HAYWOOD Academy opened its doors to the class of 2015 with a lavish awards ceremony to celebrate the exceptional progress made by this year group. They were joined in their celebrations by Councillor Janine Bridges and Joan Walley who both said they were honoured to be included in the event.

The VIP guests spoke passionately about the opportunities that lay ahead for these young people. Students were recognised for individual subjects, coping in the face of adversity and for outstanding achievement.

The evening closed with a stunning firework display and a spontaneous round of applause.

HISTORY and Art departments have worked together with over 120 students to design and produce a wreath made of red ceramic poppies to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of World War 1. It demonstrates the artistic skills of the students along with their feelings towards this significant historic event. In the centre of the wreath is a photograph of a group of soldiers who lost their lives at the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1915.

Fred Hughes (pictured), a local historian and Director of the City Learning Trust, unveiled this very special poppy wreath which is on permanent display at Haywood Academy.

Head of Art Linda Weston said: “During PSHE lessons each student rolled slabs of clay and hand modelled a poppy. Once the work had been fired they carefully painted their poppy to create a giant wreath of remembrance.”

Head of History John Barlow said: “This is a unique and fitting tribute to the generation of men and women who sacrificed so much for our freedom.”

Colourful poppies created by students form a wreath memorial which now hangs in pride of place at Haywood Academy to mark the centenary of World War I.
Smooth running Academy thanks to site team

THIS term the spotlight is on Site Supervisor Martin Lewis who has worked at Haywood for 14 years. Martin and his team ensure the smooth running of the Haywood Academy Site.

In his spare time Martin enjoys hill walking, badminton and swimming. He regularly takes a dip at the Newcastle Jubilee 2 Pool.

For those readers who follow athletics, many of you may already know of Olympian Pole Vaulter, Stephen Lewis. Stephen is Martin’s son and is now living and training in America in preparation for the Rio 2016 Olympics.

Martin also lends his support to the Douglas MacMillan Hospice as a Dougie Mac Ambassador. Clearly the support of volunteers like Martin helps the Hospice to continue to care and support patients and their families in North Staffordshire who are facing life limiting illness. Lend your support and – Be inspired!

Kit car races in ‘GRAND PRIX’

BUDDING motor racers visited Rockingham Race Track on Saturday 10th October to race in the Greenpower F24 International Kit Car final 2015.

The students have been working for 12 months building, engineering and racing the kit car, competing in numerous events that resulted in it qualifying for the international final.

The race team had 90 minutes to complete as many laps as possible of the circuit, using one set of batteries. For 50 minutes the team were race leaders, with over 2 minutes’ lead over other schools, but after 50 minutes the gearing and batteries unfortunately began to fade and we could not keep up with the fast pace.

The team finished 13th out of 37 schools from as far as Poland and the USA! We did win the fastest lap.

The team consisted of Dean Watkin, Ben Dutton, Jamal Rasool, Callum Jones, Mahleki Mufarowashe, Jack Gamble, Mitchell Underhill, Samuel Brock and Rhys Forrester.

Furry, prickly and slippery visitors

SIXTY primary pupils from Holden Lane, Priory, Hillside, Glebe, Smallthorne and Mill Hill walked on the wild side when they visited Haywood Academy. The pupils had the opportunity to get ‘hands on’ with a wide range of rare animals including, meerkats, bearded dragons, snakes, scorpions, tarantulas and millipedes.

Later, the pupils wrote a piece of creative writing that will be judged by the Head teachers from each of the schools. Mrs Paula Fergusson, who led the project, said: “It’s a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience and handle animals that they may otherwise not have the opportunity to do so.”

“The creative writing challenge is a wonderful way to enable deep and creative thinking.”
Hundreds attend as new facilities GO ON SHOW

LOCAL businesses and over 200 potential future students attended an open evening for the Academy’s new sixth form.

With the scaffolding now down and new signage on the front of Burslem’s historic Old Town Hall, the building looks well and truly open for business.

Haywood Academy Executive Headteacher Carl Ward and Joan Walley, trustee and former student of Burslem School, welcomed potential students and parents to the event.

After the speeches they were given tours of the three floor campus, saw the futuristic learning environment and presentations from local businesses and top universities about potential future opportunities.

Over 120 work placements were offered last year under the Academy’s work-based learning programme to offer students year-long work experience alongside their studies and spend valuable time learning more about potential careers.

Carl Ward said: “It was great to see such a turnout from students and the business community.

“The Sixth Form Academy has already made a huge difference in breathing new life into Burslem, and this will only increase when a new year group start studying there in 2016. Support from local businesses is encouraging and offers our students some amazing opportunities.”

For more information about the sixth form visit www.haywoodsixthformacademy.coop

Deputy Headteacher Mike Whittingham welcomes visitors to the open evening.

Coffee, chocs and poppy sales raise charity cash

On September 25th 2015, students at Haywood Academy held a Coffee Morning cake sale for MacMillan. Students throughout the school bought and made cakes for this very worthy cause.

Over 600 hundred cakes were sold, raising £219 for MacMillan. Special thanks to companies who donated raffle prizes. In October we held a chocolate sale and raffle in memory of local teenager Jordan Burndred.

In November, Mrs Annette Barnett received a thank-you letter from the Royal British Legion for raising £139 by crocheting and selling poppies.

Students experience the world of work

THIS year, Work Experience week was the first week of the summer holidays. It was a voluntary opt in scheme for Y10 students. 40 students signed up and the week went really well with good feedback from Employers.

Students were visited by the Academy Careers Team during the week to check on progress. This year students who participated will have Work Experience Certificates to celebrate their achievement.

Mr Hargreaves our Careers Development Adviser said: “I think work experience gives students an advantage when applying for Apprenticeships and helps them to explore their Career Choice.

“First-hand experience is much more insightful than watching videos and reading about a career.

“I was proud of the students who took part and thoroughly enjoyed visiting them to see the good work that they have completed.”

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Human Resources Officer Davud Suleman shows Sarah some of the world-leading products made at Steelite International.

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Dressing up for local charity

STUDENTS from Haywood Sixth Form Academy donned fancy dress and collected money for a much-loved local charity as part of their induction.

Students collected £350 from shoppers in Hanley and at Freeport Talke to support the Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

Consider yourself a big fan of our musical

THE rehearsals for the Haywood Academy production of Oliver began in October, with over 80 students involved. While students from Haywood Academy made up the main cast, Smalthorne and Mil Hill Primary pupils also performed sections to accompany the performance.

This is the second time that the City Learning Trust has come together in this way. The stars were certainly shining on the night. The dynamic duo of Alex Lawrence (Year 8) and Mia Sant (Year 8), as Oliver and Dodger, were belting out classics like 'I'd Do Anything' and 'Consider Yourself'.

Both actors had appeared in the Summer production of Annie, but this time they were the charismatic lead actors. Saffron Duffield (Year 11) came to her unfortunate demise as Nancy. An outstanding performance by Ben Meir (Year 10) as Bill Sykes left the audience on the edge of their seats. His excellent understanding of the character led to a terrifying and dark portrayal.

We should also mention Ryan Callaghan's (Year 11) comedic portrayal as Fagin. The audience believed in it and wanted more.

Miss Percival, Miss Brundrett and Miss Smith wish to thank all involved. Auditions for the Summer Production will be in March.

Agency talks give taste of ‘real life’

WE are continually developing students’ awareness of personal health, social issues and citizenship skills.

On Tuesday 13th October we invited visitors in from The Fire Service, Sexual Health Team, Wheel Chair Basketball, Werrington Detention Centre and a Drama performance on cyber bullying.

Mrs Brown, PSHE Coordinator said: “It’s a very exciting day and the students respond very positively to having the opportunity to talk to the various agencies. They were particularly excited to see the demonstration from the Wheel Chair Basketball team.”

It’s take-off time for sixth formers

HAYWOOD Sixth Form Academy’s post16 curriculum widened even further when it was presented with platinum partner status by the Royal Air Force.

The move will provide even more opportunities for students up to and over 18 at the new academy.

Our picture shows Squadron leader Carrie Rossie and Head of Sixth Form Mike Whittingham.

Dates for your diary

Fri 18th Dec – School closes
Wed 6th Jan – School opens
Tue 9th Feb – Y8 Options Evening
Fri 12th Feb – School closes for half term
Mon 22nd Feb – School opens
Thur 17th Mar – Academic Progress Day
Thur 24th Mar – School closes for Easter
Tue 12th Apr – School opens
Thur 28th Apr – Dance Spectacular
Mon 2nd May – Bank holiday
Fri 27th May – School closes for half term

Prison officers give a ‘hands-on’ demonstration of their work.
THE Autumn Term got off to a flying start with visits from Burnwood Primary, Hillside Primary, Newford Primary, Holden Lane Primary, Mill Hill Primary and Sneyd Green Primary.

All participating schools enjoyed opportunities to take part in activities which directly link to their chosen topics.

Year 6 pupils from Burnwood enjoyed making electrical circuits in Science. They also used Scratch in ICT to create their own Great Barrier Reef animation as part of their Australia topic. In food technology they turned their attention to preparing a deliciously healthy vegetable crumble – yummy...

The Mayans set the scene for Hillside Year 6 as they explored the qualities of baking with chocolate. Measuring ingredients accurately and adding delicious decorations all added to the fun!

Science and ICT kept Year 5 busy as they considered the properties of materials and recorded a World War 2 podcast. After the visit, all podcasts were made available for the pupils to share back in school.

An introduction to Algorithms in ICT and Changing State in Science provided Y2 with an exciting and varied visit. The children had to think carefully about the process of making a cup of tea in ICT, whilst melting chocolate proved to be an unexpected treat in Science.

Year 4 visited the D & T Department to design and make their own Roman coins. They also used metal detectors to search for buried treasure on the school field, mapping their finds.

Year 3 focused on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in English. They had to compare and contrast the poor quality food endured by the Bucket family with the delights on offer at the chocolate factory.

Images from the story provided the backdrop to create a video outlining their favourite characters/parts of the story.

Year 4 and 5 have also had the chance to use the sports facilities at Haywood. They practised their PE skills in the Sports Hall and dance moves with Miss Smith in the Dance Studio.

This term the D & T Department at Haywood proudly unveiled a new Scalextric Project. Newford Year 5 pupils were delighted to be the first primary school to take advantage of this innovative new project.

The pupils worked in teams to design and make their cars. They also designed the track.

Whilst putting the cars through their paces, the teams soon came to realise that certain modifications would need to be made before their car would be race ready.

Each team took part in a time trial to find out how many laps their car could complete in one minute. Inspired by this experience, Newford are now considering running a Scalextric Club.

Delicious vegetable bakes and personalised electric racing cars made visits to the academy fun.

Year 2 children from Holden Lane recently attended Haywood to create their own photostory videos about nocturnal animals. They also visited the library in the CLC and enjoyed listening to and acting out parts of the Owl Babies story. Year 5 pupils used a see-saw and lego to explore Forces in D & T.

Miss Corbally (Haywood Librarian) visited Year 2 at Holden Lane. Working in groups the pupils had to identify the characteristics of the animals featured in The Enormous Crocodile story and to compare and contrast the story with Snappy Birthday by Mark Sperring.

Year 4 explored States of Matter in Science and then recorded a podcast showcasing their Science expertise.

Mr Adlington from the Haywood PE Department, visited Mill Hill pupils from both Year 5 and 6, providing them with an opportunity to broaden and take part in a variety of PE activities.

Haywood Academy continues to capture the imaginations of our primary visitors providing enjoyable and challenging experiences for all.
Soccer star picked for ENGLAND GAME

OCTOBER and November has been a very busy schedule for Haywood’s PE teams. Students have performed in three City cross country events held at Haywood, St Joseph’s and Trentham High School.

Additionally, Haywood’s football teams have been busy with fixtures in all age groups in the league, ESFA and Country Cup competitions. Haywood’s Y10 and Y8 teams are in the quarter-final of the County Cup and City Cup and hopefully the team can go on to make the finals of these competitions.

The girls’ football teams have also had fixtures this month playing Painsley and St Margaret Ward. Despite narrowly losing both games, the girls played with great determination and enthusiasm, inspiring more girls to become involved.

Megan Hunt deserves a special mention as she is currently representing the County of Staffordshire Football team (Under 15’s). Furthermore, Megan has made the final trial to represent England in the U15 age group and will represent England North versus England South in a football match at Stafford Town on Sunday 13th December.

Everybody at Haywood will be keeping their fingers crossed that Megan makes the team and wishes her the best of luck with this great opportunity.

Haywood’s Netball team have also performed to a great standard in City competitions and fixtures throughout the Autumn term.

Finally, Dance clubs have been very popular this year with numbers at an all-time high for sports clubs. The PE staff are working hard to create many opportunities to engage as many students in sport as possible.

Check the extra-curricular timetable to see if you would like to join any of the clubs on offer. A marathon challenge is coming soon too!

Under 15 footballer Megan Hunt who has been selected to play in a trial for the England team.