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Hazelwick School Newsletter

November 2024

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 2nd Dec:
INSET Day, school closed to students

Tue 3rd Dec - Fri 20th Dec:
Year 11, Mock Exams

Fri 6th Dec:
Year 7, Student Review Day

Fri 13th Dec:
Sixth Form Festive Friday

Thu 19th Dec:
Ex Upper Sixth Presentation Evening

Fri 20th Dec:
Year 7, Xmas Factor

Fri 20th Dec:
End of Term (1.25pm)

Mon 6th Jan:
Start of term (Week 2)

Mon 6th Jan - Fri 17th Jan:
Year 13, Mock Exams

Wed 15th Jan:
Year 8, Options Evening

Thu 23rd Jan:
Year 11, Mock Results Day

Mon 27th Jan - Fri 31st Jan:
Year 8, Exams

Wed 29th Jan:
Year 11, Parents'/Carers' Evening

Fri 31st Jan:
Sixth Form Application Deadline

Headlines

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

Busy time at Hazelwick as always

As is evident from the number of pages in this newsletter, we have been very busy at Hazelwick this month! There have been educational visits, including 264 Year 7 students travelling to Lodge Hill over 4 days for a day of fun, sport and team-building activities. We have welcomed external visitors and speakers to Hazelwick, giving our students a glimpse of opportunities in the world of work. Our Heads of House and House Leaders have been busy leading a range of activities for our students to be engaged in. Hazelwick students have also experienced success at all levels in a variety of sporting endeavours.



This year we will once again be collecting for the local charity Crawley Open House. Some form groups are already bringing in donations and we anticipate that staff and sixth formers will join them in giving food items, toiletries, scarves and gloves. Should any parents/carers like to contribute, please bring items to reception. Staff at Crawley Open House are always delighted to receive support from Hazelwick and we enjoy contributing to this fantastic facility in our community.



All good wishes



News, Events & Activities from the Art Department...



Leah Lindsey

Ash Attree



Year 12 Photography and Art Students

Year 12 Photography students have been producing some amazing work in their formal element's workshops and for their new project *The Grey Area*.

We are really impressed by their creativity and the issues and questions they are tackling through their work, such as the impact of technology on our everyday lives, family connections, and female stereotypes. We are excited to see their ideas develop throughout the course.

Year 12 Art students have been producing creative and independent outcomes for their formal elements project.

They have independently chosen a range of materials to work in and have been refining their ideas to produce unique and highly creative outcomes. It is exciting to share the work they have been producing and we are very enthusiastic to see their progress as they move into their personal investigations in January.

Miss Holbrook

Huriya Saleem



Merissa Marrin



Mia Taylor



Millie Spicer



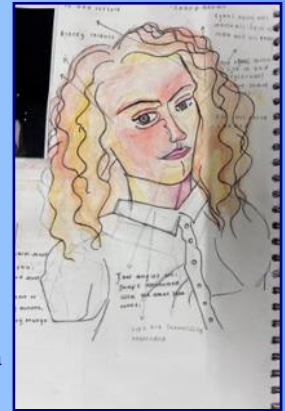
News, Events & Activities from the Art Department Continued...



Kesja Kupka



Mia Swain



Mansi Pahwa



Mirjam Mordavszky



Liam Nietzer

Junior Nyang



News, Events & Activities from the Music Department...

On the 14th November we had a visit from the outreach team at Water Bear, The Music College. They came to Hazelwick school to deliver a further study and careers seminar to our 80 Music and Music Technology students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

The seminars were hugely exciting and our students were keen to ask questions about how they could further their own studies and potential roles within the music industry. It will be exciting to see where they go from here!

Mr Bayliss





News, Events & Activities from the Design & Technology Department...



YEAR 9

Year 9 Design & Technology students have been working on a Passive Amplifier project. A product that amplifies sound without electricity.

The students worked through a process of research, design ideas, technical drawings, accurate measuring and using workshop tools to manufacture their products. They practiced using tenon and coping saws, pillar drills and disc sanders as well as CAD software to design their own eye-catching logos which were laser etched. They also learnt about material properties of hardwoods, softwoods and fabricated boards and the purpose of different finishes.





News, Events & Activities from the Food Technology Department...



Year 10 and 11

This month in Food and Nutrition Year 10 students made breaded halloumi sticks with a sweet and spicy salsa, whilst Year 11 have been practising some high-level cake making skills in preparation for their upcoming practical assessments.





News, Events & Activities from the Geography Department...

Volcano Model Competition Winners Announcement!

We are excited to announce the winners of the Year 8 Volcano Model Competition! In Geography lessons students have been learning about tectonic hazards, such as earthquakes and volcanoes, in a topic called 'Restless Earth'. The models featured below demonstrate the knowledge and creativity of our talented students.



A huge congratulations to everyone who participated!

Miss Schoonraad

Competition Winners:



George Laker and Adam Baccar - 8CST



Pranav Panbarasu - 8DLI



News, Events & Activities from the History Department...

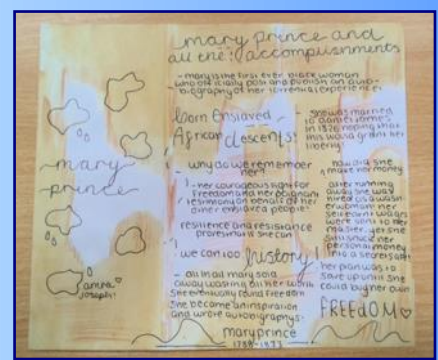
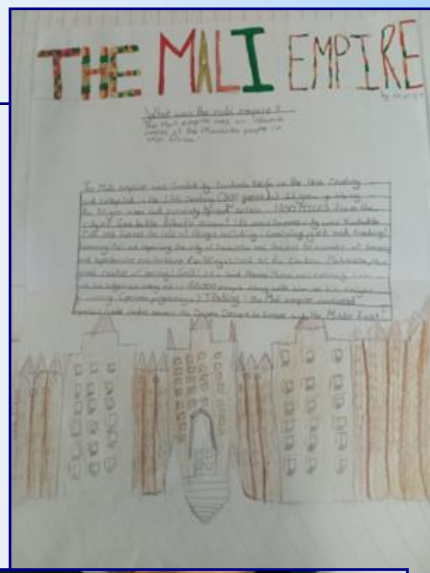
November has been another busy month in the History department. Year 7 continued to work on their Black History Month posters and moved on to studying Medieval England with a focus on the Battle of Hastings.

Year 8 finished their slavery unit of work and have moved into the twentieth century with topics on Titanic and the First World War.

Year 9 (American West), Year 10 (Elizabeth I) and Year 11 (USA Civil Rights) have continued to work hard towards their GCSE's.

The pictures shown here are Year 9 exhibits from a play dough summary of all that they have learnt so far on the Native American way of life.

Mrs Barton



Music and Drama Showcase

21st November 2024

This year the Music and Drama departments have collaborated for the autumn concert, showcasing the work that our talented students have been creating in their extra-curricular clubs. With over 80 performers and an eager technical crew featuring some new talent from Year 7, the fairy-lit stage was set to light up the cold November evening!

Nearly 200 audience members came to watch the exciting programme, which featured musical numbers and drama performances from across all year groups. The evening started with a beautiful folk song with some accomplished melodies that perfectly set the tone for the evening. Drama Club students in Year 7 then performed a non-verbal piece inspired by the events of World War Two.

The evening saw virtuoso solos from students and a rousing rendition of 'Highway to Hell' from the band that had the Drama Club students moshing at the side of the auditorium! Throughout the evening, Drama Club students from Year 8 and 9 performed scenes from Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers', which students in Year 8 Drama are currently studying in their Drama lessons.

An energetic and engaging performance of 'Ain't no Mountain High Enough' finished off the evening, leaving the audience full of joy and humming the songs on their way out.

Ms Grubb
Head of Drama



Aspire News...

Aspire is a new school programme being developed to support and extend, even further, our most academically able students.

Year 10 Congratulations

Congratulations to Dev Parekh in Year 10 who has been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate from Peterhouse's JCR Arts Competition at Cambridge University. Dev responded to the opportunity to enter the competition that was shared with Aspire Students on Satchel One. The judges stated that this is an excellent achievement, as only 6 entries were awarded this distinction, and the standard of entries was extremely high.

Very well done Dev for making the most of every opportunity.

The Extraordinary in the ordinary

The exquisite, picturesque view of a walk in London reflects the accustomed, day-to-day lives of a Londoner obscured by the flocks of people crowding the streets. As the audience try to ponder of the resemblance with the title and the picture, they might disregard the typical things that are 'ordinary' and focus on the gleaming sun; or the Big Ben; or the buildings that contour the picture. However, because of the viewer's incomprehension, they miss out a valuable detail. The silhouettes of people are not what they seem to be. Straight in front of them are some of the most famous people on the planet: Bill Gates; Steve Jobs; James Dyson, and Thomas Edisson. I was inspired by a speech Mohammed Taher gave on the Fantasy Wings Program. He talked about how he sat next to someone for 4 years in lectures and didn't even talk to him. That person became a CEO that he could have had contact with but because of his timidity he let a massive opportunity slide. I have used this picture to portray the message that people look at the extraordinary in things but rarely in people. The realisation of the message makes the picture more special. The rising sun symbolises the dawn of innovation created by the people around it, the grandness of the towering Big Ben represents the power of humanity, and the ambiguity of the people indicates how you have to look closer in order to see who they truly are.

Dev Parekh



Dev Parekh - IOASH



Aspire News Continued...



St John's College
Oxford

St John's
inspire
programme

Year 9

This term saw the start of Club Classes for the St John's College, Oxford University Inspire Scholars programme. 24 Year 9 students are enrolled on the programme that is designed to help students explore their interests, expand their academic horizons, and enable you to take part in a range of exciting opportunities, including access to summer schools at St John's College, University of Oxford.

Whilst sipping hot chocolate, this month our scholars have been looking at the structure of language. They have interpreted texts in Esperanto, Icelandic and Croatian.

Thank you to Mr Elliott in the MFL department for leading these sessions and to the Year 9 students for bringing their enthusiasm to these classes.

Dr Owen - Aspire Coordinator





House News...

November has been a busy month, full of House competitions that have provided students the opportunity to contribute points to their house, alongside the points that they accrue with their excellent behaviour and attitude.

First, we saw Hazelwick students go head-to-head with a mystery chaser (that turned out to be Mr Chalmers) to answer questions and win points for their team. A massive well done to the two houses that managed to beat the chaser! Winton beat Mr Chalmers by 2 points earning them an incredible 200 extra house points and Turing who beat him by 3 points, earning them a whopping 300 extra house points!

The teams for Equiano and Duleep-Singh weren't far behind, managing to earn the same amount of points as each other, earning a fantastic 600 points for their respective houses. Seacole and Fry also earned 300 points each for their respective houses. It is always fantastic when we have teams for each house – it is wonderful to see so many students getting involved.

Congratulations to Winton for winning this one overall and a special thank you to Mr Chalmers for giving our students such a challenge with his excellent general knowledge.

House	Total House Points
Winton	700
Turing	600
Equiano	600
Duleep Singh	600
Seacole	300
Fry	300

It was then up to students to hide themselves, with Mrs Poole's camouflage challenge that had students hiding themselves in all sorts of places, using visual illusions and technology to hide themselves in plain sight.

There were an amazing number of entries that had Mrs Poole searching for hours to try and identify where the students were hiding! The overall winners were Iaroslav Sinkevich (7BLU) and Mason Gray (7TLA).

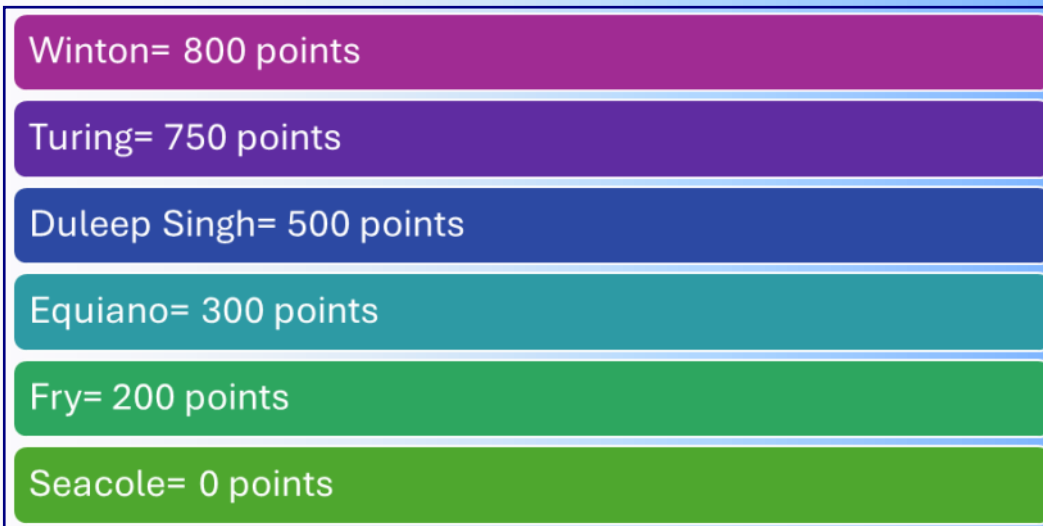
See if you can spot them on the next page!



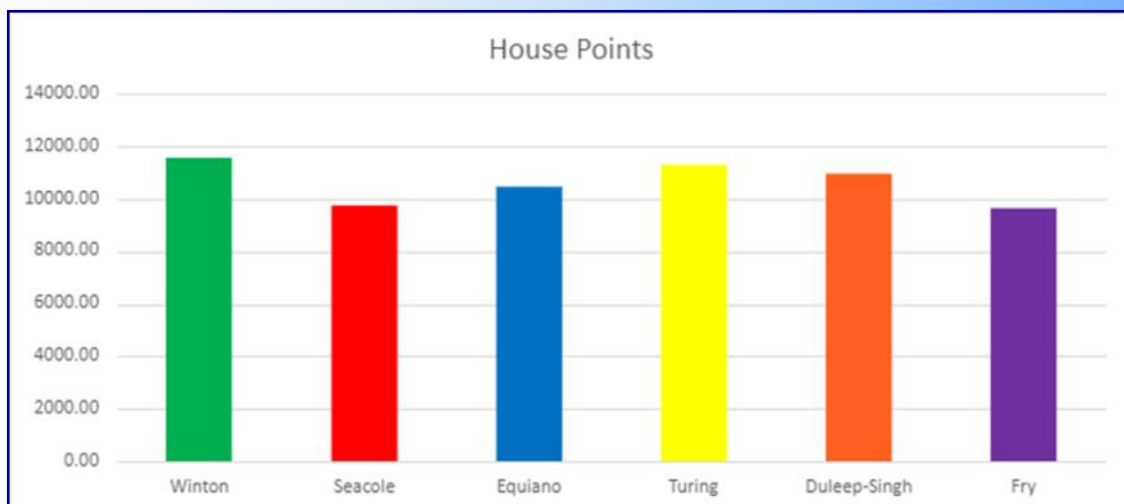
House News Continued...



This was a truly unique event and a real opportunity for students to show off their creative side, so it is no surprise that there were lots of House points earned, not just by the winners but by all who entered! Well done to each participant!



Congratulations to Winton for their maintained lead this half-term, but it looks like Turing is hot on their heels with only 300 points between them! It looks like December could be a fierce month of competition – stay tuned to see what will happen in the lead up to Christmas! Miss Pearson





Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work. There has been a huge amount of activity within careers this month, and we would like to thank all the employers, education providers and people involved in making these opportunities possible for our students.

Year 9 Teen Tech Careers Trip

On Wednesday 13th November 2024, we had an exciting opportunity to take some of our students to the TeenTech Festival at the Amex Stadium in Brighton. This event brought together students across the region for an exciting interactive programme helping young people understand the range of opportunities across digital, science and technology industries and the many different entry points. During their visit, students had the opportunity to try their hand at experiments, to handle leading edge technology and, most importantly, to spend time with the Engineers, Technologists and Scientists influencing their 21st century lives. More information is available here: [TeenTech Festivals | TeenTech](#)

The students were given a challenge to develop and present innovative ideas using technology. We were delighted to win in the “Most Fun” category. We were also so proud that one of the group’s ideas to support in exploring careers was voted second place overall by all the hundreds of other students and teachers present! Well done Team Hazelwick!

Here are a selection of comments from some of the students:

“We have learnt lots of new things about companies and modern technology. For example we learnt about light refraction and elekta which is a company which treats cancer using radiation beams” - Adam Khan 9SOX.

“First we walked around and looked at different jobs. We looked at VR headsets and drew with them, we made wind turbines and played a game for the Royal Air Force. Then we looked at jobs and opportunities in the army, which was really interesting as there was much more to do in the army than expected. Overall my favourite part of the day was when we went on the VR, because we could make whatever we wanted.” - Molly Tripp 9UHA.

“Me and my friend had a nice time. We really loved the experience. We had some talks to some companies and they were very useful. We also had some fun playing games on the computer. We also got the chance to build a bridge but it was very hard.” - Aiden Martins 9ZKH.

“I had a lot of fun! We had many opportunities to try to experience different ways technology and engineering can be used. We got to make our own turbines and test them and we got to try TV headsets to test out new ways of doing things. I’ve learnt how many different ways technology and science can be applied and how important it is. I learnt how many jobs the army has and that with the army you can travel to many places. We got to see ourselves through a thermal camera and learned how they use it to see stars and galaxies.” - Michalina Laszczewska 9ELL.



Careers Café Continued...



Green Careers Week

Green Careers Week (GCW) is an annual event taking place in November.

The aims are to raise aspiration, support diversity, challenge stereotypes, and promote real opportunities for young people to have a career that will genuinely make a difference.

Green careers include roles within businesses that benefit the environment and conserve natural resources. These roles have been growing over recent years and are bound to increase further as the necessity for greater energy efficiency and sustainability becomes more urgent. Some opportunities are more obvious than others, so GCW is an opportunity for us all to take a closer look.

The school community was encouraged to get behind this event and various activities took place to support GCW within lesson times. In addition, Mrs Andrews delivered assemblies and provided a tutor time programme as follows:

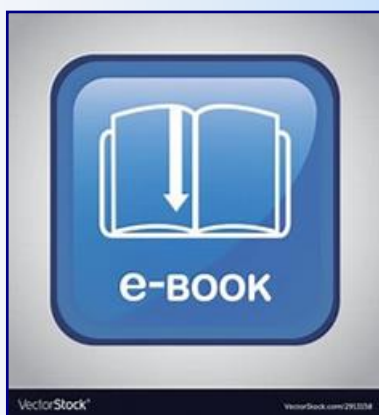
- Year 7 – Introduction to what green careers are and why they matter. Amazing apprenticeships quiz
- Year 8 – Green skills and how these relate to the Hazelwick Bees
- Year 9 - Green apprenticeships and growth areas
- Year 10 – Labour Market Information and how a local employer is working to be more sustainable (Gatwick Airport)
- Year 11 – Green careers in 60 seconds (BBC bitesize green careers microsite)
- Year 12 - Webinar with Pearson to explore what is meant by 'sustainable skills' and how they can be embedded into every career path, not just those that are typically 'green careers'. Green virtual work experience opportunities.
- Year 13 Exploring the green labour market through articles, job boards and websites.

A parent/carer guide that is useful for anyone wanting to find out more information is available: The Parents' Guide to Green Careers Week 2024.

Mrs Andrews



Read On!



For this month's newsletter, I have shared the access notes and search tips for our recently launched Hazelwick ePlatform as I thought parent/carers may find this useful. I have also given reminder notes about our library web app too. Since my last article, the winner of this year's Booker Prize was announced, and I have shared details regarding the winner and the links to the short and longlists. Many thanks to Mrs Donnelly for being our guest book reviewer this month, who has chosen a Barrington Stoke title.

Hazelwick School Library ePlatform

Students have been given access instructions to the ePlatform, but I thought it would be useful to share the links with parents/carers and give some tips. The library has taken a six-month trial to the Wheelers ePlatform. Students and staff now have access to a collection of both eBooks and audio books. The ePlatform is free to use and the loan period for each resource is two weeks. Please note that fines are not charged for overdue items, the resource will 'disappear' from the student's personal library. Both formats are age-banded, to ensure that Key Stage 3 students cannot borrow books with adult themes.

Access Options:

1. Students can download the ePlatform from the relevant app store and then search for Hazelwick School. Alternatively, students can use the set-up code number 5313.
2. Scan the QR code from the flyer on the next page.
3. If you are using a PC, students will need to use the following link:

<https://hazelwick.eplatform.co/>

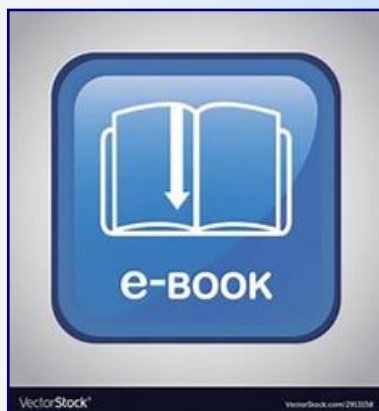
Once students have accessed the ePlatform, and found an eBook or audiobook they would like to read, they need to click on the 'Borrow' button. Use the preview option if you would like to browse and try before you borrow. You can reserve an item if it is out on loan to another student. Loans can be renewed two days before the expiry date provided no one has reserved the book. If you have borrowed the book and then decide you will not want to finish the story, please return it so that the book can be borrowed by another student.

Search Tips for eBooks

1. Use the browsing filter 'Format' to limit your search by format to separate audiobooks and eBooks.
2. Use the browsing filter 'Fiction/Non-Fiction' to limit your search results by novels or information books.
3. Using the category search will enable you to search by genre.



Read On Continued...



Setting Options for eBooks

Loans can be tailored by using the settings wizard, this will be of particular interest to students with dyslexia. The settings wizard can be found by clicking on the display setting icon Aa. The page colour can be changed to a selection of assorted colours, as can the font style. Both the font size and line spacing can be altered to suit reader preferences. In addition, as the graphic shows, screen brightness, letter and word spacing can also be changed. There is also a useful night reading mode for the late-night readers.

Audio Book Options

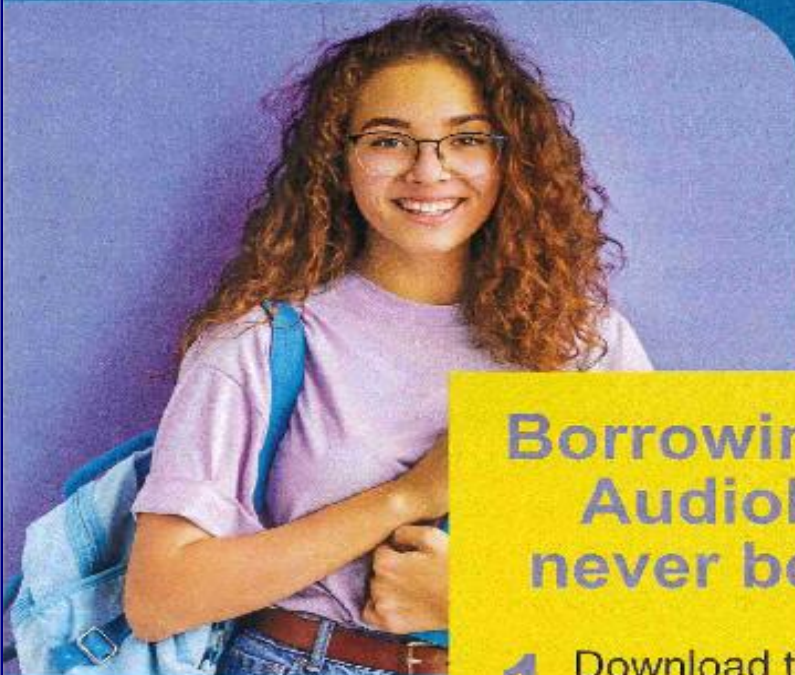
There is a range of different options when browsing for audio books by using the filters. You can narrow your search by target audience, fiction/non-fiction titles and/or by different genres. I love the 'Sort' function, which is located on the right of the screen. (see photo). This allows searching by most popular titles. It also permits searching by new releases and the recently added titles too. Please note that the alphabetical option searches by title, not author.





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Read On Continued....

Guest Reviewer

Our guest reviewer this month is: Mrs Donnelly

Book Title: ECHOSTAR is Always Listening

Author: Melinda Salisbury

I work for the Learning Support Department which supports a range of students through small group work or within the classroom environment.



Towards the end of the academic year, the Learning Support Department invested in some new sets of Barrington Stoke short story novels to add to our collection of 'group reads' which we use in Literacy lessons. Thank you to Miss Speller who did the leg work, read all the books and asked the department to choose their favourites from her final list. I thought I'd check one of them out!

What do I think about the book?

The story starts with Ruby Brookes and her best friend Deva who have won free places at the Ash Tree Foundation Performing Arts Camp over the summer, but only if their school grades seriously improve. So, when Deva suddenly starts getting high marks in all her subjects, leaving Ruby behind, she is confused and jealous. Until she finds out Deva's success is down to EchoStar, a new app that's helping her get ahead.

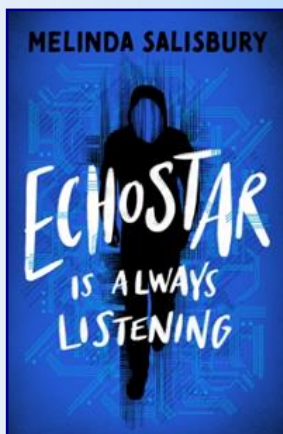
Ruby is desperate to start using it too, but there is much more to EchoStar than she has imagined. She starts talking to what she thinks is an app using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help her improve her classwork, but things rapidly get out of control...

The story reaches a dramatic ending.

Who would enjoy this book?

I like that Barrington Stoke works with authors to produce short story novels with a range of teenage themes for students. They are known for not only printing their books on dyslexic friendly paper but also by providing a satisfying read with all the challenging themes you would expect from a much longer novel in a shortened format. The book was easy to read but had all the excitement of a longer read. I'm going to use it with my next literacy group!

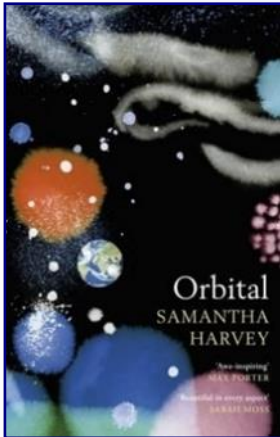
Please check them out: <https://collins.co.uk/pages/barrington-stoke>





Read On Continued....

The Booker Prize 2024



Samantha Harvey's book 'Orbital' has won this year's Booker Prize for 'outstanding fiction.' The book features the lives of a team of astronauts working and living on the International Space Station. The author is the first woman to win the Prize since 2019, and the book is a big seller, having outsold the past three Booker Prize winners combined. If you would like to read more information about the author and the other books that made both the short and longlists, please click on the link below:

<https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/prize-years/2024>

Library reminders:

Library Web App

Just a reminder that all Hazelwick students can access the library web app by clicking the link below or from the link in the Hazelwick school folder from the Start menu.

<https://uk.accessit.online/hzl04/#!/dashboard>

Students can check their book loans, renew their books if they are not very overdue, reserve books and write book reviews to be shared with other students. All reviews will be read by the library staff prior to publication.

Hazelwick School Book Group

We have two monthly book group meetings left this term, and the group is open to students in all year groups. We meet in the library and free refreshments are provided.

The dates and themes are:

29th November: School stories

13th December: Books that celebrate different cultures

Keep reading!

Mrs Thornton BA (Hons) MCLIP
School Librarian



Sport...

Hazelwick Talented Athlete Programme 2024-2026

Tuesday 21st November saw the launch of the new cohort of Year 10 students, of the Hazelwick Talented Athlete Programme (TAP). These are students who participate, commit to and represent in their sports at County level and above.

This year, the PE department have created an ASPIRE TAP programme too, for those students who are very close to meeting the TAP criteria. The students participate in a wide range of sports including Equestrian, Football, Sailing, Golf, Table Tennis, Basketball and Hockey.

In order to support their training needs, this workshop included an induction to be able to use the school gym in their own time. The focus of the workshop was to build their skills to create their own training programmes, to be aware of the equipment and how that can be used to improve their fitness in a wide range of ways.

Well done all, I hope you now take full advantage of attending the after-school fitness clubs on a regular basis!

Mrs McHugh



Sports Leaders Help at Quicksticks Hockey Events

Over the past few months, the Hazelwick sports leaders have been helping to run a number of Quicksticks hockey events on our astro turf. They have all been brilliant and the feedback we've had about them has been fantastic.

Thank you to all of them (some are not pictured), we simply couldn't run these events without you!

Mrs Reynolds





Sport Continued...

Football Results Update

U14 Girls Football Team

The U14 girls football team played Willingdon High School in the second round of the County Cup. After a journey of over an hour, the team took to the pitch and were immediately under fire from a very strong home side.

However, with a resilient defence and some strong goal keeping from Mofiyin Tanimowo, Hazelwick managed to concede only two goals.

After regrouping at half-time and now attacking down hill, Hazelwick managed to claw back a couple of goals through some brilliant individual skill from Lelya Tek.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and the team fell to a 6-2 defeat. The team can now concentrate on the League that begins in January.

Miss Oxby



U12 Girls Football Team

Well done to the U12 girls football team that participated in the Vtilita Cup at Hazelwick School.

They drew three games and lost two but played well in all of the games but especially when they played against the eventual winners of the whole tournament.

Back row:

Holly Phillips, Abbie Streatfield, Kasey Uka, Lacey Trill,

Front row:

Evie Musslewhite, Harmani Sandhu, Elsie Bridgman,



Miss Oxby



Sport Continued...

Year 8 Girls Football Team

On Monday 18th November, the Year 8 girls football team participated in a 7 a side tournament at Hazelwick School.

In the pool matches they beat:

St Wilfrid's Catholic School 2-1

The Gatwick School 5-0 and Thomas Bennett Community College 3-0

Drew with Oriol High School B team 0-0

This placed them through to the final v Oriol High School A team who were the winners of the other pool. After a hard fought game Hazelwick lost by a single goal to nil.

This placed them runner up in the tournament.

Congratulations to the whole team who played magnificently and especially to Leyla and Evie who were scouted by Crawley Town.

Miss Oxby

Left to right:

Evie Cullinane, Leyla Tek, Olivia Hampstead, Mofiyin Tanimowo, Lily Tullett, Belle Imhoff, Jade Frankham and Cara Howells.



U15 County Cup Boys Football

The under 15's started their county cup campaign with a second round fixture away at Durrington High School. After an even first half where we battled the opposition and the windy conditions, Hazelwick took a 2-1 lead at half-time. The boys went up a gear in the second half, quickly scoring 2 more goals and dominating possession.



The full time score was 8-1 with goals from Oliver Davis (2), Kian McDonnell (2), Jack Ward (2), Patrick Orozco and Max Papacharalambous.

Hazelwick will play Patcham School in the third round.

Mr O'Brien



Sport...

Under 16 Boys Football Team

The U16s Football Team have had two positive results beating St. Catherine's College on penalties 5-3 in the County Cup and beating St. Wilfrid's Catholic School 6-2 in the district league.



Player of the match performances came from Thomas Buckle and Joel Johnson-Cole respectively.

Mr Bagnall

Rugby Results Update

The U16s Rugby Team lost in a narrow defeat to Shoreham Academy in the County Cup.



Mr Bagnall

Senior Girls Shine in Tonbridge

On a cold November day, our senior girls competed in the regional round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup. It was a real achievement that they qualified for this event and their efforts were fantastic.

The team finished a splendid fifth (missing out on the national finals by two places).

Congratulations to The Judd School who won overall. Well done to Alice who placed 3rd, Niamh was 7th, Kirsten was 29th and Zoe was 40th.

Mrs Reynolds

Pictured: Zoe Case, Kirsten Goodbourn, Niamh Lesova and Alice Cox



Spotlight on Safeguarding...

For your information this month, via the Newsletter, we are raising awareness of young people purchasing anti-anxiety drugs online.

There is a concern that a rise in counterfeit anti-anxiety drugs being sold on the internet is linked to young people purchasing them. The drugs are known as benzodiazepines which are a class of drugs that are used to treat anxiety and also insomnia. Professor Sumnall from the Public Health Institute has stated that there has been a 300% increase in recent years in the number of young people attending services needing support for a range of benzodiazepine drugs including Xanax. Sky News has discovered potentially fake Xanax being offered for sale on social media for as little as £1. There are a number of reasons as to why young people are using anti-anxiety drugs and the fake versions according to Nick Lind, the Deputy Head of the Redland Green School in Bristol. He believes that some students consider it to be a “safe alternative to illegal drugs,” with many purchasing the drugs from the dark web. Also as they are known as anti-anxiety drugs and prescription drugs, Lind states that some young people do not consider them to be “as dangerous” and a “safe way of getting into drugs.” A parent interviewed for BBC News, whose daughter became addicted to Xanax said that it made her ‘zombified’ and she turned “aggressive and violent.” Symptoms include slurred speech, unsteadiness, and looking drunk. The drug is also commonly mixed with alcohol, which makes the risk of overdose higher.



Some of the fake versions of oxycodone (OxyContin), diazepam (Valium) and alprazolam (Xanax) have recently been contaminated with potent synthetic opioids known as nitazenes. According to The Independent this drug is so dangerous that “a dose the size of grain of sand could kill.” The National Crime Agency (NCA) were investigating 54 deaths linked to nitazenes between June and December 2023 with 40 more deaths awaiting toxicology results. These lethal drugs have been discovered all around the country including in Brighton.

Signs that someone may have taken one of these contaminated drugs include: small, narrowed pupils, reduced or loss of consciousness, dizziness or drowsiness, difficulty breathing, nausea or vomiting, cold or clammy skin, blue or grey lips and fingernails, low blood pressure or decreased heart rate.

For more information go to the FRANK website that provides support and information about drugs - Honest information about drugs | FRANK or call on 0300 123 6600.

Where to get further information and support:

- **FRANK**
Dangerous drugs | FRANK
- **ADFAM** - leading families and addiction charity in England
For Families - ADFAM

Student News...

Gymnastics

Holly Earl from 9RSU has been involved in lots of competition in the world of gymnastics over the last month and been immensely successful. On the 6th October, Holly attended a Sussex Invitational Event in which she placed 2nd in her age category and 3rd in Sussex.

Holly then attended the Sussex Championships on the 20th October and came 1st in her age category and first in the overall competition for all ages between 7-18 years. Holly was presented with the Copper Level Shield as a result.

Holly came first in her age category in the South East Classic Challenge Championship on the 3rd November. Holly also placed 2nd out of all ages (6-18years, 86 gymnasts) and 2nd overall on Beam.



Holly has had such a successful competition season that she has been selected for the Women's Artistic Sussex County Squad 2025.

Well done Holly, we are very proud of you.

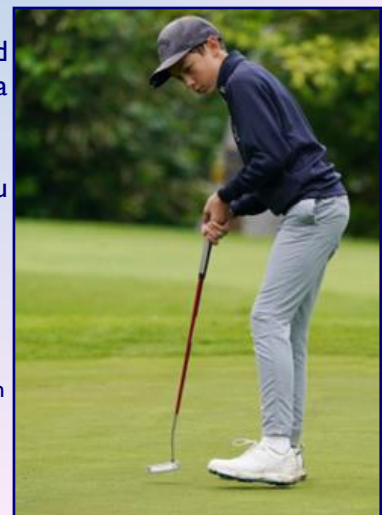
Head of Year 9

We would also like to say congratulations to Kade Fullarton (9TFR) and Freddie Hopkins (9RSU) who were selected to represent Hazelwick in a Schools Golf Competition on November 6th.

Kade came third overall and we would like to say well done and thank you to both boys for representing the school so well.

Head of Year 9

Kade Fullarton





Hazelwick Twitter Account



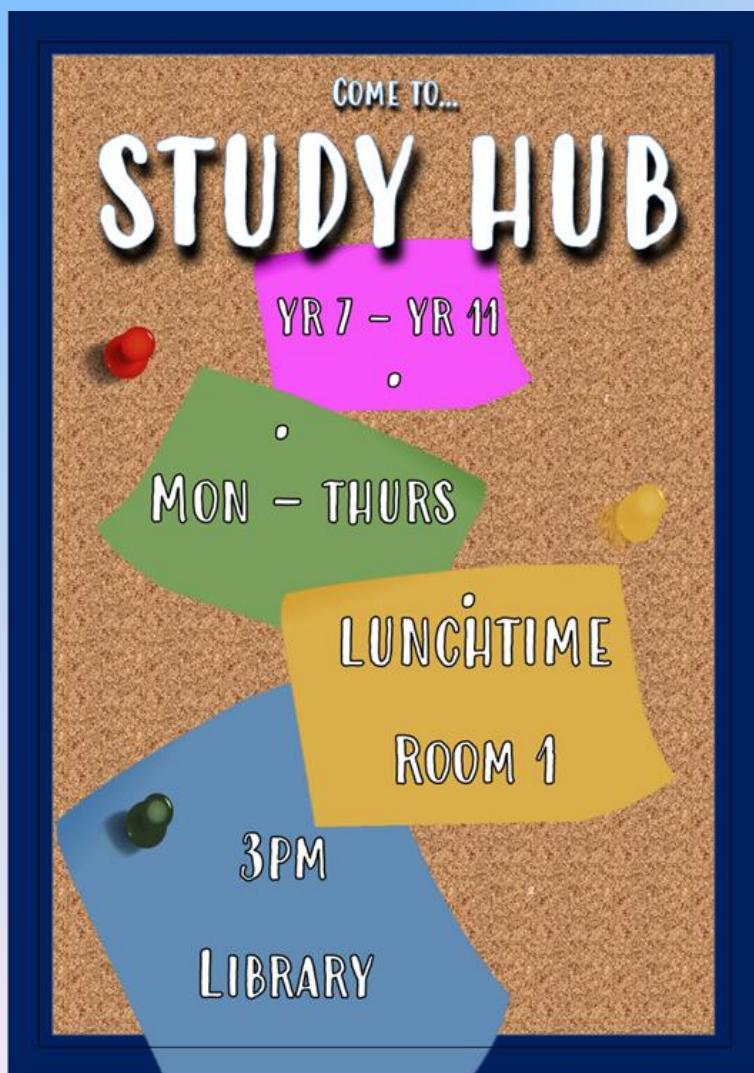
Follow us on our Twitter account @HazelwickSchool for reminders of key dates and details of important events.

Insight - Parent Portal

Insight is a secure online system which allows parents/carers to access a range of data and information about their son/daughter. Once logged in, parents/carers can view information such as their child's timetable, session attendance, behaviour points and school reports.

If you have not accessed this yet and would like more information, please email insight@hazelwick.org.uk

Homework & Revision Clubs



Study Hub

Years 7-11

supervised study at
lunchtime and 3-4 pm
after school.

No need to book, simply
turn up when you need
help.

Sixth Form: Monday to Friday until 4.30pm – Supervised study in the Octagon.