Haseltine Newsletter 13th March 2026

Dear Families & Friends,

I went to a headteachers meeting yesterday. One of the things that was discussed was the changes being made to SEND provision in schools in the next few years. There are a lot of details to still work through, but in general there is a lot to be positive about. There is a lot of talk about inclusion, and schools being a place of belonging… something that we as a school, and Lewisham as a borough, have been working towards for many years now. Lewisham will be sending out further information to parents soon, with what the changes could mean for your child, and also FAQs. I will pass this information on to you as and when I have it.

Another topic on the agenda was the work that Lewisham has been doing to tackle racial inequalities in education: https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/race-equality-in-schools and the pledge that all schools in Lewisham have signed up to: https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/pledge-to-tackle-race-inequalities-in-education

Incredibly, we are one of a very few boroughs in London to have a pledge like this and to be making this work a priority!

Over the next term, Lewisham will be asking us all – teachers, children, parents/carers & communities, how this work is impacting. Surveys were carried out at the start of the work, in 2021, so this will be a chance to see (hopefully) how far we have come. Again, I will send you further details, as well as the surveys, when they come through to me. I would also like to meet with parents/carers at some point in the Hub to gage your opinions on what we could be doing more of at Haseltine. The work should never stop, we endeavour to always stand up against racism & social injustice, and we need your help – the Haseltine community, to do just that. I will arrange a date to do this with you next term, please have a chat with me at any time if this is something that you would like to get involved with.

Please see this week's newsletter for lots of information & dates for your diaries…

Dear Haseltine Community

Thank you for your support of the PTFA over this academic year. We continue to work hard to provide fundraising and free events for our Haseltine students.

The PTFA have secured a number of Community places for the Big Half Marathon taking place on Sunday 6 September. This race is 13.1 miles around London's iconic landmarks. If you fancy a

challenge, join us! Alternatively, you can run the race in a team of 4 as a relay, making it ¼ of the distance!

Mr Small, Ms Graham (half marathon) and Mrs Anderman (the 5K relay) are up for the challenge, we need a few more to make up a relay team or two and we also have lots of half marathon places to fill. All money raised will go to the students at Haseltine. The Big Half is £25 and the Relay is £15 per runner.

Let's do this!

Email Gina at haseltinepfta@gmail.com by Thursday 26 March if you are interested.

An important message from Haseltine's Parents/Teachers/Friends Association…

We are pleased to warmly invite you to Haseltine PTFA's Annual General Meeting.

This will take place on **Friday 24 April from 3:45 to 5:30pm** in the Upper Hall.

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) we review the past year and appoint the committee for the year ahead.

Here is the agenda:

- Review the year – the Chair summarises the PTFA's activities, events and achievements.
- Present the finances – the Treasurer shares a summary of money raised, money spent, and the current balance.
- Elect the committee – parents vote to appoint the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- Discuss plans for the year ahead – ideas for fundraising events and how funds might support the school.
- Give parents the opportunity to get involved – anyone interested in volunteering can join the committee or help with events.

AGMs are informal, and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

We hope to see you there.

With best wishes
Haseltine PTFA

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Please see the attachments on the email that sent you this newsletter. They give you details about the following roles of the PTFA members:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Please take a look – you may be more interested than you think!

Haseltine NEEDS <u>you</u>!

A message from the Royal Ballet and Opera Learning & Participation team…

RBO YOUTH OPERA PROGRAMMES

<u>RBO Youth Opera Programme Applications (2026-2027)</u>

The Royal Ballet and Opera have opened applications for places on our FREE Youth Opera programmes starting in September 2026. We invite applications from all enthusiastic young singers living in and around London, who will be aged 8 –11 on 1st September 2026 (currently in Years 3-5).

<u>Young Voices Programme</u>
Young singers who will be aged 8 on 1st September 2026 are invited to apply for our Young Voices programme – a FREE 6-month singing programme aimed at developing participants' vocal skills and musical literacy.

<u>Youth Opera Company</u>
Young singers who will be aged 9-11 on 1st September 2026 are invited to apply for our Youth Opera Company programme – a FREE multi-year in-house chorus which offers all-round training in the performing arts and opportunities to audition for the children's chorus in the Royal Opera Company's productions.

All applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- A passion for and commitment to singing
- An interest in drama and performing skills
- An enthusiasm for teamwork and collaboration

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We particularly welcome applications from those typically under-represented within youth singing programmes including those who are from global majority heritages, lower-income backgrounds, those who are boys, and disabled children.

For more information regarding the RBO Youth Opera Programmes and how to apply, please visit our website here: RBO Youth Opera Programmes

Please submit your application **by midnight on Sunday 10 May**. Should you experience any issues completing the application form, please contact youthopera@roh.org.uk in advance of the deadline.

Careers Fair:

Just one more week to go until the Annual Haseltine Careers fair. Thank you so, so much to everyone who has volunteered – you are all amazing people.

If you haven't yet spoken to me, but can come and help on Friday 20th March 9am-12pm, please either confirm with me at the gate or email me: s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk

Thank you so, so much

A reminder of dates coming up this term – please see my last newsletter for the details of each of the events…

- Careers Fair: Friday 20th March 9am-12pm (I apologise if Eid falls on this date, it is too late for me to change the date of the Careers Fair now – I hadn't realised when I booked the date back in September that it may fall on the same day. I'm very sorry if that means you will miss it). **Don't forget that children can wear outfits for who/what they would like to be when they grow up!**

- Henna Tattoos for Eid in the Hub after school Monday 16th to Thursday 19th March

- Eid Celebration in the Hub on the 23rd March. This is the same evening as the Parent/Carer & Teacher meetings, so please pop into the Hub at any time that you have a break between meetings

- Parent/Carer & Teacher meetings on Monday 23rd & Wednesday 25th March, 5F & 1M have them on the Tuesday not Monday. **Please make sure that you have booked your time slot by using the Arbor app. Do that NOW if you haven't done it yet!**

- Easter Hat parade & KS2 singing performance (weather permitting) on Thursday 26th March. Arrive at school for 3.05 to be let into the playground, EYFS & KS1 parade starts at 3.10pm and the singing soon after

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- **Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with suspected (or diagnosed) ADHD and/or challenging behaviours on Thursday 26th March from 9am** (see my last newsletter for further details)

- **We break up on Friday 27th March –** normal time. We then return to school on Monday 13th April

- There will be a **coffee morning with me on Friday 17th April, 9-10.30am** for parents/carers of children in years: Reception, yr1, yr4 & yr6. This will be to go through all of the assessments and/or tests that will be taking place for your child in the summer term

- **We have an INSET day on Thursday 7th March:** this is because it is a Polling Day

Please see our website for all other holiday dates:
https://haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk/about/holiday-dates/

Who has won the Attendance Trophy this week?

2nd – 9th March

KS1

	Class	Attendance
1st	1N	98.7%
2nd	2H	98.65%
3rd	1M	96.75%

KS2

	Class	Attendance
1st	3M	99.21%
2nd	4Ba	98.64%
3rd	4BP	98.38%

This was the best week we have had for a long time! Yay!!!

Don't forget to sign-up for Studybugs if you haven't already…

https://studybugs.com/about/parents

I cannot tell you how much easier it will make your life!

Have a lovely weekend everyone, Happy Mother's Day ☺