



Haydon
School



Futures Evening

2026



Welcome

Achieving individual excellence
in a caring community



**We hope you have an
informative and helpful evening**

**The structure of the evening is
in two parts.**

1. Presentation

Higher education and apprenticeships

Miss S Mead (Head of Year 12) and Mr Gosling
(Assistant Headteacher) in St Mary's Hall

This will take place in two time slots

6.35 pm and 7.15 pm

There will be an opportunity after each talk to
ask further questions individually.

2. University fair

In the Canteen

6.30-8.30 pm

Universities represented



- Brunel University
- Cardiff University
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Reading University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Swansea University
- Southampton Solent University
- University of Bath
- University of East Anglia
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Kent
- University of Leeds
- University of Nottingham
- University of Sheffield
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of West London
- University of Winchester
- University of Roehampton
- University of Leicester
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Law
- University Campus of Football Business
- JCA London Fashion Academy
- The School of Journalism



We also have in attendance:

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- AIMS (Apprenticeships, Information, and Meaningful Encounters)
 - Haydon School Careers Advisor

Degree Apprenticeship Alumni, including:

- Harry Jiggins Finance - HSBC
 - Charlie Jones - Chartered management degree apprentice (CMDA) The Dorchester
 - Lewis Williams - Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management - Multiplex
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We do encourage students looking at entering the workplace or applying for an apprenticeship to attend one or more of the following larger jobs fairs

Pilot Careers Fair

18th April 2026

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pilot-careers-live-uk-london-18-april-2026-tickets-1968220457371>

National Apprenticeship Week (9–13 February)

More information to follow

National Apprenticeship Show

10th & 11th of February 2026

<https://nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/london-se/>

General Job/Career Fairs:

<https://allevents.in/london/job-fairs>

London Job Show

15th & 16th May 2026

<https://www.londonjobshow.co.uk/shepherdsbush/>



What to do after this evening

- **Continue discussing which subject/course you would like to study/train in.** You should be interested enough to study it for three, possibly four years.
- **Ensure you log in to Unifrog regularly.** This tool is an excellent way to browse through the various Universities and the courses they offer – it is extremely user-friendly. It also has an apprenticeships section for those students who do not intend to go to University. Every student will be given the code to enable them to set up and login.
- **If you intend to apply for Oxford, Cambridge and/or a medicine related course you should attend Haydon Scholars Club.** Begin practising the test required for your course – you should approach it like another A-level. Additionally, you should attend the Oxbridge Evening date tbc.



What to do after this evening

- **Start to narrow down a University / Apprenticeship choice (once you have decided on your subject)**
- **Attend University taster days / Jobs fairs to get a better picture of what that University/course has to offer** – you are able to take three days of authorised absence to attend these if they are not available at weekends and holidays. You have to apply for this in advance using the University Open Day Visit Form.
- **Begin to think about your Personal Statement.** Remember it should be 80% academic and 20% extra-curricular (90% academic for Oxbridge). You will need to show an interest in your subject e.g. Wider reading, attendance at taster days, lectures, summer schools - Super Curriculum etc. You should log any activity you do which demonstrates this on Unifrog – Activity tool, so you can build a bank of evidence to use later in the year. Visit our Super Curriculum page on our website: www.haydonschool.com/supercurriculum



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- **Look for Leadership/ Volunteering Opportunities** in and outside of school, to help develop and demonstrate key skills that you can write about in your personal statement/C.V. Alongside this make sure you secure a meaningful work experience placement.
- **Ensure you do well in Mock exams** (mock exam grades at the end of Year 12). Your predicted grades for A-Level will also be based on your Mock exam grades alongside your end of topic tests throughout the year. The predicted grades are what will be declared on your application to UCAS or an apprenticeship and it is crucial they are the best they can be.



Key Dates

Spring Term

Research future courses and source work experience placement

2nd March – Oxbridge Evening

Summer Term

13th-24th April– UCAS exams

May – Work experience placement secured

July (exact date tbc) – Futures Day – registering for UCAS and starting application / or CV writing + interview workshops

6th July – Deadline for draft of personal statement

13th-17th July – Work experience week

17th July – Last Day of term

Autumn Term

15th October – Oxbridge & Medicine application Deadline

1st November – Internal Deadline for all other University Applications



Useful websites

www.unifrog.org – the online destinations platform – all students should be using this on a regular basis

University applications:

- [ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com)

University research:

- [university.which.co.uk](https://www.university.which.co.uk)
- [unistats.com](https://www.unistats.com)
- [opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com)

University funding

- [gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)
- [gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)
- [scholarship-search.org.uk](https://www.scholarship-search.org.uk)
- [grantfairy.com](https://www.grantfairy.com)

Finding extra reading/online courses

- [futurelearn.com](https://www.futurelearn.com)
- [myheplus.com](https://www.myheplus.com)

Finding voluntary opportunities

- [vinspired.com](https://www.vinspired.com)
- [do-it.org](https://www.do-it.org)

Apprenticeship applications / research

- [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)
- [apprenticeships.org](https://www.apprenticeships.org)
- [amazingapprenticeships.com](https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)
- [notgoingtouni.co.uk](https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)
- [milkround.com](https://www.milkround.com)

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are ambitious for
their pupils.
Leaders have
prioritised the
creation of positive
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between pupils and
staff in order to
help pupils succeed
in all aspects of
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Opening paragraph of the OFSTED Report, October 2022



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