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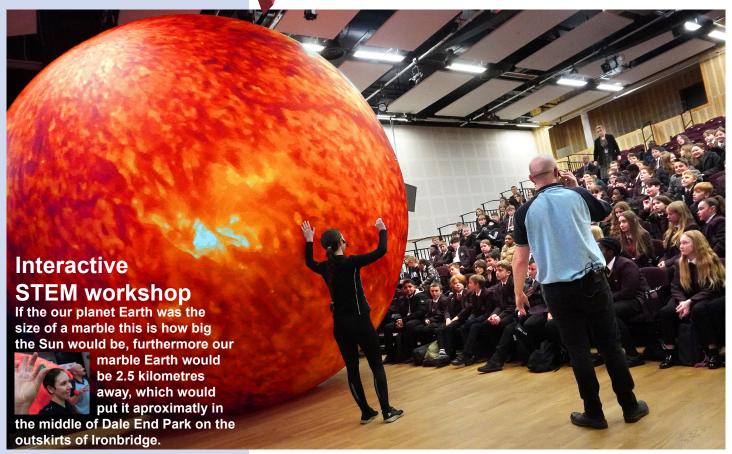
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Year 7 and 8 were treated to a BAE Systems education roadshow, delivered in partnership with the RAF and the Royal Navv. Both year groups learned about submarines and communicating in the deep ocean, the solar system and space. Students could volunteer for various activities including building a satellite with gloves and a space helmet on to demonstrate how difficult it is for astronauts. After the show students said that they are now more likely to go into a career in STEM which is fantastic. We look forward to organising the show again for next year.





Principal Appointment

"Last week a panel of Governors and I were involved in an intensive two-day selection process to choose a new Principal for Haberdashers' Abraham Darby.



"I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Joe Edgar has been appointed to the permanent role of Principal with immediate effect".

I hope that, like me, you appreciate and applaud the stability and progression that Mrs Edgar has brought to HAD during her time as Acting Principal.

Please join me in offering your congratulations to her on her appointment and we look forward to your continued support as she leads the academy forward".

John Gallagher (Chair of Governors)









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It's important for pupils to make a good start every day

- Arrive on time
- Be ready to learn
- **Commit yourself**





Mrs Newman of

Food Technology

and Deputy Head

of House, is leaving

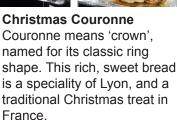
us at Christmas we

wish her well for the

future.























Christmas Movie Night!

£1 A TICKET KS3 Only



Only 50 tickets available. Form to be filled out through Satchel One by parent/ carers. £1 to be brought to the house office. Thursday 21st December 15:00-17:00 in the lecture theatre.

All Money Goes To Anti-Bullying Alliance Charity





HAD hosted a joint concert featuring our Showband, Senior Jazz Band and Adams' Grammar Choir, Soul Band and Taiko Drummers. This was the first time the two schools have organised a joint concert in over 10 years. The concert culminated in Abraham Darby Jazz Band & Adams Soul Band performing 'Uptown Funk' together.

All the proceeds from the concert were donated to the local Charity Christmas Smile which provides gifts for disadvantaged youngsters at Christmas.



ADAPT & THRIVE students have been participating in a reward scheme called 'ADAPT DOLLARS', gained from achievement points awarded during lessons. The scheme has proved popular with sucessful students being rewarded with an enriching theatre trip to see the panto Treasure Island (a first time expeience for many).

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAL THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

All pupils & staff are invited to participate For £1 you can wear a festive jumper instead of your blazer

Pupils must wear the rest of their uniform as usual (trousers/skirt, shoes, shirt & tie)

















Naomi in 2012 whilst at Abraham Darby

Naomi Jenks is a former student of Haberdashers' Abraham Darby where she excelled in sport and music representing the academy with the band at Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall and Birmingham Symphony Hall and holding posts including Deputy Head Girl, House Sports Captain and Sports Coach for younger years.

Now 29 she's an international women's para ice hockey athlete and coach for Great Britain, both teams are on a paralympic pathway. In her working career Naomi is a Relief Hostel Manager for YHA England and Wales, and is also studying for an Open University Degree: BSc (Honours) Combined STEM.

Among other things, this year Naomi played for GB in Canada, coached the team Manchester Mayhem in the Netherlands and has given numerous TV and radio interviews. Naomi went on to coach team GB at the B pool World Championships in Kazakhstan with generous sponsorship from the Haberdashers' Thomas Arlo Fund.

Naomi says: "There is no rest when you're an international athlete and international coach for Great Britain, but I wouldn't change it for the world. I am absolutely living my dream and have worked so hard to get here".





"Ned Whitworth and Josh Thackeray have been selected to play again for North Mids in the 2nd Super Sunday match against Leicester RFC this weekend (I'm sure Billy Dinning would have done too if not for his injury).

It's such a great accolade for HAD Rugby - especially when you look at the team sheet and see which schools and clubs the other players are from. There are 45 lads who could have been selected and the overwhelming majority are from private schools.

The first Super Sunday tournament was in Bournville 2 weeks ago. Ned, Josh and Billy played, meaning 3 players from HAD represented North Mids. No otherschool had 3 or more of their students on the team! There were SO many England scouts there too!

HAD Rugby is seriously impressive! Huge heartfelt thanks to you and your team for the energy you invest in our boys (and girls!)".



Year 9s built marsh monsters (made of marshmallows)! The monster's characteristics will be determined by the genes it inherits from its Mum and Dad.

They were given cards with information about the Monsters parents genotypes. Half of the genes come from Mum and half from Dad. They selected alleles at random from each parent for the offspring.



A Self-Care Plan Holiday season and spending long periods at home without school

support systems can affect your mental health.

Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It's a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing.

The suggested activities in the plan are split into different categories, including:

- physical activities
- emotional activities







Musicians from Abraham Darby have been busy getting into the Christmas spirit and entertaining the public.

A small group played for an audience at Oakengates United Church, where beautifully decorated Christmas trees were on display, and everyone sang carols and Christmas songs.

Many people stopped to listen and congratulated the band members on their high quality playing when our musicians performed Christmas music & carols at Marks & Spencer in Telford Shopping Centre





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DECEMBER 2023 PARENT PACK

If your child is interested in the prospect of working with others in a fast-paced and varied role, our article on page 7 explores a selection of the apprenticeship opportunities that are available in the UK's thriving events industry.

> **CLICK HERE**



Saxes play Carols at M&S Sun. 17th Dec 11am-1pm

Brass Ensemble at St. Michael's Madeley carol service Sun. 17th Dec 6.30pm

Charity Chrismas Jumper Day Thurs, 21st Dec

Christmas Dinner Thurs. 21st Dec

KS3 Movie Night Thurs, 21st Dec

HAD End of Term Concert Thurs. 21st Dec 7.30pm

House Netball & Rugby (weather & pitch playability permitting) Fri. 22nd Dec

Carols at Morrisons, Wellington Sat. 23rd Dec 10am - 3pm

Carols on the Ironbridge Sun. 24th Dec 7pm

NEW TERM STARTS Mon. 8th Jan 8.30am

Sixth Form Exams Tues. 9th Jan to Fri 19th Jan

Year 9 Parents Evening Thurs. 25th Jan

