



MENTORING PROGRAMME



We are incredibly proud to see the first mentoring calls taking place at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby. One of our participating Year 12 students summed up their experience:


"At first I was nervous about meeting my mentor, as I am a naturally shy person and talking to someone older than me felt intimidating. However, we quickly found we had several things in common, and it was really useful to chat about my options and how to figure out my next steps with someone who has experience of going through the same processes as me."

HABS ASPIRE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE Habs Aspire

We are looking for more professionals to join our mentoring programme and guide the next generation. If you have experience to share and a desire to support a Year 12 student on their journey, we would love to hear from you. Get involved: Email aspire@hwmat.org.uk for more information.



 Year 7 have been producing some beautiful still life drawings as part of their project, learning about the formal elements of art. They've been focusing on creating form and tone in their drawings and have really impressed us with their amazing observational skills!



YEAR 9 OPTIONS SHOULD BE SELECTED BY 6TH MARCH 2026

Further information is available on our school website by clicking this link: <https://www.haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk/year-9-options/>



OGOF LLANMYNECH



7 Thrive took on The Ogof (Welsh for “the cave”) on Llanymynech Hill with courage and curiosity. Famous for the 1965 discovery of 33 Roman coins, the cave once again became a place of adventure as our students embraced every challenge.

Many even tackled the narrow shaft - showing real bravery and teamwork. Throughout the visit, Y7 Thrive demonstrated our school’s core values of Aspiration, Respect and Excellence - aspiring to push themselves further, respecting the environment and one another, and showing excellence in their attitude, teamwork and resilience. Absolutely brilliant effort from all!



GIRLS INTO STEM



The HAD team, pictured here with students from Madeley Academy.

Year 10 girls took part in an inspiring Apprenticeship Taster Day at In-Comm Training, where they explored the centre’s industry-standard facilities and gained first-hand insight into life as an apprentice, involving a real job with responsibilities, combining paid work with high-quality training delivered to professional standards.

The girls learned about the different phases of the apprenticeship journey and the support they would receive from employers and In-Comm’s specialist training staff. They met current apprentices from a range of companies and were able to ask questions, receiving honest advice from ambassadors who shared their own experiences and guidance for those considering this career path.

A key part of the day was a hands-on engineering challenge. Students were tasked with designing, building, and testing a mechanical system capable of transporting a ball safely at least 200mm horizontally and 200mm vertically. Using materials such as cardboard, syringes, plastic tubing, hydraulics, and pneumatics, the girls worked in teams to create innovative solutions. A panel of In-Comm apprentices judged the designs and provided feedback.

The experience gave students a valuable glimpse into STEM careers and the creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork involved in engineering and manufacturing.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

We’d love to hear about our students newsworthy activities outside of the school day. If your child has a recent achievement in sports, music, drama, art, hobbies or a community project, we would like to celebrate their success.

Email geraint.roberts@taw.org.uk with:

- Student’s full name, year and mentor group
- A paragraph or two about their achievement
- A good quality photo with permissions gained in writing if other persons are featured in the photo
- Confirmation that you’ve signed our media agreement and consent to sharing in our school newsletter and social media



Come and watch our school play Mary Poppins



Performances:
March 11,12,13.
Tickets £6.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Its easy enough to misplace personal items within a school environment.

Improve the chances of object and owner being re-united:

**LABEL YOUR STUFF
WITH YOUR NAME**





CAREERS FAIR



A huge thank you goes to all our guests who took time out of their busy schedules to talk about future pathways with our students at our Annual Careers Fair. There was a fabulous atmosphere along with some amazing feedback.



We were delighted to host our KS3 SEND Coffee Morning this week, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to SENDIASS, Family Hubs, and LSAT for joining us and offering their valuable guidance and support to our families. Their presence helped create an open, informative, and welcoming space for parents to ask questions and make connections. We would also like to thank all the parents and carers who attended - your engagement and partnership are truly appreciated, and together we continue to strengthen the support around our young people.



ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN

12 musicians across years 9-13 competed in the local round of the Rotary Young Musician Competition, which is a national competition held in four stages. Each musician was required to perform two contrasting pieces of at least grade 6 standard in front of an independent adjudicator and a live audience. The adjudicator commented on now high the standard of musicianship was and presented the winning vocal award to Sienna Hickman (Year 11) and the winning instrumental award to Harry Robbins playing tenor saxophone (Year 13). Both musicians have been invited to represent the school in the district round which takes place later in February at Wolverhampton music school. We wish them both the very best of luck.

catch 22 COUNTY LINES SUPPORT AND RESCUE Knife Crime & County Lines: Understanding the Hidden Link

Are you a parent or carer? Do you want to know more about Knife Crime, County Lines and the Hidden Link within. If so, this webinar is for you. Webinar Dates & Times:
 Monday 23rd February 10:30AM - 12:00PM - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/knife-crime-county-lines-understanding-the-hidden-link-tickets-1982180735940?aff=oddtcreator>
 Wednesday 4th March 16:30 - 18:00PM - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/knife-crime-county-lines-understanding-the-hidden-linkparents-carers-tickets-1982181001735?aff=oddtcreator>



Jessica and Ollie spoke on behalf the Academy at a Holocaust Memorial Service, which commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day. They both spoke of the importance of kindness, acceptance and peace.



TEAMWORK • RESPECT • ENJOYMENT • DISCIPLINE • SPORTSMANSHIP

GIVE RUGBY A TRY

COME AND JOIN OUR U13S BOYS TEAM!

NEWPORT U13S (CURRENT YEAR 8) ARE RECRUITING PLAYERS - ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

TRAINING ON TUESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

CONTACT 07774015452 FOR MORE DETAILS

NEWPORT RUGBY CLUB U13s

We have a couple of players from your school and would be keen to increase this. Training takes place on Tuesday evenings at 6pm and Sunday mornings at 10am. Contact 07774015452 for more details.