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Hazelwick School Newsletter

July 2025

Dates for your Diary:

Thu 14th Aug:
A-level Results Day

Thurs 21st Aug:
GCSE Results Day

Thu 4th Sept:
Year 12 Enrolment, 8.30am

Fri 5th Sept:
Year 7 First day

Mon 8th Sept:
Start of term - Week 1

Wed 10th Sept:
Year 11 Parents'/Carers'
Information Evening

Tue 16th Sept:
Year 7 Introductory Meeting
for Parents/Carers

Thu 18th Sept:
Primary School Open
Evening - school closed from
12.20pm

Thu 25th Sept:
Year 12 Parents'/Carers'
Information Evening

Headlines

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

Welcome to the final Newsletter of the academic year which, once again, is full of information about the wide range of activities in which our school community engages. Here at Hazelwick, we offer our students amazing opportunities, including the chance to participate in extra-curricular sport, drama, art, science and technology and visits, both in this country and abroad. Visitors to our school, and people encountered on trips and activities outside school, frequently make immensely positive comments about the attitude and behaviour of our students; they really are a credit to our school.



Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students have participated in Sports Day on our wonderfully well-maintained school fields. They were great days of sporting competition, camaraderie and fun.



Congratulations to all students who took part and thank you to the P.E. department for the superb organisation of the day.

The last few weeks have also seen a number of celebration events where student achievement has been recognised and acclaimed. Our Achievement Awards evenings at school have been enjoyed by parents, carers, students and staff alike.



Year 7 Science Winners



Year 8 French Winners



Year 9 Sociology Winners

Year 10 English Winners



We say goodbye to a number of staff at the end of this term: Ms Vevers (Learning Support/EAL), Mrs Venn (Maths), Mr Tasker (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Speller (Learning Support), Mrs Newson-Maides (Head of Food & Nutrition and Child Development), Mrs May (Modern Foreign Languages), Mr Lanzon (Teacher in Charge of Specialist Support Centre), Mr Hanton (English), Miss Bonnyman (Maths), Mr Bayliss (Head of Music), Mrs Lang (HR Manager), Mr Williams (Supply), Miss Hall (Learning Support Assistant) and Miss McQueenie (Cover Supervisor). We extend our warmest thanks to all for their service to our school and wish them all the best for the future.

As I sign off this, my final newsletter, I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for the wonderful support that you have offered both to me and to the whole school community during my time here. It has been a privilege and a joy to lead Hazelwick for the last 14 years. I am very proud of what has been achieved, which has only been possible with such a strong leadership team, a supportive and committed governing body, a dedicated and hard-working community of staff and our fantastic students.

Very best wishes to all our students who are moving on to new challenges in the future and I hope that every member of our community has a very enjoyable summer break.

All good wishes

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

We have had a very successful year in the Food Technology department. Year 8's have made a range of new and tasty dishes, including chicken kebabs, quiche, apple tart and cheesecake. I set a task to see who could create the best cheesecake based off on appearance and flavour.

A mini bake off in each class. We had some successful cheesecakes, with many looking amazing.

Some mentions to 8AWE who made some super tasty treats.

Miss Calthorpe

Pictured: Noah Bennett , Ayla Demetriou, Miley White, Akmal Riyaz Ahamed, Charlie Smith.





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

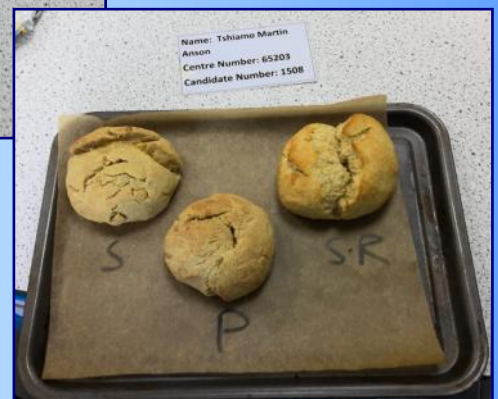
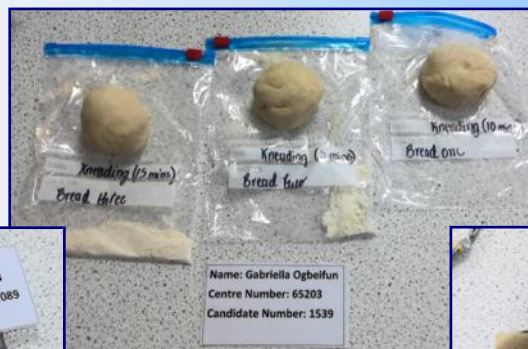
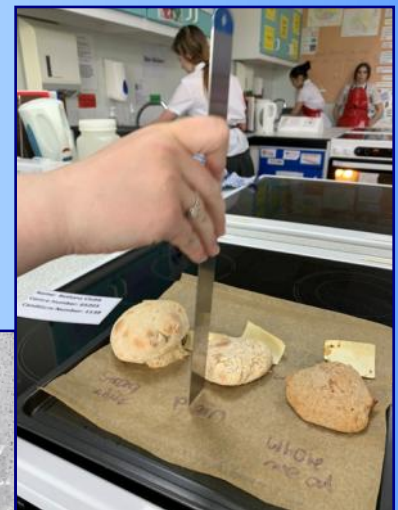
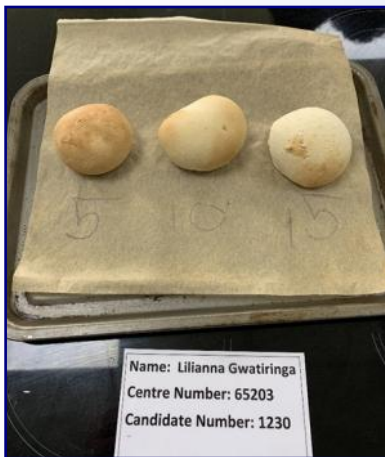
Year 7

Year 7 have designed and made layered pasta salad.



Year 10

In food and nutrition Year 10 have been conducting practical experiments as part of their food science module. Their experiments are themed around the role of ingredients in bread making. They have been comparing ingredients and methods between samples to measure changes in rise, appearance, taste, and texture.





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

The Geography Department is proud to share with you the winners of the Year 7 Tropical Rainforest Model Competition!

Students learnt about the structure and importance of the Malaysian rainforest in a topic called 'Amazing Asia.' We were blown away by the effort, detail, and creativity displayed by our students. Deciding on the winning models was a tough task.

Students were rewarded with Purple Slips and prizes for all their hard work.

Well done to all those who participated!

Ms Schooraad



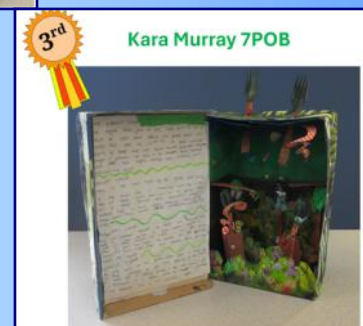
Varshika Reddy Dodda 7GGR



Nayonika Sujitkumar 7MVN



Yasmine Chabli 7JNO



Kara Murray 7POB

Good Job! Runner's up



Laroslav Sinkevich 7BLU



Elena Hayward 7JNO



Victoria Poriadine 7BLU



Kaylan Siatous- Skrzyniarz 7RPA



Melissa Tattolo 7ACT



Dheeraj Sridhar 7LBU



Leo Fulbrook 7JNO



Molly Tub 7POB



Harmani Sandhu 7SSM



Caitlin Muggeridge 7BLU



Harry Frazer 7SSM



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

Year 7 Maths

72/Ma3 designed maths games on the computer. This month they have played and evaluated each other's games.

Mrs Venn



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

Students across Years 7 to 10 proudly represented the school in this year's Maths Challenges, showcasing impressive talent and dedication. In January, students from top sets in Years 9 and 10 took on the Intermediate Maths Challenge, where 45 received certificates in recognition of their efforts. Notably, Saanvi Shetty was celebrated as best in Year 9 and best in school, while Daniel Bugg earned the title of top performer in Year 10.

Later in May, top set students from Years 7 and 8 participated in the Junior Maths Challenge, with an outstanding 70 earning bronze, silver or gold certificates.

Special congratulations go to Gayuni Vijekanthage, named best in Year 7, and George Laker, who not only topped Year 8 but was also best in school.

Well done to all participants!

Mrs Comer



Zakaryya Ali, Eshan Azam, Lucas Connell, Kaylee Hills, Holly Hughes, Aamir Mohamed-Nalir, Rupshikha Natarajan Selvam, Shaima Rahman, Lathir Savage, Saanvi Shetty, Alexander Wong



Saanvi Shetty



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

The Year 8 Paris Trip 2025

By Violet Chaffe

Day 1



Day One was an early start, getting on the coach at 5.15am. We boarded the ferry at about half-past seven, after waiting a while in passport control. The journey was very smooth, as if we were on land. We arrived in Calais at about 11am to continue our journey to Paris. On the way we stopped off at Pierrefonds for an ice-cream and to see the castle. We checked in at our hotel at about 6pm and relaxed, getting ready for the next day.



Day 2

The next day was packed with many activities. It started with a croissant and a quick journey to the Louvre. We managed to see a lot of art, especially 'La Joconde' (the Mona Lisa). On the way to our next destination, Mr Chalmers was an excellent tour guide, and we did some sightseeing. We arrived at Sacré Coeur where we walked up a lot of steps and did some shopping in the 35-degree heat! After that we went up the Montparnasse Tower, where you could see everything. Our ears did pop in the lift though! We walked to Flam's for our dinner (which was delicious!) and we went on a beautiful boat trip down the Seine.



Day 3

This day was the one that many people had been waiting for, Parc Astérix! We arrived at 10am and went off in our little groups to explore the park and to go on rides. All of us were given food coupons, so our lunches were free. After that we watched a show about criminals stealing the Mona Lisa. There were many stunts in this performance. We all got wet from the water rides and had fun. For dinner we ate our pre-ordered meals, and it was brilliant!

Day 4

The last day was another day of travelling. We packed our bags and left our accommodation. On the way we stopped for lunch, had a little break and continued our journey. We were quite lucky because we were able to catch the early ferry. It was amazing!

Thank you to all of the teachers!



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



Year 7 National Spanish Spelling Competition – Nayonika Sujitkumar

The National Spelling Bee Competition in French, German, and Spanish took place on Friday 20th June, hosted by the **Faculty of Modern & Medieval Languages and Linguistics** at the **University of Cambridge**, in collaboration with **Routes into Languages**.

We are incredibly proud to highlight the outstanding achievement of one of our brightest stars, **Nayonika Sujitkumar**, who represented Hazelwick School with exceptional skill and determination. From the moment Nayonika embarked on this journey in September, she has shown remarkable dedication and an inspiring level of perseverance.

Despite experiencing natural nerves, Nayonika was nothing short of outstanding in the competition. Within the one-minute timeframe, she confidently translated and spelled 20 challenging words in Spanish. Out of 17,000 students who began this incredible journey across three languages, Nayonika proudly ranked among the **top 8 nationally** in Spanish – a truly extraordinary accomplishment that speaks volumes about her dedication, resilience, and intellectual brilliance.

Her performance is a testament to the immense effort she has put in, and we are excited to see what the future holds for her. Nayonika is already looking forward to participating in the **Spanish Translation Bee** next year in Year 8, and we have no doubt that she will continue to excel.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to the entire **Year 7 cohort** for their enthusiastic participation in the competition. Your involvement and encouragement have been invaluable throughout the entire process.

Mrs García & Mrs Fernández



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

My Spanish Spelling Bee Experience (by Nayonika Sujitkumar)

Participating in the Spanish Spelling Bee has given me a lot of confidence and determination. It has greatly improved my vocabulary and inspired me to always try my best. I truly enjoyed being part of this experience.

The Spelling Bee Lunch Club played a big role in my journey. It was incredibly helpful and supportive throughout my participation. When I first walked into the room, I never imagined I would make so many kind and encouraging friends. Even though many participants didn't qualify for the later rounds, they still came to the club and continued to cheer everyone on.

Special thanks to **Ms. García** and **Ms. Fernández**, who supported and motivated me. Without both of you, I could never have come this far or achieved so much. Your support meant a lot to me.

To everyone who came to the lunch club and motivated me - thank you. You helped me push myself and work as hard as I could.

For future participants, my advice is:

don't stress too much and think of it as a game
- you're just completing levels to reach the end. Work hard, give it your all, and never give up!

I'm now looking forward to the **Year 8 Translation Bee**. I hope it will be even more fun and challenging than the Spelling Bee. This experience has made me determined to keep improving every time.

Nayonika Sujitkumar
7MVN





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

Biology Olympiad

On the 5th June, 8 Year 12 students took part in the Biology Olympiad. They sat a 1 hour paper on various aspects of biology. Over 17000 students took part in the Olympiad – 5% of which achieved a gold award, a further 10% achieved a silver award and a further 15% achieved a bronze award.

This year one student gained a gold, one a silver and two a bronze award. We also had students that achieved a 'commended' and 'highly commended.'

Mrs Bowen



Student News...

Lucas Williams - 7GBE

Lucas has always been interested in "things that go" and enjoys watching motorsport both at live events and on the TV, but his flair behind the wheel took his family by surprise in the relatively short time he has been racing since October last year.

Lucas attends both race cadets, where a number of children train at the indoor karting track in Crawley, and also race league (same venue) where they take part in various races both in teams and against each other. Lucas regularly attains a podium place and, taking into consideration he's only been racing for 8 months, he has amassed quite a number of trophies and medals.

He is currently enrolled into the British Indoor Karting Championships which has qualifying heats, and local, regional and national finals which will be taking place between September and November this year.

Well done, Lucas!



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

Hazelwick Music Students Shine in Sunny Outdoor Lunchtime Concert!

On 3rd July our talented music students took to the outdoor stage next to the pond during lunchtime, with a lively concert in the glorious sunshine.

The students performed a variety of pieces, including the energetic classic *Dancing in the Dark* and *Seven Nation Army* from the whole band, and the timeless hit *Hotel California*, with two Year 7 boys, Oliver Williamson on guitar/vocals and Jacob Ward on vocals. There was also a moving solo keyboard performance from Annie Sones.

The concert was watched by an enthusiastic crowd of staff and students, making it a memorable event for everyone involved.

It was wonderful to see our students sharing their passion for music and entertaining the school community in such a vibrant setting

Congratulations to all the performers for their hard work and dedication!

Ms Newport



Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)...

As part of their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), students visited the University of Sussex for an enriching academic experience. The day began with an interesting workshop on using academic search engines. Students learned how to navigate databases to find scholarly journals, peer-reviewed articles, and other academic texts relevant to their EPQ topics.

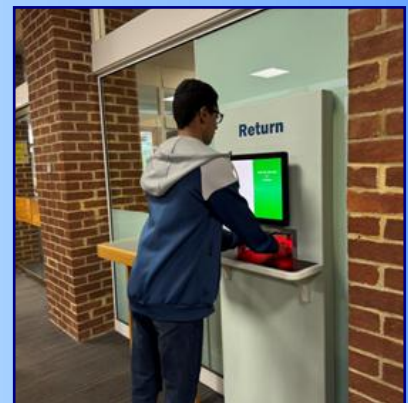
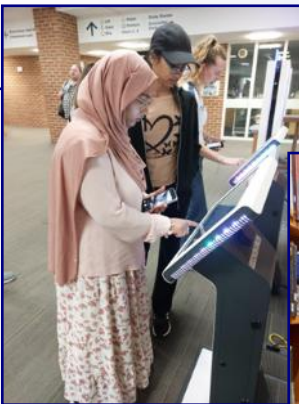
Following the workshop, students were given a guided tour of the university's impressive library, where they were introduced to its layout, resources, and innovative systems. A highlight of the tour was the automated book sorter, which impressed students with its efficiency and technology. This behind-the-scenes look gave them a deeper appreciation for how large academic libraries manage their vast collections.

With access to over 700,000 books and a wealth of digital resources, students then had dedicated time to conduct independent research, making valuable progress on their projects. The visit also included time to explore the wider university campus and enjoy lunch, giving students a taste of university life and a chance to reflect on their academic aspirations.

An enjoyable day which left the students excited to both continue with their EPQ projects and also to continue their academic careers at university.



Mrs Comer





Croydon Law Courts...

On Saturday 14th June, 13 students from Years 8 and 9 went to Croydon Law Courts to compete in the Regional Final of the Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition. Competing against 10 other schools from across the UK, including teams from as far away as Wales and Northern Ireland, each school was given the same case and asked to prosecute in one round and defend in another.

The case was designed to be finely balanced, with a 50/50 split in the evidence. Success depended entirely on how effectively students could present their arguments - a brilliant way to develop a wide range of skills, from public speaking and critical thinking to teamwork and legal reasoning. Students took on the roles of witnesses, lawyers, magistrates, and court staff.

The day was as exciting as it was intense. We travelled by train to Croydon, and although the students were understandably nervous, they remained focused and practised diligently. Once they stepped into the courtroom, they rose to the challenge, fully immersing themselves in their roles.

We were the first group to compete, setting the bar high for the day. Our lawyers were fearless, putting the opposing team under real pressure, and our witnesses delivered such convincing performances that the prosecution struggled to effectively respond to them. It was a proud moment for all involved.

Our students gave an excellent account of themselves. Although we didn't quite clinch the win, their professionalism, preparation, and passion truly shone through.

A few of our students reflected on the experience:

Benjamin Carr (Year 9):

"It's probably the most stressful thing I've ever done, but it's really boosted my confidence. My impression of working in the justice system from this event has given me insight into the different roles involved in a court case."

Martyna Uminska (Year 8):

"The Magistrates' competition was a great experience. I recommend it to anyone who wants to improve their confidence or is interested in law. I won't sugarcoat it — it was terrifying at first - but once you get into it, and use all the preparation you've done, it becomes really fun! I'd say it's the best additional learning experience I've had at Hazelwick so far."

Joseph Laker (Year 8)

"I found the Magistrates Mock Trial to be an enjoyable and informative experience. It was a great opportunity to learn about court procedures and the legal system. It also helped develop my speaking and reasoning skills. I really enjoyed taking part in it."

Mrs Fernandez, Mr Elliott,
Mr Thomas





House News...


What a busy year for House events it's been. Our final events of the year were our amazing Pride Month quizzes created by members of the Equality society – thank you to every form who took part. The results for the quizzes are:

Fry	4750
Duleep Singh	3750
Winton	2500
Equiano	1750
Turing	1250
Seacole	1000


I am also very pleased to announce the winners of the 2025-26 House Competition are Winton House led by Miss Palmer.

House Points Table July 2025

Congratulations to our winners...



Winton
87,744 points!



2nd place – Seacole
86,489 points

3rd place – Turing
79,938 points

4th place – Duleep-Singh
69,900 points

5th place – Fry
67,435 points

6th place – Equiano
67,188 points

It was a really tight race in the end – a huge congratulations to every student who turned up to an event this year, submitted an entry to a House competition or came along to support your friends. It's been fantastic to see so many of you getting involved!

The House BBQ was on Friday 11th July. We had delicious BBQ burgers and hotdogs along with ice-cream to celebrate the achievements of Winton House.

See you in September for the start of another House competition!

Mrs Podsiadly
Senior Head of House



Careers Café...

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

CAA Trip

Year 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to attend a workplace visit to the CAA. The CAA is short for the Civil Aviation Authority. It helps to keep the skies above us here in the UK safe. It is their job make sure people who fly all sorts of aircraft, including planes, drones, hot-air balloons, helicopters, gliders, rockets, and even model aeroplanes, are trained and follow important safety rules and regulations. They make sure airlines are secure and follow the highest safety standards. More information about CAA can be found here: [STEM | Opportunities in Aviation & Aerospace](#)



The trip heard from speakers from various parts of the business which included sustainability, medicine and apprentices. The students completed some fun work-related activities such as air traffic control, virtual reality experience, office tour and a paper airplane competition.

“The trip to the CAA was an extraordinary experience! The staff and speakers were not only very informative but extremely friendly and helpful.

The activities were really engaging, well organized and joyful. Overall, I really appreciated the opportunity to meet these amazing people and gain new knowledge. Thank

you CAA, and Hazelwick!”
Yashvi Kawa



Taylor Wimpey Trip

On Tuesday 8th July, we took some of our Year 10 students to Taylor Wimpey’s Ockley Park development site in Hassocks, as a workplace visit. During their visit, students heard a presentation on careers in the construction industry, visited the site and undertook a task set by the employer. Health and safety was of paramount importance, with us having to arrange steel toe cap boots in advance for the group!





Careers Café Continued...

Wakehurst Trip

We recently took a group of Year 10 students to Wakehurst as part of our workplace visits programme. Wakehurst is a living laboratory and a site of globally significant plant science.

During their visit, students learnt about career paths and heard from various departments including the learning team, horticultural team, and the millennium seed bank.

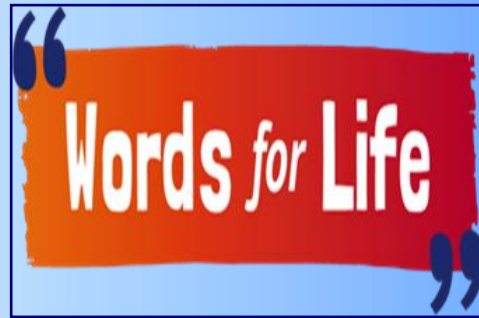
It was fascinating to go behind the scenes into the greenhouses and learn about the bee conservation project they have recently set up.

More information about Wakehurst can be found here – [Wakehurst | Kew](#)





Read On!



Keep Reading!

For my final newsletter of this year, I thought I would highlight some resources for book recommendations and reading lists, for both students and adults. Summer holidays are the perfect time to catch up with our reading and explore new authors and genres. Thank you to Mr Wells for being our final guest book reviewer of this academic year.

Recommended Reads for Students

School Library

Students are encouraged to borrow books from the school library before the end of term to ensure that they maintain their reading habits. I have included the link to the library pages of the school website as we have shared a selection of recommended reads. The link and QR codes for the ePlatform (see my previous newsletter articles) are also listed here, so that students will have access to reading material over the holidays.

<https://www.hazelwick.org/teaching-and-learning/library>

West Sussex Public Library Service

Just a reminder that it is free to become a member of the Public Library Service by joining with Crawley Library or online from the website. Please check out the link below for more information about what the Public Library Service has to offer.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/>

Bookfinder from BookTrust

The reading charity BookTrust provides a useful tool to create tailored reading lists by age and theme/interest.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/bookfinder/>

Book Publishers

Children's book publishers are also a reliable source of reading lists but obviously they are promoting their own titles and there will often be links to their online bookstores. Puffin Books has a wide range of themes, genres, formats, and new titles. They also provide quizzes and competitions. The link below takes you to their recommended reads page:

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/discover/puffin>



Read On Continued....

Publisher Hachette Children's Group also list their new titles grouped by reading age and has a section of author and illustrator profiles. Click on the link below for the new releases and the link to the profiles:

<https://www.hachettechildrens.co.uk/imprint/hcgdivision/page/hcg-books/>

Words for Life

Words for Life is the National Literacy Trust's parent portal which contains a wealth of information, advice and resources. I have shared the links to both the home page and the activities for children aged 9 to 12 years.

<https://wordsoflife.org.uk/themes/book-lists-for-children-and-young-people/>

<https://wordsoflife.org.uk/activities/filter/?age=9-12>

Dyslexia-friendly Books

The publisher Collins Barrington Stoke commissions award-winning authors to write quality stories, and the books use a specially designed font and tinted paper to make reading the books dyslexia-friendly. In addition to their lists of titles and new releases, their website also has useful tips and advice for parent/carers.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/barrington-stoke>

Recommended Reads for Adults

Penguin Random House

The book publisher Penguin Random House has a range of reading lists on their website and my current favourite is the '50 Books to Read Before You're 50' list. Compiled by the publisher's team of editors, the list is an excellent mix of 'contemporary fiction, inspirational memoirs, motivational books, and more to help you navigate a stage of life filled with growth and change.' I have included the link to the list:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/the-read-down/50-books-before-youre-50>

With the summer holidays fast approaching, you may also be looking for some 'summer reads' and I would suggest that you check out their 'Beach Reads' list.

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/the-read-down/beach-reads/>

The link below will take you to a list of all the different themed reading lists, which includes the best books of the year, audio books, books in translation and a list of titles for fans of 'Squid Game.'

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/content-archive/>

West Sussex Public Library Service

West Sussex Public Library Service also provides a range of reading recommendations; this includes a list of titles suitable for book groups, a variety of themes and genres and gives a link to their eLibrary.

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/reading>



Read On Continued....

The Traditional Press

The traditional press (broadsheets) often have dedicated pages on their websites with new releases reviews, themed reading lists, and author interviews.

<https://www.thetimes.com/culture/books?msocid=08ec1f249f5364e81f690a889e3065df>
<https://www.theguardian.com/books>

Podcasts

As an avid fan of podcasts, I thought it useful to mention that there are a wide variety of book and literature podcasts, many of them free. My favourites are reviewed below with the links:

The Island of Brilliant!

Hosted by authors Nadia Shireen and Frank Cottrell Boyce, new children's books and their authors are debated, with excellent reviews by Emily Drabble. I would recommend this one to young people and to anyone who wishes to encourage children to love reading.

<https://uk.podwatch.io/charts/book-podcasts/>

On the Road with Penguin Classics

Author and editor Henry Eliot hosts this podcast where he visits different literary location with special guests. I find this a useful introduction to some of the Classics that I have yet to read and an interesting insight into the novels I have read.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/on-the-road-with-penguin-classics/id1549179379>

Sheddunnit

This is my favourite podcast which is dedicated to the Golden Age of Detective Fiction. Caroline Crampton is an excellent host and has a passion for the writers of this time. Crampton explores the stories behind the novels, often the true crime cases that inspired or are referenced in the novels. Crampton also highlights the 'forgotten gems' of the time.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0c3gky2/episodes/player>

Make your own podcast!

If you would like to make your own reading/book podcast this summer, the Words for Life website gives instructions on how to make a basic podcast. Have fun!

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/how-to-make-your-own-podcast/>

Finally, I would like to thank all the students who have attended the Hazelwick Book Group this academic year. We have a lovely mix of students from all year groups attending who have all contributed to our discussions and activities. I love their passion for reading and their willingness to share their favourite reads as a group.

Happy summer reading and keep reading!

Mrs Thornton BA (Hons) MCLIP
School Librarian



Read On Continued....

Guest Reviewer

Our guest reviewer this month is: Mr Wells

Book Title: The Martian Chronicles

Author: Ray Bradbury



I grew up reading Ray Bradbury, and could rattle on for days about his writing style that seems to sing from the page – or the colossal influence his work had on modern science fiction, from Atomic Age classics such as *The Twilight Zone* and *Outer Limits*, through *Star Trek* and on to the present day. But I only have this one page, so let's keep it snappy.

The Martian Chronicles is a novel composed of short stories. For me, that makes it a perfect holiday read. I know many people who use holiday time to immerse themselves in complex yarns at the expense of everything else. Not me; I have far too many hobbies. Keeping track of a broad cast of characters with several different story arcs isn't going to happen. *The Martian Chronicles* takes us on a single epic journey, but in small, self-contained jaunts. That overarching narrative takes place in three acts – exploration of the Red Planet, colonisation of it, and eventual social collapse. It's not happy reading, but Bradbury's lyrical writing style draws you in like Homer's sirens. You have been warned.

"You're only a puzzle made up of a hundred memories and ten different voices."

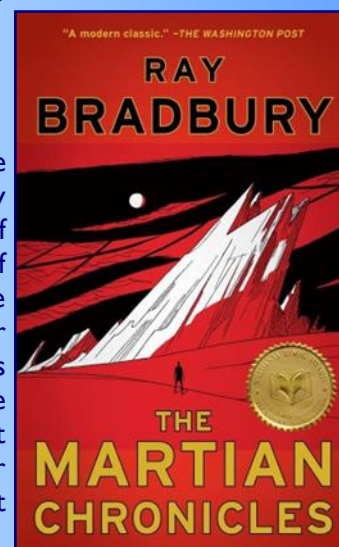
But it's sci-fi. And really old. Can you relate to it?

This is 'Atomic Age' sci-fi, first published in 1950. It reflects fears and hopes of that time – in this case, space exploration, nuclear war, imperialism, and the institutional racism of America's Jim Crow laws. When you distil those themes down to their core properties of scientific progress, existential dread, political power imbalances and social injustice, it seems just as relevant to today's world. If you thought sci-fi was shallow escapism, think again. Genre fans will tell you that this is a space where tough questions are asked and explored through the allegory provided by *Another Place and Another Time*. Bradbury's interests are in people and society rather than technology itself. I've read this book many times over the last four decades, and it always feels like modern satire to me.

"We Earth Men have a talent for ruining big, beautiful things. The only reason we didn't set up hot-dog stands in the midst of the Egyptian temple of Karnak is because it was out of the way and served no large commercial purpose".

Who would enjoy this book?

The Martian Chronicles is an expansive story told through a series of small-scale stand-alone moments. It's the perfect tome to dip into, to enjoy each short story on its own merits, or to power through all-at-once to experience the story of Mars from early expeditions to eventual apocalypse. Is Bradbury's brand of science fiction for you? I'm rather guarded about that one. Many of the people who dismiss sci-fi as being strictly 'for sci-fi fans' are often those that have never given it a chance. Here, you have rich worlds, intriguing characters, epic themes and some keenly-observed social commentary – all wrapped up in poetic language that never fails to give me goosebumps. If you decide to give it a go, stick with it until story 4: 'The Earth Men'. If you're not hooked by then, it's possibly not for you. But even then, don't walk away until you've read 'There Will Come Soft Rains'. You can thank me later.





Sport...

U15 Cricket – District League Update

The U15 cricket team are enjoying a strong run in the district league, having won all of their matches so far this season. Most of the games have been closely contested, with the whole squad stepping up particularly with the ball, where a real team effort has been key to their success.

With the bat, standout performances have come from Sebastian Roodt and Rayyan Nazir, who have both made significant contributions at the crease.

Well done to the team for their continued hard work and determination!

Mr Bagnall



U15 Boys' Cricket 2024/25

#		P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1	Hazelwick	4	4	0	0	120	49	71	20
2	Ifield	4	3	0	1	104	51	53	16
3	Oriol	3	2	0	1	74	52	22	11
4	Holy Trinity	3	1	0	2	58	65	-7	7
5	St Wilfrid's	4	0	0	4	41	120	-79	4
6	Thomas Bennett	2	0	0	2	0	60	-60	2



Sport Continued...

Year 10 Sports Leaders Shine at Milton Mount Primary Sports Day

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 10 Sports Leaders who played a key role in supporting Milton Mount Primary School's sports day. Our students helped manage both the track and field events, ensuring everything ran smoothly and on time. They showed impressive levels of maturity, leadership, and organisation, working brilliantly with the younger pupils to encourage participation and celebrate their achievements. Their contribution made a real difference to the success of the day, and they represented our school exceptionally well.

Well done, Year 10 — a brilliant example of leadership in action!

Thank you to: Harry Byrne, Kumba Jabbi, Abdelmalek Aliane, Indiah Taylor, Sophie Bunn, Oliver Davis, Patrick Orozco, Jack Ward, Oscar Nsoya, Gracie Baines, Mia Cottee, Ella Lampey, Leiana Trinidad, Kian McDonnell and Hiyrah Sanir.

Mrs Reynolds



Sport Continued...

U13 & U15 Rounders

Both Rounders teams have been playing in the Crawley league throughout the summer term.

The U13 team, apart from one student, are comprised of Year 7 and 8 students who are new to Rounders club. They have really grown in confidence throughout the season, learnt the rules and improved in their batting and fielding skills. This has culminated in 3 victories against The Gatwick school, St Wilfrid's Catholic School and Ifield Community College. Well done girls, your hard work bodes well for next year when we can build on this excellent foundation.

The U15 team celebrate being in the lead for some of the 2 games played so far. Whilst this team have suffered losses, they have been resilient and determined to improve.

The students in both teams have been a credit to Hazelwick. With games still to play, we look forward to some more victories to end the season.

Mrs McHugh
Miss Oxby





Spotlight on Safeguarding...

For your information this month, via the Newsletter, we are raising awareness of the topic of water and sun safety as we move into the summer holidays.

As students go off on their summer breaks, it is important that they stay safe when out in the water and in the sun for any period of time. The number of children that have drowned has doubled in the last four years totalling 125 overall according to the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS). Of those that drowned, 41% were 13-17 years of age while 16% were aged 5-12 and 71% were male children. Advice from the RLSS is for children to follow the water safety code which is to **Stop and Think, Stay together, Call 999 and Float**. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) emphasizes the importance of floating to live if stranded in the water and that there are five steps to know how to float.



1. **Tilt your head back (submerging your ears)**
2. **Relax (and control your breathing)**
3. **Move your hands and legs (to help you afloat)**
4. **Your legs may sink – that's OK (everyone floats differently)**
5. **Practise floating (at a supervised location like a swimming pool)**

In terms of sun safety, the NHS states that sunburn doesn't just happen on holiday and that it happens here in the UK, even when it is cloudy. There is no healthy way to get a tan and that a tan does not protect your skin from the sun's harmful effects, which includes an increased risk of skin cancer.

The BBC have given the following advice for staying safe in the sun:

1. **Stay in the shade when possible (particularly between 11-3 when the sun is at its hottest in the UK)**
2. **Use a good sunscreen on any exposed skin which is at least 30spf and has a four star UVA protection rating**
3. **Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before sun exposure and reapply periodically, particularly after swimming/paddling**
4. **Always pack a sunhat**
5. **Drink lots of water**

When you child is hot after being in the sun it is tempting to find ways to cool them off. However, those parents/carers who reach for the hosepipe to spray their children have been advised not to. Daisy First Aid Redhill and Croydon have shared that firefighters warn that a hosepipe that is exposed to direct sunlight can heat the water to 54-60 degrees Celsius, which is enough to cause severe burns, particularly to children.

Where to get further information and support:

- [RNLI - Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI](#)
- **Which – Sunscreen tests**
[Two sunscreens fail Which? tests, but we've also found some Great Value options we recommend - Which?](#)
- **NHS**
[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

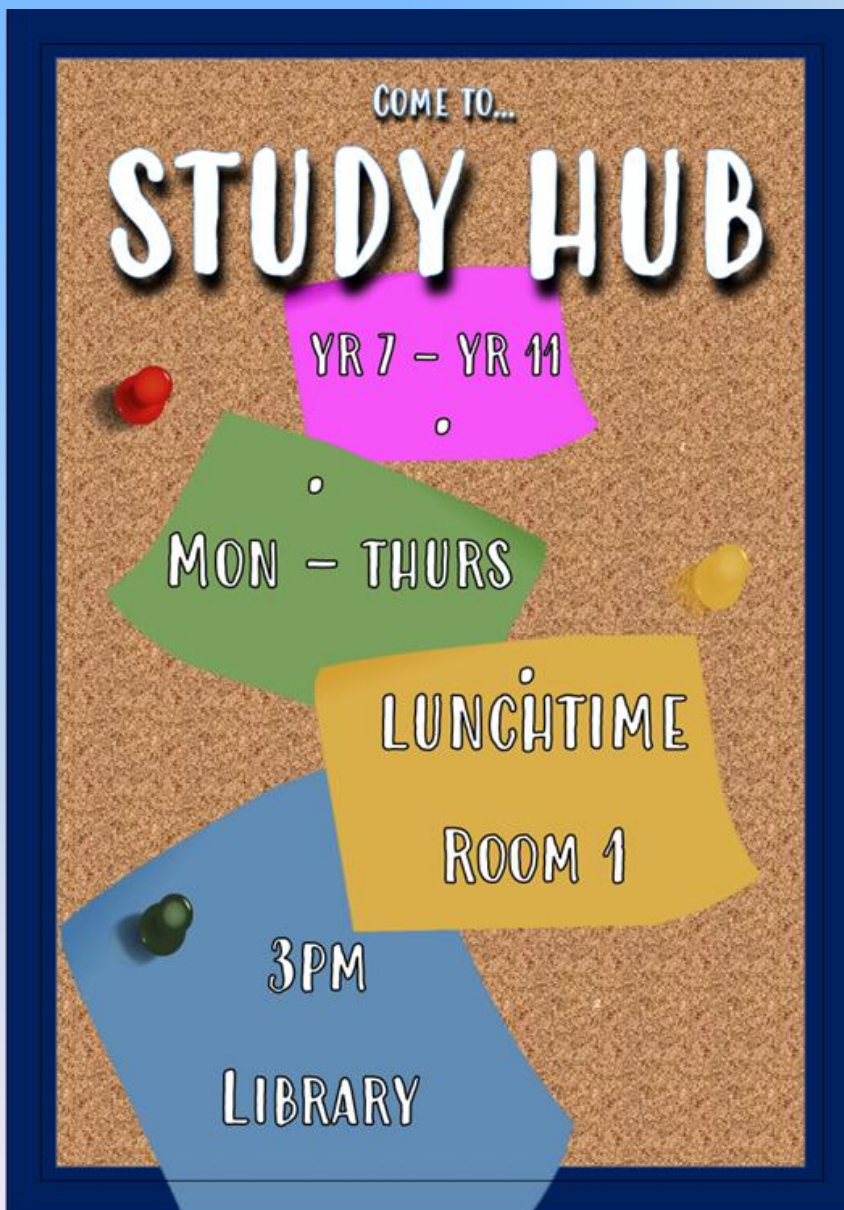


Insight - Parent Portal

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.