

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

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 16th Jan: Year 11, Sixth Form Taster Day

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

Tue 11th & Wed 12th Feb: Year 11, Progression Interviews



# Hazelwick School

# Newsletter

December 2024

#### **Headlines**

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

Welcome to this final edition of our school newsletter for 2024. I would like to start by wishing all students, parents and carers a joyful, safe and healthy holiday season and a very happy and peaceful New Year.



The final weeks of term have been immensely busy and productive. Year 11 students have sat their mock examinations and there has been a range of extra-curricular activities involving many of our students.



During December, activities included Sixth Form Festive Friday when everyone had enormous fun while raising money for charity. We collected a large number of boxes of food and other goods to donate to Crawley Open House; Mr Hillier and a team of Sixth Form students and I delivered these the week before term ended. The Crawley Open House team is immensely grateful for the support from Hazelwick.



Throughout these weeks, we have ensured that the quality of teaching has remained high, enabling our students to have positive learning experiences in lessons right through to the end of term.

We say goodbye to Mrs James (SIMS Data Manager), whom we thank for her contribution to our school during her time with us, and wish her luck and happiness in her new ventures.

We look forward to seeing all our students on Monday 6th January (week 2) for the start of the Spring Term.

All good wishes





# News, Events & Activities from the Computer Science Department...



The results are in from this year's Bebras Challenge – a national contest run by the Raspberry Pi Foundation and Oxford University to test young people's algorithmic thinking and mathematical problem-solving skills.

All Computer Science students in Years 9 to 13 took part in November, along with all of the Year 8 students.

We are delighted to report that seventeen of our students scored in the top 10% nationally. This is an incredible achievement, and we look forward to inviting them to participate in the Bebras Programming Challenge in March!

Big congratulations go out to:

Krishan Rajarajan (Year 8) Rhys Taylor (Year 8) Victoria Orszak (Year 8) Abhinav Anderson (Year 8) Abdul Raheem Syed (Year 8) Tharveen Thiruverahan (Year 8) Ryan Dutta (Year 8) Varada Shamal (Year 8) Safi Fayyaz (Year 9) Charlie Enock (Year 9) Zaid Mohamed (Year 9) Hassan Ali (Year 10) Daniel Winstanley (Year 11) Gigi Chen (Year 12) Sam Lunn (Year 12) Samuel Suter (Year 13) Pablo Macdonald (Year 13)

Mr Wells

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

## Year 12 3D Design Trip to Warner Brothers Studios

Year 12 students are currently designing and producing white card architectural models. As part of their unit, they went to carry out some research into prop making and set designs, focussing specifically on the materials white card models created for Hagrid's hut, the Gryffindor common room and such like. With a behind the scenes look at the work that goes into producing the models, our students have certainly used this to inspire their own work.













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













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

# Year 10 Mini Photo Frame Project

Students have been having some further input with techniques for making wood joints. Within their photo frame manufacture, they were tasked with using a dowel, mitre, half-lap and tongue and groove joints. With varying levels of challenge, the students have completed some lovely examples for their practical skills. Well done Year 10!

Mr Khan















# News, Events & Activities from the MFL Department...

## **Year 7 Spanish – International Spelling Bee Competition**

This term, our Year 7 Spanish classes have been taking part in the International Spelling Bee Competition.

The aim of the Spelling Bee is for students in Year 7 to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation and memory skills in Spanish. It also gives our students lots of transferable and generic skills such as resilience, discipline and goal setting.

Overall, the Year 7 students have impressed their Spanish teachers by showing great determination to learn new words and their spellings every week. ¡Buen trabajo!

During the first round of the competition, the students competed internally in classes, and 40 were chosen to move on to the second round. To learn and practise the new words and spellings, they have also been attending a Spelling Bee Lunch club every Tuesday.

It has been a joy so far to see the students attending the Lunch club and showing so much enthusiasm to learn and compete in a fun and safe environment.

I am pleased to announce that the South East Regional Final will be held on Thursday 20th March, 4.30pm at Southampton University.

Hazelwick School will be taking our 3 finalists to compete against students of other schools in the South East Region. This is very exciting!

I look forward to seeing you at the Spanish Spelling Bee Lunch Club after the Holidays.

¡Muchas gracias por vuestro entusiasmo!

Miss García





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









## **Year 9 Have Festive Fun Making Gingerbread Biscuits**









## Year 13 History - Visiting Speaker

John Woods, the son of a soldier who liberated Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp at the end of World War Two, visited our Year 13 History students to share his father's story. The talk included moving, thought -provoking and detailed information about the horrors committed during the Holocaust, as well as how this information can be used today to stop prejudice and support Human Rights abuses.

Mrs Gray



# News, Events & Activities from the Head of Year 8 Team...

Ms Fearon joined the Head of Year 8 team and 65 students on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to celebrate our students' fabulous achievements. The Headteacher praised the students for all their hard work and thanked the tutors for taking the time to go through each student's report and selecting those who deserved special recognition at the Celebration Breakfast. The students tucked into a tantalising selection of food and drinks, a worthy celebration of their outstanding effort.

Thanks to Mrs Fleming and Ms Richardson for organising the event.

Mr Glynne-Thomas



# News, Events & Activities from the Politics Department...

# Politics Trip to the Supreme Court and the Houses of Parliament

On Monday 11th November, Sixth Form Politics students attended a trip to Westminster to visit the Supreme Court and the Houses of Parliament. At the Supreme Court students were given a tour of the historic building and were then divided into two legal teams and a team of judges. In their roles, students had to deliberate on a real case that had been brought to the court. They then presented the two arguments to the judges who then reached a verdict. It was an excellent experience for the students and really brought to light the role of the Supreme Court in legal matters.

At the Houses of Parliament, students were first given a tour of the building, including the House of Commons and Westminster Hall. They then took part in a workshop where they worked in teams to come up with a party manifesto, which they then pitched to the rest of the group. Students were then able to meet the new MP for Crawley, Peter Lamb, who spent time with the students, answering their questions and discussing what it's like to be a new MP.

We had a packed and enjoyable day, and it was great for students to see what they've leant in lessons be brought to life.

Mrs Potter











## House News...

As the festive season draws near, the spirit of competition and camaraderie within our house system is stronger than ever. This month has been a busy one for both staff and students, but we've managed to squeeze in some exciting events, let's take a look at what our houses have been getting up to...





#### **Jellybean Race**

For some light-hearted fun before Year 11 mocks started, we saw many students compete against one another in the jellybean race. Students had lots of fun going up against peers to see who could transfer the most jellybeans within a minute, using only chop sticks. This challenge saw Seacole come first place with an outstanding number of points rewarded, well done Seacole House.

#### Sixth Form Benchball

The Sixth Form Benchball competition was a great success. Students teamed up with friends to compete against one another in an entertaining game of benchball. Turing house earnt the most points, coming away from the competition with 1,300 points. Well done Turing house!





Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have a chance to show us their creative side by taking part in the Blackout poetry competition. We have already received some extraordinary poems and are looking forward to seeing some more as this competition is now open until after Christmas. Please send your entries to Mx Nolan.

#### **Balancing Competition**

Year 7 have been taking part in a balancing competition to see who can balance for the longest time on one leg. The last entries for this competition are due on the last day of term so points will be added in the New Year. Let's see who'll be the last one standing!



## House News Continued...

#### **House Recipe Book**

We are still receiving entries from all year groups for the Hazelwick House Recipe Book, so please send your delicious tried and tested recipes over to Miss Pearson.

#### **Penalty Shootout**



A penalty shootout competition for Year 9 and 10 took place during lunchtime on Wednesday 18th December. Miss Palmer had a couple of tricks up her sleeve to keep our students on their toes.

#### **House Point Totals**

The race for the House Cup is heating up! As of now Seacole House has taken the lead, but remember, it's still anyone's game!



A huge thank you to all the House Captains, staff and students for their enthusiasm and effort. Let's keep the momentum going into the New Year.

Happy holidays, and may the best House win!

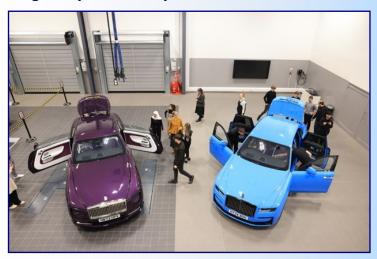
Mrs Poole- Head of Turing House



# Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work.

#### **Insight Day at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars**





Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and the Engineering Development Trust hosted an exclusive Insight Day on 29th November, where students had a chance to learn more about the apprenticeships that they offer, speak to current apprentices and find out how to increase their chances of being successful in an apprenticeship application.

Students had to apply to attend this, and we were proud that two Hazelwick Year 10 students were successful in gaining a coveted place from over 400 applications from young people across Sussex! Well done!

Rolls-Royce have apprenticeship opportunities in a range of areas, not just STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics). Examples of opportunities include those in the Interior Trim Centre, Technical Assembly, Sewing, Interior Surface Centre and Robot Operations, Logistics, Milling Machining, Exterior Surface Centre and Assembly Test and Finish, Commercial and Administrative roles

Wayne Morse gave an insight into the values the BMW Group look for in young people and talked students through their recruitment process.

The EDT (The Engineering Development Trust) team led fantastic STEM sessions that got the students involved.

The Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Apprentice Ambassadors shared their stories and encouraged the students to complete timed tasks.

"I was given an opportunity to go to a Rolls-Royce insight day, where we were shown many things. We were given a brief summary of how the company works, and what things they do. They told us all about the many apprenticeship opportunities available at Rolls-Royce, and how we could get involved. We met current and past apprentices to get an insight on what their experiences were. To top it all off, we also got to see some of the cars up close, and even try out some of the new features! Overall, it was an amazing experience. It helped me to think about my future career options, and if an apprenticeship at Rolls-Royce could be the path I choose." By Swasti Singhal - I0EYO.



# Careers Café Continued...

### **Dv8 Open Event**



The Open Day is a great opportunity to experience the different courses available at Dv8 Sussex.

Students will have the opportunity to meet specialist industry tutors who will show them around our facilities and provide a fun taster of what it is like to study with at Dv8.

### Sigta News For Schools

News for schools December 24

**Apprenticeships** 

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### More new apprenticeships/new qualifications

#### **Apprenticeships**

Not all apprenticeships need you to go to college

We have office based apprenticeships that do not have a dayrelease requirement. The apprenticeship is delivered in your workplace so we come to you!

As there is no college requirement, these apprenticeship do not have to line up with the academic year and can start at any time.

Here are our administration and customer service apprenticeships:

Business Administrator Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard Good communication skills? You will be supporting and engaging with people within your company and interacting with external customers.

Customer Service Specialist Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard Dealing with customer queries, purchases and even complaints. You will be a 'professional' for direct customer support.

Customer Service Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard Providing customer service products and services for businesses and other organisations including face-to-face, telephone, digital

Circle back to our vacancies page regularly. New apprenticeships throughtout the year.



- English grade 4 and above
   Maths grade 4 and above
  and three others IT is useful for

### What will you learn? You will develop a highly

transferable set of skills that can be applied in all sectors.
This includes small and large businesses alike; from the public sector, private sector and charitable sector.



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# Careers Café Continued...

# Veterinary Degree Pathways: Steps into professional animal careers

Interested in finding out how to pursue a career in the Veterinary field? Join Plumpton College for an exciting webinar on veterinary physiotherapy and nursing career opportunities.

With the new Institute of Technology Veterinary Nursing & Therapies Centre set to open in January 2025, there has never been a better time to study with Plumpton College. This state-of-the-art facility will provide students with hands-on experience in real-world scenarios, helping you develop essential communication and customer relationship skills as part of your training.

In this session, they will cover the steps to becoming a fully registered veterinary nurse or physiotherapist and you will hear from their experienced team of practitioners. You will also get advice on how to fund your degree and improve your chances of securing an offer.

Find out more about the University of Greenwich validated degree courses and how to improve your chances of getting an offer onto one of the animal and veterinary degrees:

- BSc (Hons) Veterinary Physiotherapy
- FdSc Veterinary Nursing
- BSc (Hons) Applied Zoology & Animal Conservation



The next Open Event is coming up in the New Year. This is the perfect opportunity to visit Plumpton College, meet the industry expert lecturers and see where a career in the Land and Environment sector can take you.

Saturday 18 January 2025

9am - 12pm

Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Lewes, BN7 3AE

For more information and to book follow this link: Plumpton College Open Event - Saturday 18th January 2025 Tickets, Sat, Jan 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite

Mrs Andrews



## Read On!

In my final article of the year, I have featured books as gift suggestions, a reminder about the ePlatform and the library app, and an update regarding the Nero Book Awards. I have also included an updated winter bingo reading challenge. Mystery fans will hopefully enjoy my guest review this month.

#### **Books As Gifts**

The run-up to the holidays is a busy time in publishing as books are purchased as gifts. I thought I would feature some of the titles currently topping the charts just in case you need some gift/reading inspiration!



#### **Hot Mess by Jeff Kinney**

At the time of writing, book nineteen in the 'Wimpy Kid' series takes the second spot in the overall charts and is topping the Children and Young Adult Fiction charts. Jeff Kinney's series is still popular with our students and his popularity never seems to wane. Greg's family are off on their holidays and living together in a small beach hut in intense heat. Family secrets are revealed, including the special ingredients for Gramma's famous meatball! Will Greg 'survive'?

Accelerated Reader Level: 5.8



#### **Guinness World Records 2025**

This perennial favourite celebrates 70 years of publication and is third in the bestsellers list at the time of writing and may take the top spot come the holidays. This edition includes retro features and discusses how record breaking has changed over the years. My favourite element to this year's edition is 'Dear GWR' – the funniest record applications that did not make the grade!



#### The Completely Chaotic Christmas of Lottie Brooks by Katie Kirby

This title was published in 2023 but has returned to the bestsellers chart thanks to the seasonal theme. This is book five in the 'Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks' series and our students enjoy reading about Lottie's adventures and disasters! Whilst Lottie loves Christmas time, she is not looking forward to the entire Brooks family descending on them for the holidays. Lottie faces the drama of Secret Santa, Elf on the Shelf, and surprise family visitors.

**Accelerated Reader Level: 5.1** 

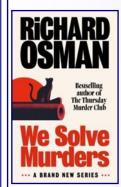


#### Paddington in Peru: The Story of the Movie by Anna Wilson

Paddington's latest adventure ties in with the third film and is written by Anna Wilson and this retelling is based upon the screenplay by Mark Burton, Jon Foster, and James Lamont. In this story, Paddington, and the Brown family travel to Peru to visit Aunt Lucy. When they arrive, they discover that dear Aunt Lucy is missing, and they must travel across the Amazon jungle to try and find her. Will they survive the perilous journey, and will they solve the mystery of Aunt Lucy's disappearance? As I loved the original stories, I have also shared the link to the official Michael Bond website.

https://www.paddington.com/gb/





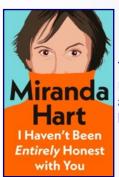
#### We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

This is the first book in the new series by 'The Thursday Murder Club' author, featuring a new detective team. Steve Wheeler is retired but keeps his hand in with investigative work. His daughter-in-law Amy is now running the business. When a dead body is discovered, Amy contacts her father-in-law for help. Can the pair keep one step ahead of the enemy? It will be interesting to see if this series proves as popular as 'The Thursday Murder Club'?



#### The Christmas Tree Farm by Laurie Gilmore

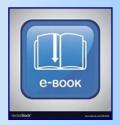
Laura Gilmore's festive title is book three in the popular 'Dream Harbour' series, but the novel can be read as a standalone novel. In this story, central character Kira has just purchased a Christmas tree farm, even though she dislikes the holiday. Bennett is taking a break from both his Californian lifestyle and his dating disasters. The two do not get off to the best of starts and Kira is stubborn and refuses Ben's offer of help. Fate brings the two together again and maybe Kira will learn to enjoy the holidays, when romance blossoms. A perfect winter read for romcom fans.



#### I Haven't Been Entirely Honest with You by Miranda Hart

This is an unusual memoir in that Hart reflects upon the lessons she has learnt in her recovery since her Lyme disease diagnosis. As Hart shares her tips and experiences, this is an honest, moving, and funny account of her journey to recovery. A Sunday Times bestseller, I am sure Hart's fans will be popping this one on their gift lists.





#### ePlatform and the Library App Reminder

Just a reminder that students can access eBooks and audio books during the holidays via the library ePlatform.

Library books can also be renewed using the library web app. Instructions for these have been detailed in previous newsletters but please email the library at library@hazelwick.org.uk if you have any questions.







If you are looking for further gift ideas, there are two articles from 'Books for Keeps' that may help. Books for Keeps is the UK's leading independent children's book magazine. In addition to detailed book reviews, the magazine includes author and illustrator interviews, book award updates and children's book-related news. In the latest edition, they have recommended gift books, one for fiction titles, and one for non-fiction.

https://booksforkeeps.co.uk/article/books-for-giving-2024/

https://booksforkeeps.co.uk/article/happy-non-fiction-christmas-2024/



The shortlist for the Nero Book Awards 2024 were announced earlier this month and the link below lists the titles that have been shortlisted for each category, including the Children's Fiction award. The category winners will be announced on the 14th January, with the 2024 Nero Gold Prize presented live at a ceremony in London on 5th March 2025.

https://nerobookawards.com/2024-shortlist/

Mrs Thornton BA (Hons) MCLIP School Librarian



As several students have asked me, I have updated the winter bingo reading challenge card for the holidays. Enjoy!

I. Read a ghost story.	2. Read a Cosy Crime novel.	3. Read a book with a snow scene on the cover.
4. Read a book with 'Winter' in the title.	5. Read a non-fiction book.	6. Re-read a favourite book.
7. Read a book set in the past or the future.	8. Your Choice	9. Read a book set in a different country.
I 0. Read a verse novel.	II. Read a manga book.	I2. Read a book with three words in the title.
13. Listen to an audio book.	I4. Read an e-Book	I5. Read a newspaper, comic, or magazine.
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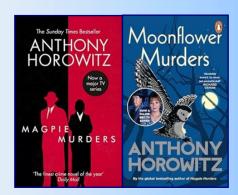


#### **Guest Reviewer**

Our guest reviewer this month is: Mrs Thornton

**Book Title:** The Magpie Murders Series

**Author:** by Anthony Horowitz





#### What do I think about the book?

I must be honest and confess that Anthony Horowitz is one of my favourite authors, so I was delighted when the first book in this new series, 'Magpie Murders' was announced. The series is a clever take on vintage crime stories with two parallel mysteries for the reader to try and solve. In the first book, central character Susan Ryeland is a book editor and has worked with the bestselling crime writer Alan Conway for years. Alan Conway's famous detective creation is Atticus Pünd, and his novels pay homage to the Golden Age of Detective Fiction stories. Conway's latest manuscript, given to Ryeland to edit, finds Pünd investigating a murder at the manor house Pye Hall. This is where the clever twists come in when the second mystery is introduced but I will not give any spoilers!

The 'Moonflower Murders' is the second book in the series and Ryeland has retired from publishing and is running a hotel on a Greek island. Her new life with her long-term boyfriend has not worked out as she had hoped and running a hotel is exhausting! When the Trehearne family come to stay at her hotel, Ryeland assumes that they are holiday makers. This changes when they relate the mystery about the real-life murder that took place in their own hotel on their daughter's wedding day. When the Trehearnes explain that their daughter is now missing but that she believed the clues to the murder were to be found in Conway's third novel 'Atticus Pünd Takes the Cake,' Ryeland takes up the case and returns to England to do some investigating! The stories are so skilfully crafted, with believable characters, and Ryeland is a super central character. There are detailed descriptions of locations which I love and every word on the page seems to celebrate the Golden Age novels, with a refreshing modern twist. Atticus Pünd has become my new favourite detective!

#### Who would enjoy this book?

Christie and Sayers fans will love this series, and I enjoyed Horowitz's tongue in cheek portrayal of the world of publishing immensely! Anyone who loves a mystery within a mystery will relish the clever plotting of the stories. There are twists and turns, plenty of red herrings and a lengthy list of suspects! It seems to me that the author had as much fun writing these stories as I did in reading them! I cannot wait until the third book "Marble Hall Murders" is published but I will have to wait until April. In the meantime, I will enjoy watching the television adaption and then re-reading my favourite Poirot and Peter Wimsey stories over the holidays.

I have included the link to the author's official website as you may wish to check out other books by the author, including his Sherlock Holmes and James Bond novels.

https://www.anthonyhorowitz.com/



# Sport...

#### **U14s Badminton Success**

Our U14s badminton teams showcased fantastic talent and sportsmanship at the recent district tournament. The Hazelwick Girls' A team emerged as champions, winning all their matches in a dominant display of skill and teamwork. The Girls' B team also performed admirably, securing 4th place overall.

The Boys' team demonstrated impressive determination and competed strongly, delivering some standout performances.

Congratulations to all the players who took part! Their hard work, resilience, and commitment to excellence were a credit to the school.

Well done, everyone!

Mr Bagnall









# **Sport Continued...**

### **Netball Results Update**

The Year 7 Netball team have had a phenomenal season. They have won the Crawley School's league, gaining victory in every single game. Their overall result reflects exceptional talent across the whole team, scoring 89 goals in total. Another convincing statistic for this team, is that only 6 goals have been scored against them. Well done girls, the PE department are very proud of you and hope for continued development when you progress to play for the U14 Netball team next year.



#### Year 7 Netball Team:

From left to right: Abbie Streatfield, Holly Phillips, Kara Murray, Kasey Uka, Lola Vicarage, Amelie Earl, Lena Warzeicha, Harmani Sandhu, Ella King



The UI4 Netball team have had quite a season! Currently we are due to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Crawley School's league, with 4 wins, I draw and I loss. The team has been a wide mix of abilities and students, but everyone has worked so well and collaboratively to have managed to score 9I goals against the other teams in the division. This is an excellent number and a big well done to everyone who participated and represented the UI4 Netball team throughput the season. We look forward to seeing how some of you get on when you progress to the UI6 side. Some excellent play from all the girls but a big mention to Harleen Saraw for top goal scorer, Violet Chaffe who played wherever we needed and Tallulah Carroll and Belle McLaren for stepping up and playing with the older group.

#### **UI4 Netball Team:**

From left to right: Yasmin Linehan, Lucy Hamshaw, Violet Chaffe, Anjana Thangavelu, Holly Earl, Harleen Saraw, Leonor Filipe, Tallulah Carroll, Ana Beatriz Rodrigues De Oliveira

The U16 Netball team have unfortunately had a very mixed season with a number of games cancelled. We can however say that the games we did manage to play, were played excellently and are currently sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of the Crawley School's league. For a number of the girls, these were their last netball games before finishing Year 11. The girls managed to secure 3 wins, I draw and 2 losses. Some excellent play with 67 goals being scored against other teams! Special mentions to Megan Streatfield who turned up to training week in, week out, Jasmin Byrne for being brilliant everywhere on court, Emily Hamshaw for some excellent shots and Callie Goodbourn who dominated Centre each game.



Good luck to those in Year 11 and we look forward to seeing our Year 10's play next year.

#### **U16 Netball Team:**

From left to right: Zara Howe, Jasmin Byrne, Ella Lampey, Ella Thompson, Megan Streatfield, Emily Hamshaw, Nicole Thompson, Callie Goodbourn, Indiah Taylor

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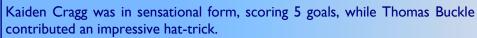


# **Sport Continued...**

### **Football Results Update**

### **U16 Boys Football Triumph**

The U16 Boys Football team delivered a phenomenal performance in their recent match, defeating Ifield Community College with a resounding 16-0 victory. The team demonstrated outstanding teamwork and skill throughout the game.





Well done to the entire squad for their dominant display and exceptional effort.

A fantastic achievement - congratulations!

Mr Bagnall

## **Schools Trampoline Competition**



Anna (11DMA) competed in the Schools Trampoline competition, South East Region at the beginning of December. She competed in the Year 10-14 elite category and finished in 2nd place. Anna will now progress to the Southern Zonal competition in Eastleigh in January.

Very well done Anna and good luck for January!

Mr Bagnall





# Spotlight on Safeguarding...

For your information this month, via the Newsletter, we are raising awareness of young people being at risk of becoming money mules.

The National Crime Agency (NCA) defines money muling as when a person, commonly referred to as a 'money mule,' moves the proceeds of crime on behalf of criminals, sometimes in exchange for payment or

other benefits. This crime involves using the money mule's bank account to transfer money in and out. Money muling is a criminal offence and a type of money laundering leading to a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison. This crime can also lead to a closure of the person's bank account, getting a mobile phone contract or obtaining any type of credit may be more difficult and there can be issues in trying to get a job and potential dismissal from higher education.



According to CIFAS, I in 5 cases of money mules involve young people under the age of 21 and the NCA state that most money

mules are recruited between the ages of 17 to 24. The criminal will target young people using social media platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok offering young people quick ways to earn cash. Students are a common target amongst this age group. UK Finance states that this is due to students being particularly vulnerable as they are often short of cash. According to research carried out by We Fight Fraud, 66% of university students approached on social media to 'earn up to £1000 a day' responded with their details and communicated with the criminals.

The NCA have stated that due to the prevalence of young people being targeted, the most effective time to raise awareness of money muling is to the II-I6 year old age group. At Hazelwick School, Year 8 students learn about the topic during the Summer Term in PSHE lessons.

#### Advice for parents/carers from Your Money.com

- Make sure your child doesn't give their bank account details to anyone unless they know and trust them.
- Tell your child to be cautious of unsolicited offers of easy money because if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Look out for your child suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or electronics with very little explanation as to how they got the money.
- Watch out for your child becoming more secretive, withdrawn or stressed than normal.
- Don't attempt to contact any individual you suspect of organising money muling. Instead contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### Where to get further information and support:

- National Crime Agency (NCA)
   National Crime Agency calls on parents to help young people recognise the signs of money muling National Crime Agency
- BBC News
   Money mules: Teens and young adults most likely to be targeted BBC News



#### **Hazelwick Twitter Account**



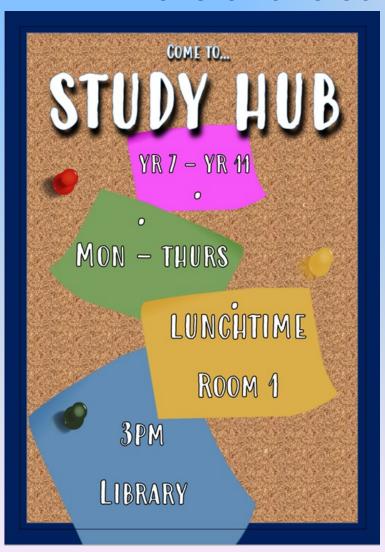
Follow us on our Twitter account @HazelwickSchool for reminders of key dates and details of important events.

### **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.