highly rewarding half term of rugby. Their first major fixture came against KES Birmingham, where Camp Hill started superbly. A moment of individual brilliance from Karim Abdelmaksoud saw him break from inside his own half and scorch 60 metres to score a fantastic early try.

Buoyed by the strong start, the boys produced a spirited and ambitious performance, frequently threatening the KES line. Several attacking opportunities came close to being converted, but a combination of strong KES defence and a few unlucky bounces meant we were ultimately restricted to just the seven points from Karim's opener.

The biggest test of the half term arrived in the much-anticipated fixture against Aston. From the first whistle Aston looked the hungrier side, using their larger forward pack to punch holes in our defensive line. Camp Hill, however, refused to back down. With resilience and determination, the boys fought their way back into the match, with two further tries from Karim and two well-struck conversions from Harry Clemow tightening the scoreline.

A significant moment came with the injury to captain Elyasa Ahmed, whose departure appeared to unsettle the team. In the period that followed, Camp Hill conceded two soft tries, leaving themselves a difficult gap to close. Despite this, the boys finished strongly, spending most of the closing minutes camped in the Aston half. Unfortunately, a series of dropped passes at key moments meant we were left ruing missed chances that ultimately cost us the win.

The squad then travelled north for their tour to Carlisle, where they were greeted by near-gale conditions. The opening game was cut short due to the weather, but not before the boys showed real grit in defence, with Max Ruffley stepping up superbly in the back row in place of the injured Elyasa.

The final match of the tour—against Carlisle Rugby Club—proved to be one of the team's best performances of the entire season. Under the excellent guidance of Harry Clemow at fly-half, Camp Hill controlled possession impressively through multiple phases. This pressure was rewarded when Daniyal Watton crossed for the first try of the tour.

The score injected fresh energy into the team, and with outstanding defensive contributions from Ishaan Aggarwal, Camp Hill remained firmly in contention throughout. Although a few decisions went against them, Carlisle were able to finish the stronger side, particularly against a Camp Hill team who were showing signs of tiredness at the end of a busy tour.

Overall, this half term has been a tough one for the Year 9s, but also a period where they showed tremendous resilience, teamwork, and spirit. At no point did the boys let their heads drop, and they can be genuinely proud of the effort, attitude, and progress they have shown.



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### U13 Rugby

The U13s returned from the break with renewed energy and quickly showed their determination on the pitch. Their first fixture of the year saw a hard fought 20-15 victory over Bablake, with tries from Abdullah, Le and a superb brace from Muhammad Raza, whose all round performance earned him a well deserved Man of the Match award. The momentum continued into the next outing against Queen Mary's Grammar School, where the team produced a disciplined 10-0 win. Abdullah crossed the line twice, showcasing his pace and power, and his influence across the match secured him Man of the Match.

A week later, the squad faced Queen Mary's again in a high scoring return fixture that kept supporters enthralled from start to finish. Despite a narrow 55-45 defeat, the boys delivered one of their most spirited attacking displays of the season. Seto ran in two excellent tries, with further scores from Dirisala, Abdullah, Sabharwal Parmar who added an impressive double, Watowita and Le. In a match full of standout moments, it was Evin Watowita who claimed Man of the Match through his relentless work rate and sharp decision making.

As the season draws to a close, the team can be proud of a strong and balanced record, playing 13 matches, winning 5, losing 5 and drawing 3. Throughout every challenge, Mo Bedward Holland captained the side with maturity, composure and genuine leadership, consistently setting the tone for effort and teamwork. The squad's progress has been evident in both individual development and collective performance, making this an encouraging platform for the year ahead.



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### U12 Rugby

Since writing the last newsletter the U12 Rugby team has been in excellent form. They have won 5 drawn 1 and lost 1. The highlight win came against Bishop Vesey school where the A team put 50 points past them for the first time in Year 7 history. The team also featured in the Greater Birmingham tournament which they were unlucky to lose in the semi final to Five Ways but won the 3rd place play off against Queen Marys in their own back yard! For the first time the Year 7s had an award assembly for the students who had been key features in the squad. Congratulations again too Arlo for top try scorer, Albert for Unsung hero, Ed for Back of the year, Murad for Forward of the year and especially to Raees who won his award for captaining the side. Without his help I would have been very stuck this year so a massive thank you to Raees. The A team boys also took part in the Queen Mary's 7s tournament where they won their group against Aston and Stafford

school but unfortunately only managed 3rd place to end the competition. As always, I would like to credit the A team player who have not let me down this year and have always showed the correct attitude and desire to where the Camp Hill Badge. These players include Murad Mahyoub, Adriel Ankrah, Zaki Zakariya, Abdul Ahad Khawaja, Ife Odumosu, Raees Hussain, Isaac Nawaz, Alex Chatt, Toby Gunn, Edward Kearney, Albert Kightley, Arlo Guest, Ethan Sun, Dominion Efosa-Osaghae, Henry Hancock, Ismail Akhtar. I hope they all continue there rugby skills over the summer and come back in Year 8 ready to win more games.

The B C and D team only played once since the Christmas break all against Bishop Vesey school. The Bs lost, Cs won and Ds drew! Once again thank you to these players who have not let me down with always being available to play and at training. They include: Daniel Moore, Travis Lau, Azlan Mirza, Mahdi Gulamhusein, Jacob Cronin, Daniel Beech, Freddie Pierce, Daniyal Khan, Arhum Latif, Zayaan Wahid, Noori Haider, Finn Matthews, Owais Hamed, Zakaria Beech, Harpreet Jhutti, Dawud Ali, Mustafa Sheraz, Qasim Qasim, Mustafa Obaid, Hasan Ali, Luca Silk, Yahya Khan, Soren Heer-Stavert, Aran Virdi, Rory Hosfield, Eli Uther, Uzair Uzair, Hadi Zahoor, Aditya Joshi, Zaki Ahmed, Rafay Hussain, Yaseen Jabor, Yasir Khan, Mahad Maan, Zain Shah, Faris Elahi, Hayden Tang, Mikael Yolmeh, Charles Huang, Daniel Jabar, Zakariya Rashid, Ismaeel Khan, Muhammad Khan. I hope all continue to play into Year 8 as they all have a massive potential as a squad.



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