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Autumn
Term

FRIDAY
26/09/2025



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



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WELCOME

Upcoming Events



A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another fantastic fortnight at Hydesville. I feel our School value of Opportunity has truly shone this week, particularly through the wonderful workshops taking place across the Senior School. Across the whole school, pupils have also enjoyed a wide range of enriching activities that have allowed them to experience new things, develop fresh skills, and discover new interests - making this a truly inspiring time for everyone.

At Hydesville, we place great importance on the wellbeing of all, and I am delighted to share that we have enjoyed another successful Global Be Well Day. Pupils have embraced numerous activities designed to support their mental, physical, and emotional health, making it a joyful and enriching experience for everyone involved.

I am also looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 parents to the upcoming Settling-In Evening, and I hope many of you will be able to join us for the Quiz Night, a fun, parent event that promises to be an enjoyable occasion for all.

Thank you to all staff, pupils, and families for continuing to make Hydesville such a vibrant and caring community.

Mrs Samra

Wednesday 1st October

KS4 Study Skills Online Workshop

Saturday 4th October

Open Morning (10 am - 12 noon)

Wednesday 8th October

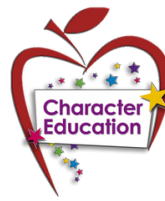
Year 7-11 English Parent Workshops (3:15 pm)

Year 7 & New Starters Parents' Evening (4 pm)

Thursday 9th October

Whole School Photographs Parent Quiz (6pm)

SENIOR SCHOOL



Character Development – Autumn Term Update

Since the start of the term, pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 have been engaging in thought-provoking and creative activities as part of their Character Development curriculum. This learning journey ties in closely with our school values of Respect, Ambition, and Opportunity, helping pupils grow both personally and academically.

Year 7

Year 7 have made a strong start to the year by focusing on 'Getting to Know Each Other', laying the foundations for positive relationships and respectful communication within their tutor groups.

We then moved on to explore 'What is Character?', where pupils reflected on what it means to be a person of good character and how our actions reflect our values. This naturally led into our current topic on 'Virtues', where pupils have been introduced to key virtues such as kindness, honesty, perseverance, and courage. They've enjoyed thinking about which virtues they already demonstrate and how they can continue to grow as individuals. Next week, pupils will be combining creativity and character as they design their very own 'Virtue Superheroes'—inventing characters who embody the virtues they have learned about and imagining how they would use these traits to help others and make a positive difference. We will then be moving on to learning about our Community.

Year 8

Year 8 have been developing their critical thinking skills through a unit on 'News & Media Literacy'. They have explored what news is, the different ways we consume it today—such as newspapers, TV, online platforms, and social media—and why it is important to stay informed.

A major focus has been on Fake News—how to spot it, why it spreads, and how to evaluate the reliability of sources. Pupils have shown great engagement in discussing the impacts of misinformation and disinformation in today's digital world.

To conclude the topic, we'll be turning the classroom into a mini newsroom! Working in groups, pupils will be challenged to create their own news stories—some real, some fake—and present them to the class. This interactive activity will test their creativity and understanding of the key ideas we have explored, as well as sharpen their skills in distinguishing fact from fiction.



Coming Up –
Film Screening
(week
beginning 6th
October 2025)

As part of their Character Development learning, both Year 7 and Year 8 will be watching the 2017 film *Wonder* (PG). The movie follows a boy with facial differences as he attends a mainstream school, navigating challenges of friendship, bullying, and acceptance. The film explores powerful themes of kindness, empathy, overcoming prejudice, and celebrating difference, supporting the values we aim to promote in our school community. If you would prefer your child not to take part in this screening, please let me know via email.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 10 Update

Thank you to all our parents who attended the Year 10 Information Evening at the start of term. I hope you found the evening both informative and useful in supporting your child through their GCSE journey.

At the meeting, we highlighted how important it is for pupils to start building their CV in preparation for sixth form applications next year. Taking on responsibilities in school is a great way of demonstrating our school values of Ambition and Opportunity. These roles help pupils to develop key skills, show commitment, and stand out when applying for future positions.

Although the opportunity to become House Captains has now passed, we would encourage your child to apply for one of the following leadership roles:

- Charity Ambassador
- E-Safety Ambassador
- Anti-Bullying Ambassador
- Wellbeing Ambassador
- Mentor (pastoral or academic)

What the roles involve:

- Attending a weekly Ambassador enrichment session for one term
- Discussing and presenting ideas confidently
- Helping to organise assemblies, events, and parent evenings
- Supporting other pupils during lunchtimes, form time, or Study Support sessions (for mentor roles)

Qualities we are looking for:

Confidence, good listening skills, responsibility, organisation, enthusiasm, teamwork, honesty, and reliability.

How to apply:

Applications should include:

- Why they would like the role
- How they would help in school
- Any new ideas they have
- What they can commit to weekly

In terms of our third school value, Respect, we have also reminded pupils about the importance of being kind and tolerant towards one another. This will continue to be a focus throughout the term.



Welcome to our New Year 7 Pupils

It has been a pleasure to see how quickly and positively the pupils have settled into life in the Senior School. Over these first few days, they have embraced their new routines with enthusiasm, shown kindness to one another, and have already started to form strong friendships. We are incredibly proud of the confident and considerate start they have made.

Leading the year group is Mrs Harding, Head of Year 7, who is supported by our dedicated form tutors, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Booth. Together, they are committed to helping every pupil feel welcome, supported, and ready to thrive.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and to seeing our Year 7 pupils continue to grow in confidence and independence.

SENIOR SCHOOL

HELPING YEAR 9 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

As part of our Year 9 PSHE and Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) programme, pupils recently took part in 'Trust Me', a lively and thought-provoking workshop delivered by the Loudmouth Educational Theatre Group. The session used an engaging drama about a young couple starting out in their relationship to spark conversations on real-life issues. Pupils explored how good communication, understanding consent, and knowing about contraception and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) all play a part in having safe, happy and healthy relationships. They also learned about the importance of regular testing and how to access local sexual health services.

After the performance, students joined guided discussions where they could ask questions in a safe space and think about how to make positive, informed choices.

Workshops like 'Trust Me' are designed to complement the lessons your child receives in school and help them feel more confident about navigating relationships as they grow. You might find it helpful to ask your child what they learned or found surprising from the session. These open conversations at home can really reinforce the messages and support them in making responsible decisions.



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PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH EDUCATION



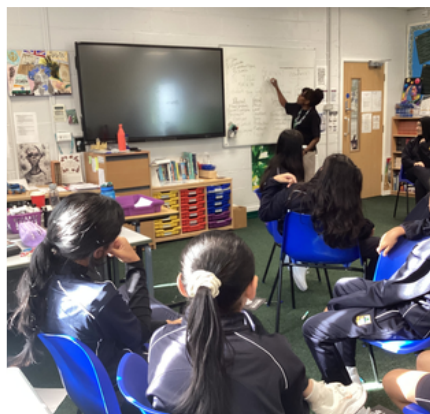
SENIOR SCHOOL

TALK TALK WORKSHOP

Pupils enjoyed a half day workshop to find their voice and explore the skills of public speaking. They learnt how to communicate confidently with others, stepping outside their comfort zone to engage with their audience.

Speaking in front of others is an essential skill for young people, but can often be a daunting experience, especially for our youngest pupils in the Senior school. It was a delight to watch them speaking to the whole year group without their notes, having fun and gaining confidence.

At the end of the workshop, Oracy Champions were announced for each year group - those pupils who had shown impressive skills or had made the greatest progress throughout the day: well done to Maya and Tegh in Year 8 and Rumaysah in Year 7!



SENIOR SCHOOL

Geography Field Trip Year 11



Yesterday, our Year 11 Geography students enjoyed a very sunny day in Walsall Town Centre as they completed their GCSE fieldwork. Pupils worked diligently to survey land use and assess how traffic management supports the area.

They carried out shopper surveys, counted traffic flows in and out of the town centre, and later spent the afternoon creating graphs and analysing the patterns they discovered.

It was a highly productive day of hands-on geographical learning that has prepared them well for their upcoming GCSE examinations.

PREP SCHOOL

On Thursday 2nd October, we will be celebrating 'National Poetry Day' across school. As part of these celebrations, all children from years one to six, have been asked to learn a poem off by heart. These will be shared on Monday 29th and we look forward to hearing your child's interpretation of their poem and sharing our thoughts on the poetry we hear. Our top two performers from each class will go on to perform in Friday's assembly.

Throughout the week, all of our children in Prep school, will learn about poetry within their English lessons; from rhyming couplets in year one and calligrams in year two, through to cinquains and free verse in years five and six. We are sure our children will thoroughly enjoy this experience and produce some of their own, exciting and engaging poetry. We will share these with one another at the end of the week, to culminate our celebrations!



PREP SCHOOL



ECO, PUPIL VOICE AND READING CLUB
PRESENT:

HYDESVILLE TOWER **BOOK DRIVE**

Make a positive impact with your old books - we can help the environment and enjoy a new collection of books!

**WEDNESDAY
8TH OCTOBER**

**OPEN FROM 8:30AM
UPPER PREP PLAYGROUND**

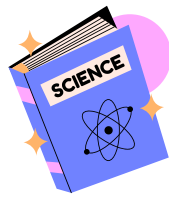
BOOK CRITERIA:

- ILLUSTRATION STORYBOOKS
- ENCYCLOPEDIA
- FICTION AND NON-FICTION
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 4 - 14

PLEASE TRY TO DONATE
BOOKS THAT ARE IN A FAIR
CONDITION TO BE REUSED.

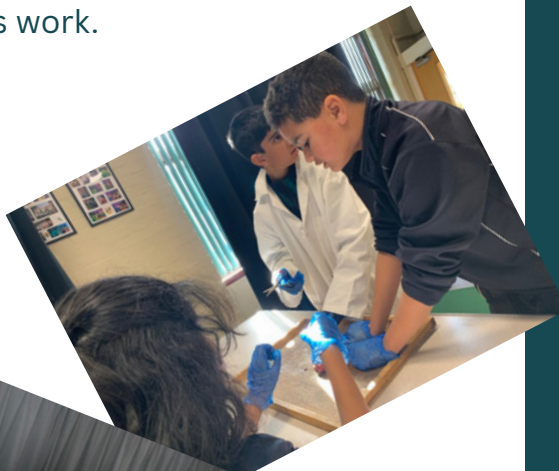
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SPEAK TO: MRS AITON, MRS WATSON OR MRS TAYLOR

PREP SCHOOL



Year 6 Explore the Heart with Miss Eynon

Year 6 spent a fantastic afternoon with Miss Eynon taking a closer look at the wonders of the human heart. During an exciting heart dissection, pupils were able to observe the different chambers and valves up close, bringing their science learning to life. The session was both fascinating and inspiring, sparking lots of thoughtful questions and amazement about how our bodies work.



NURSERY

Blue Group's Autumn Adventures

The Blue Group children have been delighting in the beauty of autumn through a range of creative activities. They explored seasonal colours by painting autumn trees with warm shades of red, orange, yellow, and brown. Using cotton reels as stampers, the children created wonderful textured and layered effects that resemble falling leaves and vibrant tree canopies.

This hands-on activity not only encouraged artistic expression but also helped the children observe and appreciate the changes that come with the season. Autumn provides rich opportunities for young learners to discover natural cycles, talk about weather, animals, and the environment, and develop a deeper curiosity and connection with the world around them.

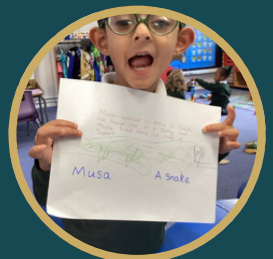


Future Picasso Artists

The Blue Group children embraced their inner artists during a wonderful free-drawing session. Each child selected a subject that inspired them, explored pictures for ideas, and then brought their unique visions to life on paper—all while sharing why their chosen subject was special.

Beatrice captured a lovely picture of her family, Musa sketched a slithering snake, Naryan illustrated a cheerful bumblebee, and Aurora brought a mighty dinosaur to life.

This activity not only nurtured creativity and self-expression but also supported key areas of the EYFS. From strengthening fine motor skills and early writing to boosting confidence in communication and language, the children proudly shared their masterpieces—now proudly displayed on our Wow board for everyone to admire!



SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Swim Caps for Sale

Hydesville swim caps are now available to purchase from the main reception for £5. Pupils with long hair are required to wear a swim cap during swimming lessons, and our school caps are a great choice—they're good quality, smart-looking, and available in house team colours. Don't forget to pick one up before your next swim session!

Staff Sports Profile

We're fortunate to have some incredibly fit and active staff members with impressive sporting backgrounds—and this week we shine the spotlight on Mr. Flatley!

- Favourite Sports: Football, Running, and Tennis
- Best Performances: Competed in the National Road Relays Championship, the 10km Cross Country Birmingham League, and proudly represented Wolverhampton Wanderers in a football tournament held at the Emirates Stadium.
- Sporting Ambition: To run a sub-17-minute 5km (aiming for 16:59 or faster) and lift silverware this season with his current football team.
- Favourite Sporting Moment: Wolverhampton Wanderers' 2-0 victory over West Brom in the FA Cup 5th Round (2024).
- Favourite Fuel: Bananas and plenty of water!

Keep up the amazing work, Mr. Flatley - you're an inspiration to us all!

New Beep Test Champion!

Congratulations to Jusreiss, our new beep test school champion! Showing incredible determination and endurance, he pushed himself to an outstanding Level 14, smashing previous records. This achievement places him well beyond the excellent category—meeting the fitness standards required for the police and fire service and even earning the maximum score for the Royal Marines. What an amazing display of strength and perseverance—well done, Jusreiss!

Staff Sports Soundtracks

Music is a fantastic motivator when exercising, and each week one of our staff members will be sharing a Spotify playlist to inspire your own workouts. It's a great way to discover new tracks and find the perfect beat to keep you moving!

This week, tune in to Mr. Berry's Short Run Mix—the perfect soundtrack for a quick, energising run.



Mr B's Soundtrack



SPORTS DEPARTMENT

The Year 9 girls kicked off the season with their very first school football match, taking on Maple Hayes. Remarkably, this was also the team's first-ever competitive game!

The match was played in fantastic spirit, with both sides showing great skill and effort. The teams were evenly matched overall, though Maple Hayes had one exceptionally talented player who made a real impact.

There were plenty of exciting moments, including some brilliant goals and tough tackles. Despite a determined performance and some standout play, our girls were narrowly edged out by the more experienced opposition. A brilliant start to what promises to be an exciting season!



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



TARA

A big congratulations to Tara for her exceptional kindness and helpfulness, and for being a wonderful positive role model to her peers. Her thoughtful actions and caring nature brighten our classroom every day—well done, Tara!



EZE M

For super listening, excellent manners and for working hard in all lessons.



Congratulations!



AWARDS

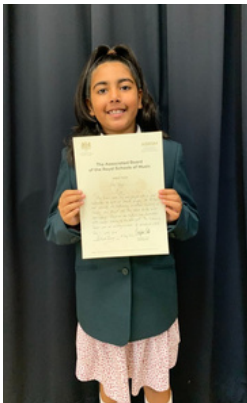
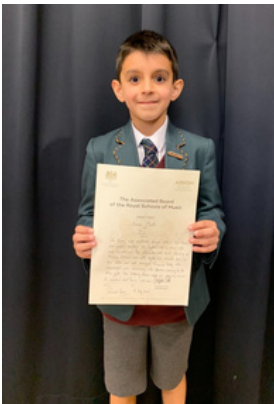


HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION



CONGRATULATIONS

EXTERNAL CERTIFICATES



Congratulations!

SENIOR HOUSE CAPTAINS



Zak A &
Dhaya S



Avneet K &
Priya S



Zara N &
Tanvir G



SENIOR AWARDS



SCHOOL VALUES



SENIOR AWARDS



Artist of the week is Davina J for incredible progress in the quality of her drawings for her GCSE project.



Kieran B is recognized for attending the lunchtime intervention for composition.



This week's Sports Person of the Week is Aleena for her exceptional ball skills. In the recent Year 9 match, Aleena impressed with her pinpoint accuracy and powerful free kicks.

Open Morning

Saturday 4th October 2025

10am - 12noon

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Extensive
extracurricular activities



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and outstanding academic results



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October 9, 2025

Parents' Quiz Night!



Doors open at 6:00-
starting at 6:30pm



Tickets
available
from the
school
office
£10



Bring your
own drinks



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

📅 Thursday 9th October

🕒 6.00pm doors open for a 6.30pm start

Join in for a fun night of quizzing to show
that's it's not just the kids that have the
brains!

This is a parent-led event so your presence
will be greatly appreciated. There will be an
intermission for food and drink, which
teams will be expected to supply. If you can
donate a prize, please bring this to reception
by Friday 26th September.

Come, have a go and have some fun.

Teams max of 8 people. RSVP (by Friday
26th September) to info@hydesville.com
with your

- Team name
- Names of parents on the team

We looking forward to seeing as many
parents there as possible 😊





A reminder that parking on site is very limited and it is essential that the area remains accessible to everyone. To ensure this, the car park operates as a pick up and drop-off zone only.

- Please do not park for longer than 10 minutes. Vehicles staying beyond this time may be asked to move.
- The disabled bay is strictly reserved for blue badge holders only.

Your cooperation helps keep pick up and drop-off safe, smooth, and fair for all families. Thank you for your understanding and support.

