

HAD NEWS

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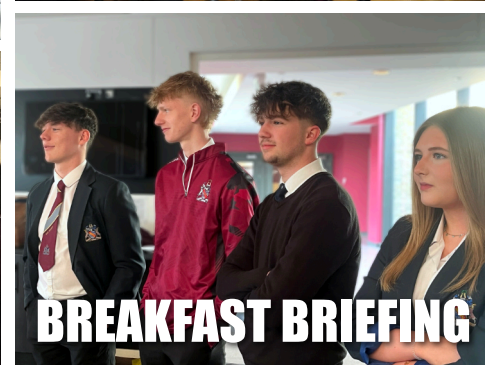
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EGGS BY THE DOZEN

Sixth Form had an Easter Hamper prize draw to raise money for Sixth Form events. Numerous prizes meant more than one lucky winner had a belly full of chocolate for Easter!



BREAKFAST BRIEFING



STAY SAFE

We were thrilled to welcome our local PCSO, Nick Stansfield, for an eye-opening and powerful session with our Year 7, 9, and 10 pupils. He delivered an engaging talk on the important topics of county lines and anti-social behaviour, diving into everything from drug awareness and community safety to understanding the law. Our students were fully immersed - asking great questions, sharing thoughtful answers, and coming away with valuable new knowledge. It was a dynamic and impactful assembly that forms a key part of our personal development provision, helping to equip pupils with the tools and awareness they need to stay safe and informed about the risks of criminal exploitation.



Year 11 pupils honed their revision techniques before Easter in a new event called a 'Breakfast Briefing'. Year 12 pupils George, Liam, Katie and Isaac shared their experiences of revising for GCSEs whilst some Year 11 pupils were treated to a healthy continental breakfast. We tried some new revision techniques and have 25 revision activities to complete over the next 25 days. 'One a day' to secure knowledge and feel super confident about exams.

Auction of Promises

To offer pupils the range of opportunities that our rugby tours can provide, a considerable amount of fundraising must take place. To that end, we're holding an auction of promises.

Friday 6th June

Support the event, tickets are free

(There is no obligation to pledge a promise)

Some of the promises that have been pledged in previous years:

A FREE TAXI RIDE. GARDENING SERVICES. BABYSITTING SERVICES. IRONING OR HOUSEWORK. BIKE SERVICING. DOG WALKING. CAR WASH. HOBBY LESSONS (JEWELLERY-MAKING, MODEL-BUILDING). PAMPERING VOUCHERS. SPORT COACHING.

Pledge a promise, large or small

If you'd like to pledge could you please reply to will.bennett@taw.org.uk with the following

Name: Address: Telephone: Description of promise: How much the promise is worth

All money raised will go towards the tours and HAD rugby fund



HAVING A GRAND TIME



30 Year 8 students went to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to see *Pig Heart Boy*, a wonderful play based on Malorie Blackman's novel. We followed Cameron's journey and hopes to live a 'normal' life while desperately needing a heart transplant. With time running out he accepts a pig's heart and the risks that come with this, including the media backlash.

Students loved seeing such talented professional actors playing several roles by changing their accents, body language and gestures. We were fully engaged in the sad and the funny moments and with the many drama techniques and, of course, the amazing set, sound and lighting that helped to represent the beating of Cameron's heart.



ELLE GETS THE BLUES



During the Easter break, Elle has been offered a 2 year contract with Birmingham City Women U16s and is delighted with this massive opportunity. We will all continue to watch Elle's football journey with interest and support.



HARPER ADAMS

The Year 9 trip to Harper Adams University was a rewarding and educational adventure for the students. Upon arrival, they were greeted by the university staff and given a brief introduction to the campus and its agricultural courses. The highlight of the day was the scavenger hunt, which took the students on a journey across the university grounds. Armed with clues and maps, they explored various facilities, including the research labs, animal barns, and greenhouses. The scavenger hunt not only tested their problem-solving skills but also provided a fun way to learn about the university's innovative approaches to agriculture and sustainability. By the end of the day, the students had gained valuable insights into the world of higher education and agriculture, making the trip both memorable and enriching.



In this month's Choices, find out what it's like to step into a corporate role at Lloyds Banking Group and hear first-hand experiences from two hairdressing apprentices. We share a parent's view of supporting two very different apprentices, highlight the growing world of green apprenticeships and bust some common myths about careers in logistics!

View and download the new edition of Choices [HERE](#)



SOME OF THE TROOP
Year 9 Geographers visited West Midlands Safari Park. They had a wonderful time learning about habitats and exploring the park.



Season 2024-2025



U12s 3rd place at PGL Netball
U13s 2nd place at PGL Netball
U14s TAW Trophy Champions
U15s TAW Trophy Champions, HABS Netball Champions
U16s 2nd place TAW Trophy
U19s 3rd Place at HABS netball

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

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



VE DAY

Cadet, Charlie-Reese at Southwater for the VE Day parade demonstrating respect and commitment to our community.



SENT TO COVENTRY!



Fergus Weston was selected to play for Coventry Rugby Academy after demonstrating his ability during the U16 training camp in April.

Fergus represented Coventry against Exeter Chiefs, Ealing Trailfinders and Newcastle Falcons, playing in his new position of scrum half. Against Ealing Fergus stepped up to play for the U17's. When playing against Newcastle, he was joined by his fellow HAD team mate, Joeseoph Lesubula, both of them proudly representing the school while playing. Well done both of you and we look forward to seeing you smashing it in the future.



SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL



Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Showband & Senior Jazz Band competed in the finals of the National Concert Band Festival of Great Britain in April. Members of both bands were fortunate to have the opportunity to perform in the Concert Hall & Theatre of the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, as they had qualified in the regional finals earlier last year. Both bands played substantial programmes in front of two highly qualified music adjudicators and were competing against several other schools, county ensembles and university bands across the country. A lot of preparation and attendance at many rehearsals was required from our musicians to perform at a top level. Senior Jazz Band, directed by Mr Tom Gledhill, was presented with the top platinum award and Showband, conducted by Mr Chris Ruston, was presented with a Gold Award. Well done to everyone involved. Yet again the music department at Abraham Darby is achieving success on National Stages.

The road to your future

"It is through education and learning that we can ultimately achieve all our goals and desires"



(Edu John, well-mood teacher)

GOOD ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

- Better education and exam results
- Good home-school relations
- Good placements
- Work placements
- Apprenticeships
- Opportunities
- Choices
- Colleges
- Jobs



LAST POST & REVEILLE

VE DAY 80th Anniversary

To mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, our recently appointed Head Boy Joe Costello (Year 12) played Last Post & Reveille on trumpet for Telford & Wrekin Council's ceremony to mark the occasion at Southwater Square, Telford Centre. Joe represented Abraham Darby with a tremendous sense of decorum, and it was a fitting tribute to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War 2.

Recording Absence

Please telephone in using the relevant number everyday of your child's absence.

Years 7,8,9 call 386027

Years 10&11 call 386013

Sixth Form call 386056

Welcome to Haberdashers' Abraham Darby

For those interested, Abraham Darby job vacancies for support and teaching staff are advertised on the school website at:

About Us → Curriculum →

www.haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk/vacancies