

10 July, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Ms Appleby

After 26 wonderful years at Haydon, the time has come for me to say goodbye as I move on to become Head of School at Kingsbury High School. Haydon has been an amazing place to work, and it has been a real privilege to be part of such a supportive school community for over two decades. It has been incredibly special to watch generations of the same families come through the school. In fact, many of the students I taught in my early days are now back here as Haydon parents, and some are even grandparents!

Throughout my 11 years on the Senior Leadership Team, and most recently as DSL, developing genuine relationships with families and carers has been at the very centre of my work. I have always really valued parent voice, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the countless school events, meetings and evenings where I've had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with so many of you. Thank you all so much for your unwavering support and partnership over the years. I will miss you all and leave with the fondest memories of our time together.

School has been extremely busy recently, and here are some of the highlights.

Twist Museum

On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July, Year 10 Psychology students attended the Twist Museum in Central London. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to put their learning from the GCSE Perception topic into practice and actually experience some amazing visual illusions first-hand. Students were encouraged to take lots of photos throughout the day, especially in the immersive illusions like the Ames Room. Most students also had their own "hollow head hologram" produced for them, which they could download to their phones or have emailed directly. Despite the heat, all students had a wonderful time and have spoken very highly of the experience. The students were a credit to the school and their parents in how they conducted themselves throughout the trip.

Girls into Computer Science Conference at City of London School for Girls

Our GCSE Computer Science girls recently attended the Girls into Computer Science Conference hosted by the City of London School for Girls on 26th June 2026. The event brought together students from different schools for a day of inspiring talks, practical workshops, and valuable insights into the exciting world of computing and technology.

The conference featured three engaging workshops, each designed to develop problem-solving, computational thinking, and programming skills. A particular highlight of the day was the industry panel discussion, featuring professionals from leading technology organisations, including Google and fintech companies. Students had the opportunity to ask

thoughtful questions about careers in technology, the growing impact of artificial intelligence on the workplace, and how AI is shaping the future of software development and other computing professions. The honest and insightful responses from the panellists were inspiring and sparked lively discussions throughout the session. The conference was a fantastic opportunity for our students to deepen their technical knowledge, develop their confidence, and gain a better understanding of the wide range of career opportunities available in Computer Science. They returned with new ideas, practical skills, and greater enthusiasm for pursuing computing both at school and beyond.

Get into Electronics Event

A small group of 15 GCSE Computer Science students attended the Get into Electronics workshop hosted by the UCL Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering on 1 July 2026. The event was designed to inspire the next generation of engineers by showcasing how electronics can be used to solve real-world problems and improve lives. Students were then given an exclusive tour of UCL's world-class laboratories. They visited a cutting-edge Network Laboratory, where researchers are developing the next generation of fibre-optic communication systems to increase network bandwidth and meet the growing demands of our connected world. In the Nanotechnology Laboratory, students learnt how to fabricate microscopic electronic components on silicon wafers using highly sophisticated manufacturing techniques. The tour also included a visit to the Acoustics and Noise Measurement Laboratory, where researchers demonstrated how sound waves can be measured, analysed, and broken down into their component frequencies using advanced equipment. Seeing these state-of-the-art facilities in action was a truly eye-opening experience and gave students a glimpse into the exciting research and courses offered at UCL. The visit was an unforgettable experience that combined cutting-edge research, practical engineering, and meaningful conversations with researchers and industry professionals. We are grateful to the UCL Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering for organising such an inspiring and enriching day.

Year 11 Prom

On Friday, 3rd July, the Year 11s celebrated the end of their GCSEs at The Hilton Hotel, Watford. It was great to see the 230 students who attended in their prom outfits and were quickly up on the dance floor. Miss Tansley and Mr Wake handed out the prom awards voted for by the students, including the prestigious prom king and queen, as well as a variety of other awards voted for on the night. There was also an incredible live performance by 5 of our extremely talented Year 11 students who have their own band, 'The Era'. The students are looking forward to their longer summer break before results day on 20th August, when we look forward to seeing them receive their results and sign up for their option choices at our 6th form. We wish all the students the very best for their results and in whatever path they choose to take from September.

Year 13 Prom

Last Thursday, we celebrated Year 13 at the prestigious Moor Park Golf Club. It was fantastic to see all the students dressed up and celebrating what, for many of them, is the culmination of 7 years of hard work at Haydon School. Staff particularly enjoyed talking to the students about their holiday plans, university destinations, and future career plans. It is always so enjoyable to see our students thrive, and it is lovely to hear how grateful they are for the Haydon staff setting them on the right path. We wish them every success and look forward to celebrating with them again on A Level Results Day on 13th August.

Transition Evening / Day

On Monday, 6th July, we invited all the Year 6s joining us in September for a presentation from Mrs De Jong, Mr Wake and Miss Tansley. This was a well-attended event and a great opportunity for the new members of our school community to learn more in-depth about the school, and for the students to find out which house they were in and to meet their form tutors. Following this, on Tuesday, 7th July, all our new students came into school for their transition day. A large number of parents then joined us for our coffee morning for an opportunity to meet other parents as well as various members of staff. For the students, the day consisted of team-building activities with their new classmates, a tour of the school, a school dinner, and Drama, PE, and Science lessons. During these activities, students were given the opportunity to begin earning house points for next year's competition. We hope that the students thoroughly enjoyed their day. A key part of this day running smoothly was the large number of our Year 12 leadership team supporting the staff and students throughout the events. As ever, they were excellent role models and ambassadors of the school.

Year 12 Futures Day

Last Friday, Year 12 spent the day beginning the UCAS application process. The day involved sessions with their form tutors, a talk on Student Finance, and workshops on Degree Apprenticeships and Russell Group Universities. The day culminated in the annual Year 12 Sports Day, used as a way to foster Sixth Form community spirit. It was lovely to see our students take their first steps in deciding their onward career paths once their time in Sixth Form comes to an end.

Summer Concert

Our annual Summer Concert was a wonderful celebration of the talent, creativity and enthusiasm of our young musicians, providing the perfect way to bring a busy and successful term to a close. With our older students having recently completed their examinations, it was fantastic to see the spotlight firmly on our younger performers, with the majority of participants coming from Key Stage 3, alongside several talented Year 10 students. More than 40 students took to the stage, delivering an entertaining and varied programme that showcased the depth of musical ability within our school community.

The evening was expertly hosted by Tomas Rammi Valentim and Viraaj Bhandnagar, whose confidence, warmth and professionalism ensured the concert flowed seamlessly from beginning to end. Every performance reflected the hard work, commitment and courage of our students. Whether performing as a soloist or as part of an ensemble, each musician demonstrated not only their developing musical skills but also the confidence to perform in front of a live audience. It was a pleasure to see so many students embracing the opportunity to share their talents with family, friends and staff. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Mr Warak, our Head of Music, whose dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment continue to inspire our students to achieve their very best. My thanks also go to the entire PAMMS (Performing Arts, Media and Music) team, whose teamwork, encouragement and careful organisation made the evening such a resounding success. I would also like to recognise our technical crew, whose professionalism behind the scenes ensured that every performance was presented to such a high standard.



South Korea

Thirty sixth form students and three staff departed to South Korea for a 9 day visit on Thursday 9th July to visit our partner school, Hyundai Chungun High School. I wish them a wonderful time visiting our partner school.

Football Foundation 3G Pitch Project

Haydon School and Ruislip Rangers FC have been working in partnership and have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Football Foundation to have a 3G Pitch at Haydon School. The planning application is approved and we are looking forward to the completion of this project.

Refurbishment of Changing Rooms

Over this summer holiday, we will be completely refurbishing two sets of changing rooms and an accessible toilet. These upgraded facilities will also benefit the users of the new 3G Pitch.

Condition Improvement Fund Grant for Roofs

We applied for two CIF bids to replace roofs in Social Science, Admin and Sixth Form areas. We were very pleased to find out that we were successful in both our bids. We will receive £383K from the Department of Education for these projects. These projects will be completed during this summer holiday.

Fencing Around Top Car Park

To improve site security and safeguard our students and staff we are putting fencing and access control gates around the top car park. The project is expected to be completed during this summer holiday.

September 2026

As a reminder of our return dates for September, Tuesday 1st September is an inset day for staff only, Years 7 & 12 return to school on Wednesday 2nd, and all other year groups return on Thursdays 3rd September.

Times for the new academic year

- Form time will be 8:40-9:10am
- P1 9:10am-10:10am
- P2 10:10am - 11:10am
- P3 11:30am-12:30pm
- P4 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Lunch 1:30pm- 2:10pm
- P5 2:10pm-3:10pm

Key Dates For September 2026

- Tuesday 1st September - Training Day
- Wednesday 2nd September - Year 7-12 First Day
- Thursday 3rd September - Whole School Return
- Thursday 17th September - Year 7 Open Evening Early Closure
- Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November - Half Term
- Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January - Christmas Break

Yours sincerely,



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