



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to one and all and a very warm welcome back to the Academy, albeit to a cold and snowy start to term, but it is Winter after all. My New Year's resolution to avoid shouting (!) at the TV when Manchester United are not playing well remains unbroken but I don't fancy my chances of making it beyond January. Here's to a happy, healthy and successful 2025 for our pupils and our community.



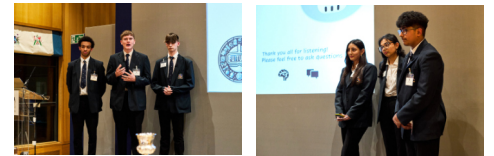
## Livery Award

On December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 the following Year 12 students volunteered to participate in the Livery Award presentation at Haberdashers' Hall in London: Manar, Ellis, Bentley, Giovani, Ekam, Malaika.

The students spent the Autumn term in their own time researching their business idea and then practising how to present to an audience. The format was like The Apprentice or Dragon's Den. They were required to present in front of a room full of business experts and experience their cross-examination.

Their unique business idea was to use the funds offered by the Haberdashers (the 'Dragons') to set up a virtual learning VR-set business which would run school curriculum sessions for any students struggling to learn in a school environment. The team competed with other Haberdashers school teams around the country. The presentation skills of our students were fantastic! Business experts present told them they were very professional and impressive - especially in the question and answer session after their presentation. They were runners-up in the competition but many experts there complimented them on how well they performed.

Students also enjoyed a well-deserved two-day all-expenses paid overnight visit to London which included train travel, hotel stay and free time around the city sight-seeing some of the major landmarks.



## Carols on the Bridge



The annual 'Carols on the Bridge' was once again supported by Abraham Darby Music with a band made up of staff, pupils and ex pupils. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance.

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

● **Arrive on time**

● **Be ready to learn**

● **Commit yourself**

### Recording Absence

Please telephone in using the relevant number everyday of your child's absence.

Years 7,8,9 call 386027

Years 10&11 call 386013

Sixth Form call 386056



# HOUSE RUGBY





**Please  
keep your child's  
restaurant account  
in credit**

THE PUPILS OF HABERDASHERS' ABRAHAM DARBY PRESENT

## OUR DAY OUT

BY WILLY RUSSELL

Mrs Kay takes her group of school children from the Progress Class on a school trip to Wales, they can't wait to see what is beyond their hometown... until they find they are being supervised by the disciplinarian Deputy Head, Mr Briggs - a battle of wits ensues between the exuberant pupils and the humourless Mr Briggs.






ABRAHAM DARBY, AUDITORIUM, 7PM  
WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

£6 ADULT  
£5 CONCESSION

Tickets available on Parent Pay.  
Any queries see Ms Rowson.  
Tickets also available from the KS3 hub.

This amateur production of "Our Day Out (Play Version)" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd  
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



# 'HAD Big Gig'

Year 7 talent show

**Wednesday  
5<sup>th</sup> February  
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm**

£3 on the door  
Refreshments available to purchase

**All proceeds to Birmingham Children's Hospital**




# Year 9 Parents Evening Thursday 23rd January 4.00pm - 6.30pm



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### Fundraising Raffle

Half the money raised going to Cancer Research, half to Sixth Form trips and experiences.

#### Prize List:

- Family of four West Midlands Safari Park Ticket
- Paintballing for ten people with thanks too Warped
- Two tickets to Trentham Monkey Forest
- Family passes to Attingham Park and Weston Park
- Adventure voucher for Alderford Lake
- Voucher for Putt Putt Noodle

#### Food and Drink

- Beefy Boys for two
- £30 Voucher for Queens Horton
- Afternoon Tea for two at The Valley
- Voucher for the Water Rat Ironbridge
- £25 drinks vouchers for Cock Hotel Wellington (18+)

\*loads of other amazing prizes including a wine hamper (18+) and a chocolate hamper

Ticket are £2, see Mrs Yeomans in the 6<sup>th</sup> form pod

Draw 27<sup>th</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> form hall at 6.30pm

