

**Weekly bulletin for students of Hayesfield Girls' School,
their parents, guardians and families**



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Week commencing Monday 1st March 2010

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Week B

From the Headteacher:

Amy Williams – Gold Medal success at the Winter Olympics

You will have seen in the Press and on our website that Amy Williams won the Gold Medal on the skeleton at the Winter Olympics. We are absolutely delighted for Amy, particularly as she is a former student of Hayesfield.

Amy will be visiting the School on Wednesday 3rd March from where she will be starting her victory tour of the City which culminates at the University of Bath.

World Book Day – 4th March 2010

I am looking forward to seeing students in the Lower School dressed as their favourite character to celebrate World Book Day.

Dance Evening

I do hope you can join us for the forthcoming Dance Evening on the 10th March 2010. Students and staff perform in this annual event and it is always most enjoyable.

Erica Draisey

Assemblies:

Monday:	Year 8 – Mrs Brown
	Year 11 – Mrs Beasley
Tuesday:	Year 12 and 13 – Ms Draisey
Wednesday:	Year 7 and 8 – Ms Draisey
Thursday:	Year 10 and 11 – Ms Draisey
Friday:	Year 9 – Ms Draisey
	Year 7 – Mrs Young
	Year 10 – Mr White
	Year 9 – Mr Price

Forthcoming Calendar Events:

Tuesday 2 nd March	-	Year 10 Maths Module
	-	Year 11, 12 and 13 Maths Module Resits
Wednesday 3 rd March	-	Year 7 Parents' Evening – 4.15am – 6.30pm
	-	Year 10 Science Module
Thursday 4 th March	-	Until Saturday 13 th March – Year 10 and 12 Berlin Exchange
	-	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Meeting at Beechen Cliff School, 7pm
	-	World Book Day
Saturday 6 th March	-	Mid Somerset Festival starts
	-	Saturday Morning Detention, Upper School IT3, 9.00-11.00am
Tuesday 9 th March	-	Full Governors' Meeting, Upper School Library, 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 th March	-	Dance Evening, Lower School, 6.30-8.30pm
Thursday 11 th March	-	AS Results published
	-	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Orienteering, 2.30-6.00pm
Saturday 13 th March	-	Years 10, 11 and 12 Dance Convention, London

Mr Powell's Literacy Tips

(The fourth in a regular series, in which aspects of English spelling and grammar are explained)
Unclear about the rule for adding **ed** to verbs? Read on...

1) To form the **simple past tense**, (also called the 'perfect tense'), of a verb, you usually add **ed** to the end.

Walk + ed = walked

Play + ed = played

There are some interesting cases, where alternative forms are acceptable;

Burn + ed = burned**d** or burnt

Learn + ed = learned**d** or learnt

2) However, if the verb ends in e, you need to drop the e, before adding ed.

Hope + ed = hoped

Escape + ed = escaped

Love + ed = loved

3) If the verb ends with the pattern of a **single vowel** and a consonant, you have to double the final consonant, before you add ed.

Hop + ed = hopp**ed**

Slap + ed = slapp**ed**

Prod + ed = prodd**ed**

Drip + ed = dripp**ed**

Star + ed = star**red**

4) There are a large number of verbs, where the simple past tense form is **irregular**;

Run - ran

Sit - sat

Fall - fell

Sleep - slept

Catch - caught

Feel - felt

Weep - wept

Stand - stood

Berlin-Bath Exchange – MFL and History collaboration - 4th to 16th March 2010

The exchange to Berlin has been extremely popular this year and between 4th and the 16th March. Thirteen Year 10 and six Year 12 Hayesfield students will join six Beechen Cliff students on their trip to one of the most vibrant capital cities in Europe. The Year 10 students will spend time in linguistic and cultural exchange with their host families and in a local school, alongside two mornings of intensive German lessons as well as soaking up the sights on a variety of exciting day trips.

This year's Year 10 programme is particularly exciting because it will also contain a cross curricular element since so many of the Year 10s are also studying GCSE history and in most cases returning to Berlin for the second time. The Year 12s will be the third year to complete a five-day work experience placement in the capital. Friendships made on exchanges are often life-long and I'm sure this year will be no exception. Ms Shail

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The PE Department are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please bring your vouchers to a member of the PE staff or to either of the main offices. Thank you in advance for your support.

Three Ways Coffee Group

The Three Ways Group provides a meeting place for parents and carers of children and young adults with special needs. There are typically two sessions a term, each with a different guest speaker to address issues such as behaviour, sleep, diet and family entitlements as well as signposting parents and carers to the wide range of extended services available to them.

The Three Ways Coffee Group would like to welcome parents and carers to the next two meetings.

Friday, 12th March – 1.30pm to 3.00pm – Louise Freeland from Children's Learning Disability Service
Thursday, 25th March – 10am – 12pm – Linda McCann from 117 Services

If you would like to attend, please contact Donna Crabtree on 01225 838070 or email donna.crabtree@threeways.bathnes.sch.uk.

Climbing Wall Club at Beechen Cliff School

This is a fantastic opportunity to try out climbing and improve your skills! To be held on Wednesday, 3rd March 2010 from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

This activity is open to girls in Years 9, 10 and 11.

There are 15 places available and there will be a small charge of £2.00 per student, per session. (A total of £16.00 each student for the 8 weeks).

Letters can be collected from the Main office and must be signed, completed and returned as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to Beechen Cliff School. Please return cheques with permission slip and completed form in an envelope marked 'Climbing Activity' to Mrs K Nye, c/o Lower School Office.

World Book Day on the 4th March 2010

To celebrate World Book Day, each Key Stage 3 student will receive a £1.00 book token from her tutor which can be used in any Bath bookshop or through the Scholastic Book Catalogue. Any orders placed through the Scholastic Book Catalogue must be returned to the Librarian with the appropriate money token before the 19th March. Please make cheques payable to Hayesfield Girls' School.

Art Club – Year 7 and Year 8

A really enjoyable time was had by all that attend the Art Club last Tuesday. Two professional cartoonists showed their creativity and all students were inspired and impressed. The club is running every Tuesday until Tuesday, 30th March, in BA1 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. There are still five spaces left – it is still not too late to join, just request an Art Club letter from the Lower School office, complete the attached slip and return back to the Lower School Office.

Safe Places for after School

Lower School

The ICT room is open daily from 8.00am until 8.30am and after school until 4.15pm, for students to access the internet and work on their homework. The Library is open daily at lunchtime for students' use.

Upper School

The Library is open daily from 8.15am until 5.00pm. We do have a variety of After School Clubs for students to attend.

For more information about the clubs running at school, please visit the Community and Clubs section of our website (www.hayesfield.co.uk/community.asp) to see a PDF file with all listings for each year

group. If you do not have access to a computer, black and white copies are available from the Lower School Office.

There is also a link on the Community section to see opportunities available to students, families, parents and the community, as well as further links on the website to other outside providers of after school and outside of school care. Mrs Nye, Extended Schools Co-ordinator

Sixth Form study leave – summer exams 2010

Year 12 will be on study leave from Monday 17th May to Friday 11th June inclusive. A2 lessons will start on Monday 14th June; students must attend lessons if they wish to continue to Year 13.

Year 13 leave school on Friday 28th May, we shall have a small celebration in school on that day. Study leave starts on Monday 7th June, students will not return to lessons. All books should be returned to teachers by the last exam in each subject.

Exam results for Years 12 and 13 will be published on Thursday 19th August.

Bath Skills Fair, Thursday 11th March 2010

This event is being held at City of Bath College from 3pm – 7pm, supported by AimHigher

Exhibitors include:

- Employers – Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Debenhams, MOD, BMT, The Environment Agency, Scottish & Southern Power, and more
- The National Apprenticeship Service
- Universities – Aberystwyth, Bath Spa, Bristol, UWE
- Year out organisations
- Plus – creative writing workshops, inspirational speakers (booking required via website)

Visit: www.bathskillsfair.com for more information. Parents and students (Years 10-13) welcome