

Y7 in the auditorium with Emma Robinson Deputy Head of Y7, Ryan Richards Head of Y7 and Gaynor Havard Assistant Head of Y7.



It has been great to have the pupils back at the Academy, the building has been buzzing with the excitement that the start of a brand new academic year brings. Everyone looks so smart in their new uniforms, especially our new Y7 and Sixth Form pupils. This week's spotlight has focused upon one of our three core values: RESPECT. During assembly we spoke about the importance of

creating a good impression and about stopping to engage in conversation, making the recipient feel valued and heard. This simple action might be all it takes to change someone's day. It has been lovely to have so many Y7 come and say hello or ask how I am or even give me a cheery wave as they move around the building.

Unusually for September, the weather has been a little unkind so far but I guess that is payback for what was an extended period of Summer sunshine. Classrooms are alive with enthusiasm and Y7 pupils are getting to know their new teachers and getting used to moving around the building to get to their lessons. Our newly formed Army Cadet Force (ACF) detachment started on Tuesday and 23 new recruits were measured up for their uniforms. Rugby and Netball practices and fixtures have resumed, as have our Band rehearsals. Tuesdays and Fridays are my favourite afternoons/evenings in the Academy building because I can hear the tunes in my office on the third floor, "it's music to my ears", literally. I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend when it arrives and that you come back refreshed and raring to go on Monday when we get to do it all again.

Mrs Edgar, Principal

Haberdashers' ABRAHAM DARBY  
Aspiration Respect Excellence  
**Open Evening 2025**  
Thursday 2nd October 6.00pm - 8.30pm  
The Principal will be addressing visitors at 6.15pm, 6.55pm & 7.30pm  
Haberdashers' Abraham Darby,  
Ironbridge Rd, Madeley, Telford, TF7 5HX  
Tel: 01952 386000  
E-mail: [HADenquiries@taw.org.uk](mailto:HADenquiries@taw.org.uk)  
Tours by Appointment  
after Open Evening only Tel: 01952 386027  
Come & visit us

Its the time of year that we start to visit the 10 local primary schools. We speak to pupils about our school, invite them to our Open Evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and ask them to consider joining us.



We have all enjoyed getting to know our new cohort of young people. The year group had a lovely presentation from the music department to encourage participation in our award winning bands. Anyone wanting to learn to play brass, woodwind or percussion instruments please see a member of the music staff for an application form.

**TRANSITION**  
To Secondary School

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby  
**HAD**  
Wellbeing

**TRANSITION**  
- HOW HAS IT GONE  
25TH September 6pm-7pm

Join us for an informative hour-long session designed specifically for Year 7 students and their parents or caregivers

Aimed at easing the transition from primary to secondary school, this session will address lingering anxieties, provide effective management strategies, and outline the various support systems available within the school. Equip yourself with the tools and knowledge to ensure smooth and successful adjustment to this new educational environment.

**What to expect:**

Coping strategies.  
A space to speak open and freely about any issues you have that are impacting on your emotional wellbeing.  
You will see you aren't alone, there will be others struggling just like you.  
Free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Please use this QR code to register your attendance



**Open Evening** Thurs 2nd Oct Tours via apt. wk. commencing 6th Oct up to 17th Oct.

**Yr 7 Settling in Evening** Thurs 23rd Oct

**Reminder** We are a cashless school, have you activated your child's parent pay account? For your activation ltr. please contact Mrs M Rowson 386027 / [mandie.rowson@taw.org.uk](mailto:mandie.rowson@taw.org.uk)

**Reminder** Satchel One, keep track of your child's progress. have you activated your account ?

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH  
**MARY POPPINS JR.**

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby, School Musical

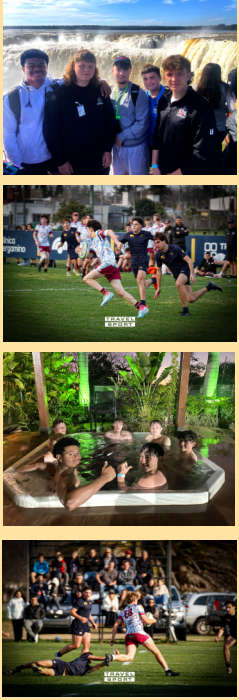
**\*AUDITIONS\***  
Monday 15th September  
3.15-5.00pm

We look forwards to seeing you!  
Mrs Traylor, Miss Morton and Mr Ruston

Our next school show will be the musical Mary Poppins JR, to be performed by students on 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th March. Students who want to be involved will need to attend auditions on Monday 15th September at 3.15pm - 5.00pm. Callbacks will be at 3.15pm on Monday the 22nd September, a list will be put outside the Drama Studio and the Auditorium.

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

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



# SOUTH AMERICA-SUMMER RUGBY TOUR



Over the summer holidays, our senior rugby squad embarked on an unforgettable tour of South America, combining tough competition on the field with rich cultural experiences off the field.

The team travelled through Uruguay and Argentina, playing a series of fixtures against local schools and club sides. Each match provided a new challenge. South American rugby is known for its fast pace and physicality, and we quickly learned to adapt. While there were victories and defeats along the way, what mattered most was the determination, teamwork, and resilience we showed throughout the tour.



Beyond the rugby, the trip offered an invaluable chance for cultural exchange. First we visited the historic streets of Montevideo and learned about the history of Uruguayan independence. We then explored Buenos Aires, tasting traditional Asado and watching tango performances in a gaucho farm and finally we were fortunate enough to see the breathtaking views of Iguazu Falls from both the Argentinian and Brazilian side. These experiences deepened the lads' appreciation for the vibrant cultures of South America and created memories to last a lifetime.



The tour also strengthened the bonds within the squad. Long bus journeys, missing luggage, shared meals, and the experience of competing in unfamiliar conditions brought the players closer together, both as teammates and as friends. Coaches praised the group not only for their efforts on the field, but also for their sportsmanship and maturity as ambassadors of the school abroad.



Felix Jackson (Captain)



We are incredibly proud of all of our outgoing cohort of Year 11 and Sixth Form students and wish them every success with their future pathways.

Pictured are 4 of our high performing Sixth Form students who secured A and A\* grades, and will be heading off to start degree apprenticeships with Capgemini, EY, and University courses.

Abraham Darby student Mikayla Stevens, is now at Telford College pursuing a career in filmmaking. She has been directing and starring in her own short film.



## REWARDS EVENING

In July our highest achieving pupils were joined by parents teachers and governors for our 16th Academic Awards Evening. 66 awards were given for all KS3, KS4 and KS5 subject plus the Principal's Award for Overall Achievement across the board presented to Ollie Deutschman KS3, Holly Lewis Dowell KS4 and Chloe Shakespeare KS5. We were delighted to welcome Naomi Barker, Head of Schools' Projects from Haberdashers' Hall who presented 11 pupils with Haberdashers' Scholarships. It was a wonderful evening that showcased HAD's academic excellence, musical, drama and sporting talent.

