



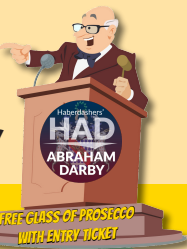
GETTING SHIRTY

Year 13 Sixth Form students pose for a photo at break time whilst getting their leavers shirts signed

AUCTION OF PROMISES

HABERDASHERS' ABRAHAM DARBY
6:30PM FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025

50 AUCTION LOTS IN TOTAL
SOME OF THE OFFERS:



- DRUMMING MASTERCLASS
- COMMISSION A PAINTING
- EXOTIC ZOO
- ATTINGHAM FARM VISIT
- WOODHALL BOXING SESSION
- ALLOY WHEEL REFURB
- LEISURE PASS
- PAELLA PARTY FOR SIX
- GOLF MASTERCLASS
- PARLIAMENTARY WHISKY
- WESTON PARK
- TWO NIGHTS GLAMPING
- SUNDAY LUNCH
- COFFEE MASTERCLASS
- GORGE MUSEUMS PASS

*FREE ENTRY LICENSED BAR PROFESSIONAL CATERERS

*Entry ticket must be reserved
Email: will.bennett@taw.org.uk

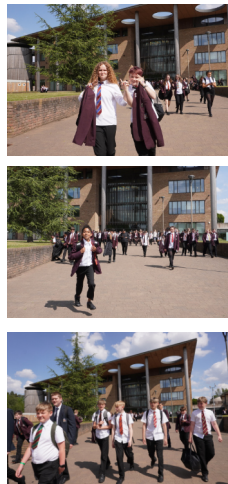


IN THE BUSINESS FOR HOPE



Year 10 Business students have raised £404 for Hope House. The three teams were given £50 to grow as much as possible in 50 days. Not a bad return for the investment! Dawn Ball from the charity came to Abraham Darby to accept the cheque





The first cohort of Sports Aptitude students have completed and passed a three year programme.



They have trained consistently over the period using personalised strength and conditioning routines with support. Here they can be seen with their certificates signed by the Principal and Aptitude Director.

(Missing in photo - Chester & Daniel)



MINECRAFT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS
While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of digital LEGO, certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING
Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS
Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gamified 'loot of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

AGE RESTRICTION
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PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS
With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES
Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE
Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty levels are far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER
The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS
At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS
Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD
As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.



The club gives members a chance to play Nintendo Switch games with their peers, its an environment of joy and excitement. Pupils are encouraged to 'team up' and work together, building bonds between and across year groups.

Nintendo Society is one of our most popular clubs and has a high number of SEN members who shine in the safe and secure environment.

All pupils are welcome at this Wednesday after school club, where vastly different individuals come together for their simple love of Nintendo.

Diamond Winners (1000+ points in the Autumn and Spring term)

This term has been truly remarkable for our students, with an incredible 659,969 points awarded across all year groups in recognition of their hard work, dedication, and achievements. Our rewards system continues to inspire and motivate students to strive for excellence, and we are thrilled to celebrate their success!

Throughout the term, students have earned points for their academic efforts, positive contributions, and participation in school life. As a result, we are proud to announce the following award winners:

- 135 Bronze Award winners
- 170 Silver Award winners
- 260 Gold Award winners
- 261 Platinum Award winners
- 95 Diamond Award winners

These achievements reflect the commitment and determination of our pupils, and we would like to extend our congratulations to all award recipients. Whether earning a Bronze Award or reaching the prestigious Diamond level, each student has demonstrated Aspiration, Respect & Excellence, setting a great example for their peers.

Keep up the amazing work!



Pathways have the opportunity to go to Arthog Outreach every half term to apply their developing team building and resilience skills and to promote communication and language skills. We had GLORIOUS weather and GLORIOUS students who consistently demonstrated our ARE values. The Arthog instructors were super impressed with our students and marvelled at the progress they are making.





MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
 12-18 MAY 2025

We had a full calendar of activities for mental health awareness week, with karaoke and just dance running each day, a bake sale midweek, and to finish, wear it green and an ice bucket challenge. Proceeds from the bake sale went to our mental health ambassador fund, enabling them to purchase resources to assist with their support for students in need.

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby

HAD
Wellbeing



Twenty members of staff volunteered to take the ice bucket challenge. Collection buckets were put out every break time, raising £120 for the charity MIND UK.

For her amazing ability to encourage donations Mrs Morgan was awarded extra water!