



Summer 2024  
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## Message from the Headteacher



### Staff Goodbyes

At this time of the year, we are saying goodbye to a number of staff. Stuart Mctiernan is retiring from the school after working here for 22 years. I would like to thank him for his dedication as Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Marcangelo is also retiring after 15 years as a Food Technology teacher and Food Technician. I wish them both a long and happy retirement. Mr Bowman has secured a promotion after 8 years at Haydon School and Miss McAvilley has also secured a promotion. Mrs Dale will also be leaving Haydon School to take up a position at another school. We are also losing the following: Mr Noor, Mr Richards, Miss Gonzalez-Proctor, Miss Orton and Miss Marasco. I would like to thank them all for the work that they have undertaken at Haydon School and wish them all well for their future careers. I have spent a significant time recruiting staff for the next academic year and I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed for September.

### Year 6 Transition Summer School (29 to 2802 Aug July 2024)

We have around 170 Year 6 students, who will join us in September, signed up for our Transition Summer School. We are delighted to have the opportunity of ensuring these students have a really positive first experience of Haydon School. We have planned a full week of activities – each student will receive a curriculum comprising English, Maths, Science and PE team building activities and other enrichment lessons. Integral to the schemes of work will be the Haydon Values and one of our main aims is to ensure students make new friends and get to know the school environment. We have a great team of staff who are really looking forward to giving the students a positive, fun learning experience, which will serve as an excellent transition to Haydon from their primary school.

We also have just under 150 Year 5 students coming into school on Friday 26th July for a day.

### Site Improvements over the summer holidays

It will be another busy summer for our site team. On Dobson's first floor we are going to create two classrooms; one IT suite will be converted into a classroom to accommodate the increased need for a classroom for the humanities team. As we need a second classroom, the IT team will be relocated into another office and their current office will be converted into a classroom too.

Our classroom overheating project is due to be completed by the end of August.

The rainwater garden in front of the reception is now complete. We are really pleased with the outcome. In August, the second rainwater garden will be completed near undercroft. It will really soften the look of that area and bring some colour to it. We are really happy that every year we continue to improve our school site to provide our students and staff with a pleasant environment to learn and work.

### A-Level Results Thursday 15th August and GCSE Results Thursday 22nd August 2024

All results will be available to pick up in person from the Sixth Form Centre to Year 13 students on Thursday 15 August and to Year 11 students on Thursday 22 August from around 8.30 onwards. We are really looking forward to celebrating the success of our students with them. For Year 11, the Sixth Form team will be on hand throughout the morning to make the process of enrolment as simple as possible. If for any reason students can not attend in person, it is possible to enrol online via Ms Follows (Sixth Form Pastoral Lead) using the email address [pfollows@haydonschool.com](mailto:pfollows@haydonschool.com). Enrolling online should only be done due to pre-booked holidays or emergencies that mean attending in person is impossible. We really look forward to celebrating with Year 11 and welcoming our students back to Sixth Form. Mr Gosling has also written to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 families confirming these arrangements.

**As a reminder of our return dates for September, Monday 2nd September is an inset day for staff only, Years 7 & 12 return to school on Tuesday 3rd, and all other year groups return on Wednesday 4th September.**

Finally....

I wish all students, parents and staff a very enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

Robert Jones  
Headteacher





Haydon School

# Year 6 Open Evening

19th September

Book online:

[www.haydonschool.com](http://www.haydonschool.com)



# Every minute counts

See what happens when you are a little late every day

<p>On time</p>  <p>Full learning</p>	<p>5 min late</p>  <p>3 days lost</p>	<p>10 min late</p>  <p>5.5 days lost</p>
<p>15 min late</p>  <p>8 days lost</p>	<p>20 min late</p>  <p>11 days lost</p>	<p>30 min late</p>  <p>16 days lost</p>

School begins at 8:40 am. Be on time.



April 2024



Sestriere, Italy



# Ski trip

Over the Easter holidays, 30 students went skiing to Sestriere in Northern Italy. The slopes, stunning scenery and excellent instructors created a memorable experience for all. The students had the opportunity to improve their skiing skills, try new challenges, and enjoy the thrill of gliding down the slopes. We are particularly proud of our students for their perseverance and determination throughout the trip. Skiing can be a challenging sport, especially for beginners, but each and every one of our pupils showed incredible resilience. Not only did our students have the chance to improve their skiing, they also had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Italian culture and take part in other activities such as sledding and karaoke.



# Brighter Days Ahead: Our School's Solar Panels Are Up and Running!

We are already saving significantly on the electricity costs, which can then be recycled into other areas to support student outcomes.



# Haydon Clubs

Over 40 clubs to unlock your potential

[haydonschool.com/clubs](http://haydonschool.com/clubs)




# Ensure you have the Satchel One App on your mobile phone

This App gives you a live feed of your child throughout the day and an insight into their progress at Haydon.

[www.haydonschool.com/satchel](http://www.haydonschool.com/satchel)






**“**  
*The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”*  
**”**

Dr. Seuss

**Haydon Library**  
🕒 Monday to Friday - 8 am to 4 pm  
✉ library@haydonschool.com

To access the library catalogue go to  
[www.haydonschool.com/library](http://www.haydonschool.com/library)



  
**Duke of Edinburgh  
Gold Awards**

Haydon School was proudly represented at the DofE Gold Awards Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Attendees, including Prince Edward and astronaut Tim Peake, celebrated our Gold Award achievers' dedication and hard work. Congratulations to our outstanding students: Patrick Carter, Diya Devjani, Akshita Slathia, Fraser Arnell, Bianca Bodrug, Adam Norquoy, Freya Thorpe, and Nikola Blaszczyk!  
#ThinkBig #WeAreHaydon





## Year 12 South Korean visitors



Year 12 students from Hyundai Chungun High School, Ulsan in South Korea came to sample what life is like in a secondary school in London. The students were buddied up with some of our top year 12 students and shadowed them during lesson time. Their teachers also got a chance to observe a Politics lesson and an English lesson.

Our students and staff, including our Headteacher, Mr Jones, were fortunate to be taught how to write their name in Korean and were given an example of a Maths and English exam question. The trip was a great success and everyone felt enriched by the experience. Students from South Korea have been coming to our school for a few years now and we look forward to welcoming them back next year!

## Congratulations to our Debate and Public Speaking club members for their impressive business proposals at the KICK Charity Competition!



All three teams secured at least £1000  
in funding for their innovative projects.  
Well done!



Three teams of students, members of the Debate and Public Speaking club, entered three very different business proposals to the KICK Charity Competition. They were shortlisted to attend a Dragons Den-like Pitch, where they all came away with funding of a minimum of £1000 (subject to increase) to help with their project ideas. These will be a postcode debating society, an Art training and exhibition conference, and Simple Serve sanitary products around the school and within the Hillingdon community.





**We are very proud of you!**

**Thank you to our DofE students who spent 2743 hours volunteering. The social value of this hours is £14,482.**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a prestigious programme that challenges young people across several key areas of personal development. It comprises four main sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expedition. The Volunteering section is particularly commendable as it encourages participants to dedicate their time and effort to benefit others and their communities. Our students have excelled remarkably in this area, showing a deep commitment to making a positive impact. We are immensely proud of their achievements and the lasting contributions they are making to society.



 **YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS**

**Thank you**

to  
**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants**

from  
**Haydon School**

who spent  
**2743 Hours**

**volunteering between  
1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.**

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is  
**£14482**

  
Ruth Marvel, Chief Executive

**June 2024**





We are excited to share that 14 girls from Haydon School across year 8,9 and 10 participated in a computing event organised by the National Centre for Computing Education, aimed at encouraging more girls to explore the fascinating world of computing. The event took place at the Degree Apprenticeship Centre (DAC) building at Warwick University. Students were thrilled to be a part of this program as for most of them it was a first experience of visiting a university campus. The event was run in collaboration with Cyber Women Warwick. Students had an engaging and interactive mystery challenge that promised to be both educational and fun. The first challenge was : Code Quest. In this cryptic challenge, students worked together to crack codes and unravel hidden messages. This aim of the activity was to hone their problem-solving and logical thinking skills which are essential components in the field of computing. Second challenge was Data Detective .In this investigative task, students scoured the web for clues and piece together evidence to crack the case. The goal was to build their research skills and the practical application of data analysis in solving real-world problems.







We are once again delighted to celebrate the success of our students and are pleased to announce the winners of this year's Jack Petchey Achievement Awards. Each year, the Jack Petchey Foundation allows the school to celebrate the efforts of outstanding young people, giving them the opportunity to highlight their passions, talents and personal triumphs. This year our winners celebrate success for a range of outstanding performances in sports, academics, philanthropy and excelling in school events. The students receiving this prestigious award for this year are:

- Maria Switaj – Year 7**
- Tomas Rammi Valentim – Year 7**
- Mael Cannas – Year 7**
- Abigail Fabiani – Year 9**
- Charlotte Huntington – Year 10**
- Judy Alfatih-Izzeldin – Year 11**

To honour their success, the students have all received their certificate and badges in their Year assemblies and we will also proudly feature their accomplishments on our display boards. We hope that this will serve to motivate other students to showcase their talents and ambitions and strive for excellence in all they do. We are very proud of our winners and would also like to thank the Jack Petchey Foundation for continuing to allow us to reward the accomplishments of our students.



# The power of sport

In June, we hosted National Sports Week, celebrating the vital role sport plays in personal development. We firmly believe that sport is not just about physical fitness but also about emotional well-being, character building, and fostering lifelong friendships. Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of sports, showcasing their skills and teamwork. Blessed with sunny days, the events ran perfectly, creating an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie. This week truly underscored our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals through the power of sport.





# Middlesex Athletics



On Monday 24th June, Mr Addison and Mr Borelli took 12 students to Stonex stadium to represent Hillingdon at the Middlesex Athletics. The Hillingdon team was a combination of 11 schools in our Borough and it was very impressive that we had 12 students representing our school. All the students performed very well, in particular Tashae Brown-Grahame had the fastest time for 100m out of all the Boys in the whole competition (12.3s). Nuala Kearney also came second in Javelin and she has only thrown a Javelin previously in PE lessons. The overall results were very positive, the Year 8 boys and girls came 1st, the Year 7 boys came 4th and the Year 7 girls came 2nd for Hillingdon. This was out of 16 Boroughs so coming 1st, 2nd and 4th is a big achievement for our students, school and borough.



# Year 8 Camp



Year 8 camp was very successful this year, all the students had a great time and Kingswood were very helpful during their time there. There were 47 students from Year 8 who travelled with staff to Kingswood in Kent Grosvenor Hall. The students participated in a variety of exciting and fun activities such as the 3G swing, Jacobs ladder, Archery and more (10 different activities). Luckily we had no issue with injured/illness/poor behaviour. Students were based in their own lodge area and had free time to play their own games and even organise their own disco. The trip ran from Wednesday to Friday and I hope all the parents were satisfied with their Child's experience. I would like to thank Mr Addison for organising, and Mrs Dale, Mr McCreeth and Miss Tansley for their support







I am delighted to share the details of the recently concluded educational trip to Greece, organised by the Classics Department of Haydon School, which took place from the 3rd to the 8th of July. This enriching experience was designed to immerse our students in the rich cultural and historical heritage of ancient Greece, and I am pleased to report that it was a tremendous success. During the six-day journey, our students had the unique opportunity to visit some of Greece's most significant archaeological sites and museums, providing them with a hands-on learning experience that extended beyond the classroom. In total, our students visited twelve archaeological sites and seven museums, each offering a wealth of knowledge and a deeper appreciation for the ancient world. This trip not only enhanced their understanding of classical studies but also inspired a newfound respect for the cultural and historical achievements of ancient Greece. We believe that such excursions are invaluable in fostering a love for learning and an appreciation for history among our students. We look forward to organising more educational trips in the future that will continue to enrich their academic journey. I would like to thank Mr Tsakiridis for organising the trip and Mr Cooper and Ms Thomas for accompanying.







# WELCOME



The Year 7 Induction Day at Haydon School was a resounding success, warmly welcoming all the new students who will join us in September. The day was filled with a range of engaging activities designed to help the students get acquainted with their new environment, meet their peers, and begin forming the strong bonds that will support them throughout their school journey. We are now eagerly looking forward to welcoming them again at our summer school, where they will have the entire campus to themselves for a week of immersive learning and fun. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to further explore their new school, make new friends, and start their Haydon School experience on a high note



## Haydon School



**Oxford Symposium at St Helens School**

On Tuesday 11th June Mr Gosling had the pleasure of taking 15 of our Year 12 students to the inaugural Oxbridge Symposium at St. Helens School alongside students from St. Helens and Merchant Taylors. Our students had the opportunity to take part in tutorial discussions and challenge tasks in their chosen subjects that closely mirror the rigours of the application and interview process for the very best Universities in the country. It is a testament to the burgeoning reputation of our Sixth Form that we were invited to the event. Our students really enjoyed the chance to mix with their peers from other high achieving Sixth Forms and now enter the application process with real enthusiasm and knowledge.





Looking to hire a venue for a club/ activity or event?

Haydon have superb facilities available for hire to the local community, including 3 sports halls, 4 new indoor cricket net facilities, a main hall, dance studio and drama rooms, an outdoor playing field, classrooms and many more. **Sports** - We can accommodate a range of

different indoor and outdoor sports activities. Our facilities are suitable for Football, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Badminton, Martial Arts, Fitness, Dance and Yoga classes. **Dance Studios & Performance Space** -

We have great facilities for dance and the performing arts including rooms for rehearsal space or for larger events.

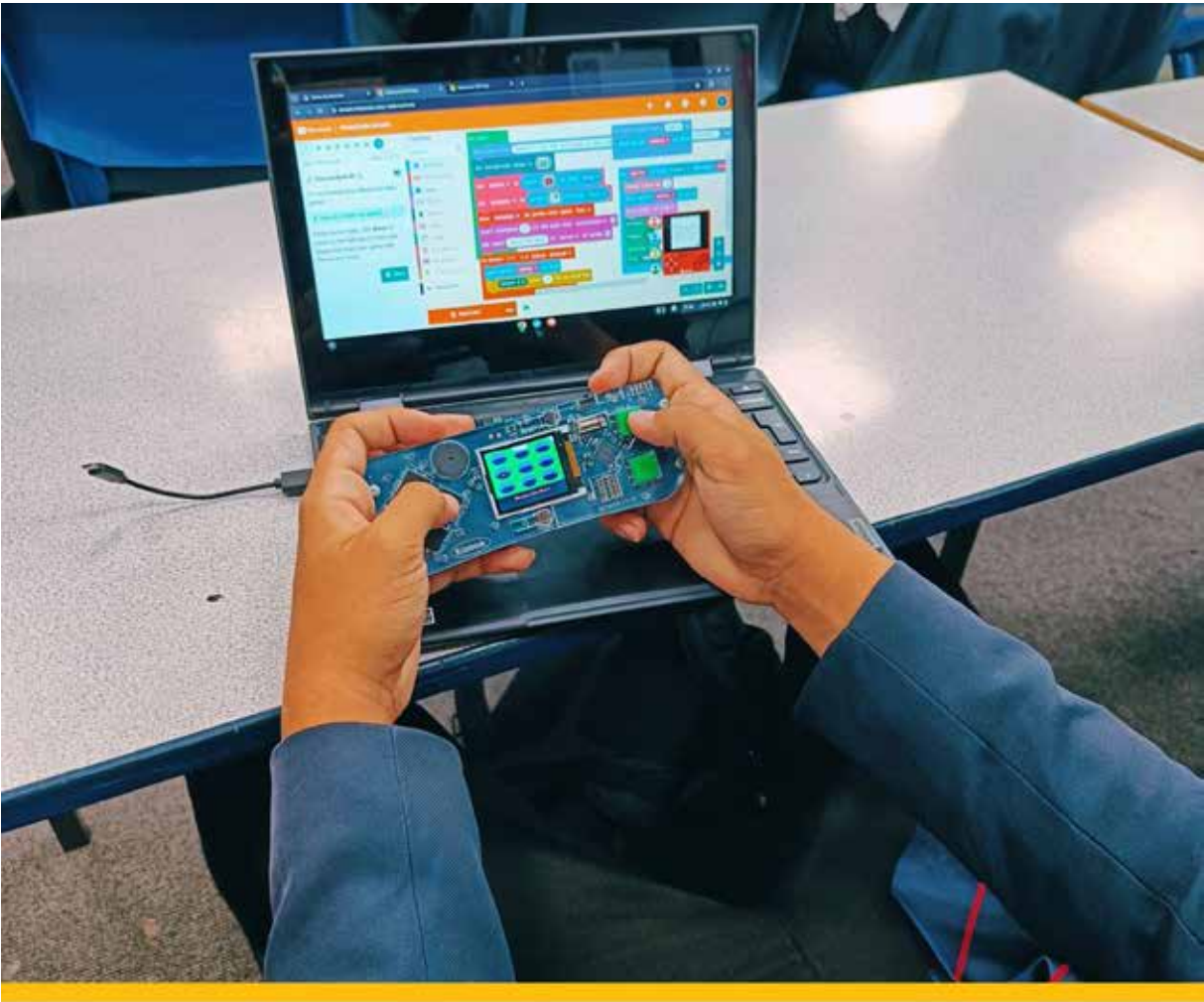
**Conference Facilities**



**& Meeting Rooms** - We have a range of rooms ideal for meetings, training sessions or larger conferences. From a large hall to a standard classroom we offer a variety of rooms to suit your needs. Check availability by email writing to [lettings@haydonschool.com](mailto:lettings@haydonschool.com)







# Sixth Form Students Inspire Younger Years with Game Design and Robotics

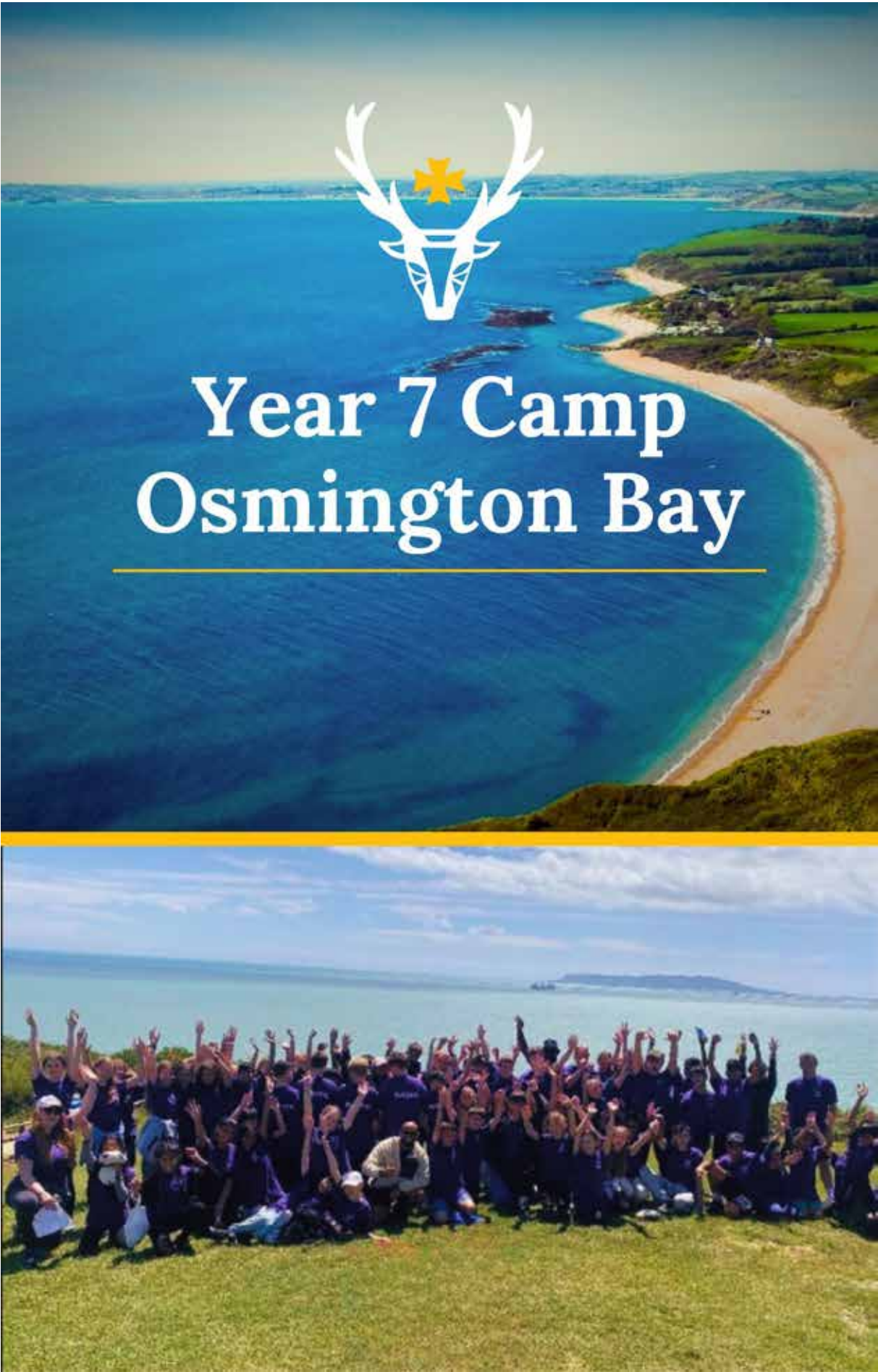
A group of 4 sixth form computer science students embarked on an exciting journey of teaching and innovation as they undertook work experience with the Computing Department. We gave them a mission to ignite a passion for technology in our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. Utilizing game design and robotics as their teaching tools, these budding educators not only captivated their younger peers but also left a lasting impact on their educational journey. With their extensive knowledge and enthusiasm for computing, they designed and delivered some interactive lessons that seamlessly blended creativity with technology. The response from the younger students was spectacular. One of the highlights was the game design module. Year 7, 8 and 9 students were introduced to the basics of coding through fun and engaging game development projects. Our sixth formers guided them through the process of creating simple yet intriguing games, demonstrating how coding can be both educational and enjoyable. The younger students were thrilled to see their ideas come to life on the screen, fostering a deeper understanding of programming concepts.







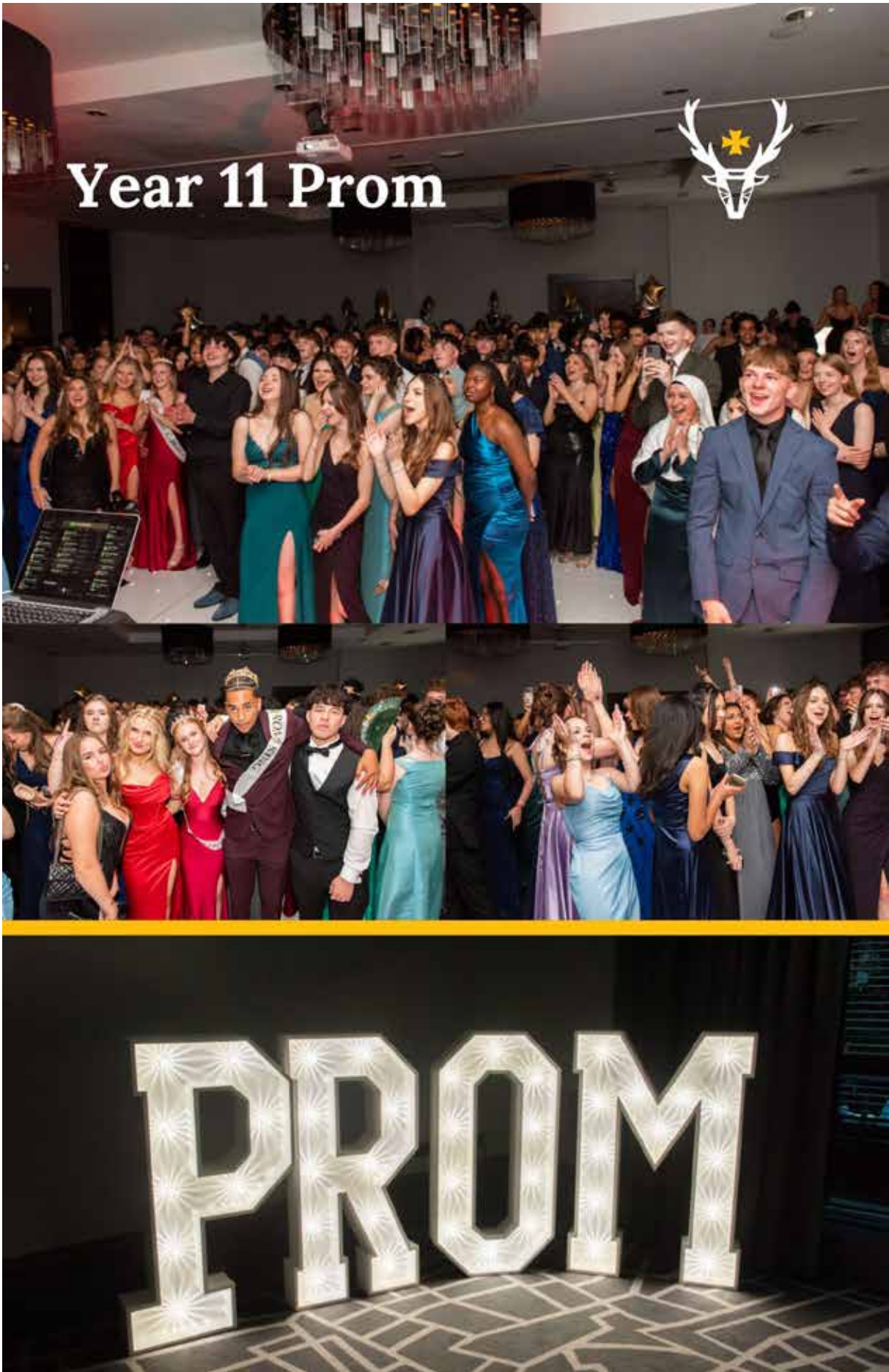
The Year 9 camp in Costa Brava, Spain, was a massive success! Perfect weather, impeccable student behaviour, and countless unforgettable memories. So proud of our fantastic group!







The school summer recital was a lovely evening that showcased the immense talent of our students and the dedication of our music department. Families enjoyed an array of captivating performances, taking pride in the remarkable progress their children have made. This event was not just a celebration of musical talent but also a fantastic opportunity for students to build confidence and develop invaluable skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. The atmosphere was filled with joy and appreciation, highlighting the importance of the arts in personal growth and community spirit







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