



Summer 2026
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Message from the Headteacher



Staff Goodbyes

At this time of the year, we are saying goodbye to a small number of staff. Angela Appleby, after 26 years at Haydon School, is moving to Kingsbury High School as Head of School. I would like to thank her for her huge contribution to the school over many years of dedicated service. I wish her every success in her new role.

Ms Chan is retiring following 18 years at Haydon from her position as teaching assistant. I would like to wish her a long and happy retirement. Ms Srvani is leaving the mathematics department for a position in Central London. I wish her well in her new role. Sadly we are losing Ms Bedi. She has made a significant contribution to Computer Science and has also led our Robotics team as well as organising a number of activities to get students into STEM subjects. Finally, Ms Salter is leaving having been at Haydon School for just under 3 years. I wish her well.

Year 6 Transition Summer School (22 July to 24 July 2024)

We have around 120 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.

Site Improvements over the summer holidays

It will be another busy summer for our site team. The refurbishment of the Girls Changing Rooms started in early July and we are hoping that they will be ready for September. The roof areas in the Sixth Form area, the Administrative block and the Social Sciences building will be replaced. The scaffolding has already gone up and work will commence on Monday 20th July. This work is scheduled to be completed by the new term. New fencing will be installed around the top car park and there will be new entry gates. I am delighted that the astroturf pitch has been approved and I am just waiting for a start date. I am hoping that students will be able to use the pitch sometime in November.

A-Level Results Thursday 13th August and GCSE Results Thursday 20th August 2026

All results will be available to pick up in person from the Sixth Form Centre to Year 13 students on Thursday 13th August and to Year 11 students on Thursday 20th August from around 8.30 onwards. We are really looking forward to celebrating the success of our students. 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. 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.

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 Thursday 3rd September.

Final Words

Finally, it has been a privilege leading the school for the last fourteen years. I have worked here since the 1st September 1999, having joined from Island School in Hong Kong. Twenty seven years is a long time in one place! I certainly will not miss commuting from Ascot!

I will miss working with the children. Over the last couple of weeks, many have asked me why I am retiring and my response is simply I am getting too old! Our Year 12 students gave me some wonderful presents and a good send off in assembly last week which brought a tear to my eye. I also had a lovely farewell dinner with members of the governing body. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for having worked extremely hard, providing so many opportunities for our students. Teaching is a challenging job and their dedication is superb! I wish them a very relaxing summer holiday!

I am very much looking forward to the next chapter in my own life. It will be strange not coming back on the 1st September but I have other plans! Finally, I would like to wish your children every success in the future. They have demonstrated exceptional kindness towards me over the last few weeks and I hope that they continue to flourish and develop in the years ahead.

With very best wishes

Robert Jones





Haydon School

Year 6 Open Evening

17th September

Book online:

www.haydonschool.com



Every minute counts

See what happens when you are a little late every day

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

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



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Dr. Seuss

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Seven Haydon students were recognised with the prestigious Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace, marking the culmination of years of commitment, resilience and personal growth. Congratulations to Fraser, Zakariya, James, Sienna, Giacomo, Isabelle and Scarlett on this outstanding achievement. The Gold Award is the highest level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and requires participants to complete volunteering, physical and skills sections, undertake challenging expeditions, and make a residential contribution alongside young people they have never met before. Reaching this stage takes determination, perseverance and a willingness to step outside your comfort zone. It was a truly inspiring day and a fitting celebration of everything these young people have achieved. While we were only able to photograph some of the award holders on the day, we are incredibly proud of all seven recipients and the journeys they have taken to reach this milestone. As they begin the next chapter of their lives, this achievement serves as a reminder of what can be accomplished through hard work, resilience and a belief in your own potential. Congratulations to all seven Gold Award holders. Haydon School is proud of you.



Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants have successfully completed both their practice and assessment expeditions.

Throughout the experience, students demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork and determination, navigating independently, supporting one another and rising to the challenge in demanding conditions.

They showed real maturity and should be incredibly proud of everything they achieved.

A huge well done to all the students involved, and thank you to the staff who supported them along the way.



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A huge congratulations to our **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award** participants on successfully completing their expedition programme.

For many of our students, this was their first experience of planning routes, carrying everything they needed and spending time in the countryside as part of a team. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, supported one another throughout and showed impressive independence and perseverance.

Completing a Bronze DofE expedition is a significant achievement, and our students should be extremely proud of everything they have accomplished. Parents and carers should be proud too.

Well done to everyone involved, and thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped make the experience possible.





We are very proud of you!

Thank you to our DofE students who volunteered 1911 hours. The social value of these hours is £14,427.

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.



Thank you

to
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from
Haydon School

who spent
1911 Hours

**volunteering between
1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.**

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
£14427



Ruth Marvel OBE, Chief Executive

June 2026



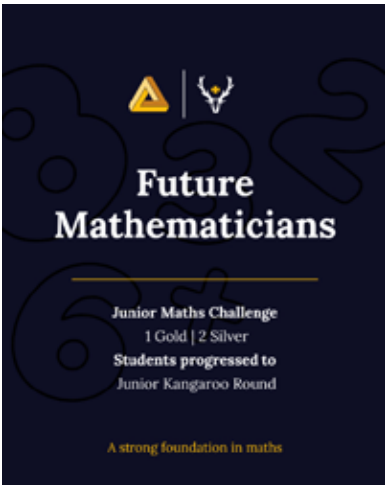
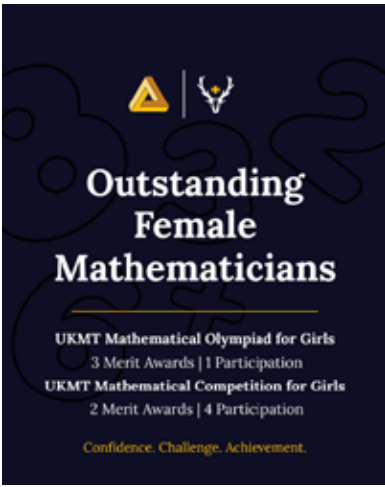
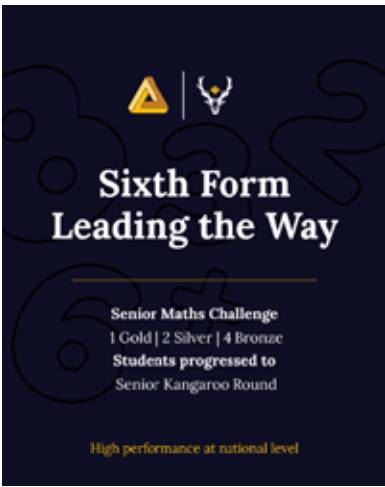
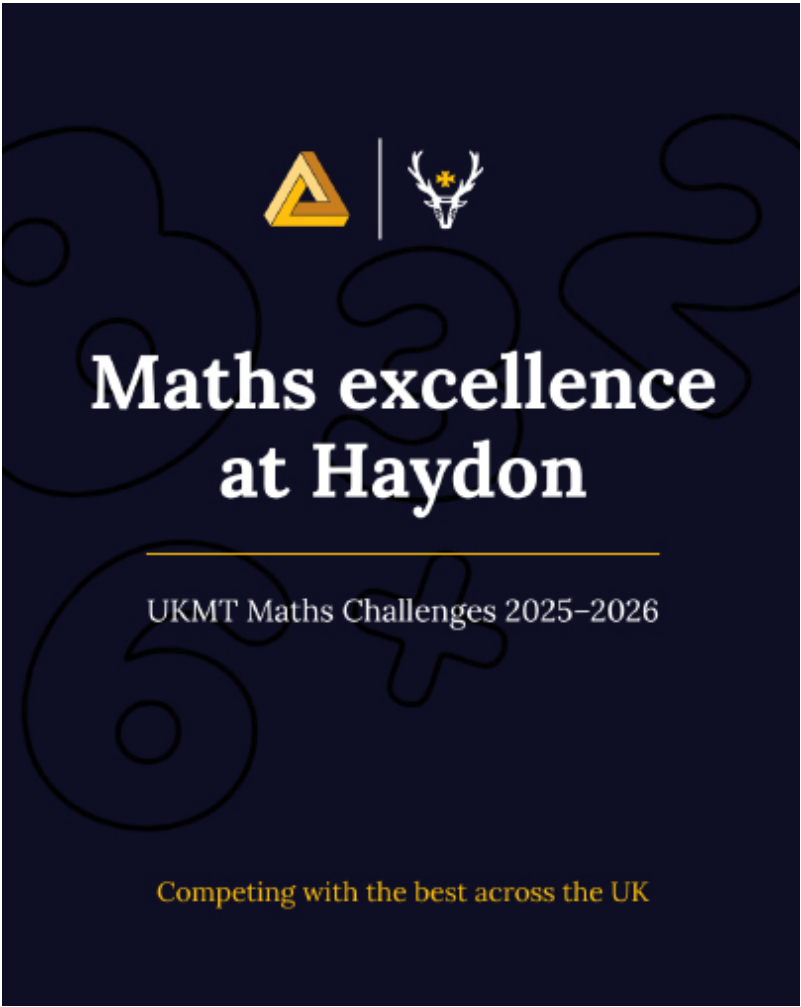
Our last day of term was full of colour and positivity as students took part in a non-uniform day to support our new floodlit astroturf pitch. A huge thank you to our community for your generosity, which helped us raise just over £1,000 towards this exciting project. This is a fantastic start as we work towards the school's £250,000 contribution, with the overall project valued at £1.3 million. The atmosphere around the school was brilliant and showed just how much support there is for this development. We look forward to sharing more ways for everyone to get involved and support the journey.



We celebrated our Year 13 Leavers' Assembly with a memorable afternoon full of laughter, reflection and special moments. From signing shirts in the Sixth Form Common Room to one final assembly together in the hall, our students marked the end of an important chapter in true Haydon spirit. This year's event was made even more special as it included the final Year 13 leavers' speech from Mr Jones before his retirement at the end of the academic year. We are incredibly proud of our Year 13 students and now wish them every success as they begin their A-level examinations. Good luck, Year 13!



Students from Years 7 to 9 enjoyed a fantastic reward trip to Lord's Cricket Ground, the world-famous Home of Cricket. Students had the opportunity to explore the iconic venue, learn about the history of the game and celebrate their achievements with a memorable day out. A well-deserved experience for students who have shown excellent effort, attitude and commitment



Haydon mathematicians continue to excel on the national stage. Our students delivered outstanding results across multiple UKMT Maths Challenges, earning Gold, Silver and Bronze awards and progressing to prestigious follow-on rounds. From our youngest participants to our Sixth Form mathematicians, these achievements reflect a culture of challenge, resilience and high aspiration. We are incredibly proud of every student who took part and represented the school with such commitment.



Our Year 9 students enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to Silverstone Circuit, led by the Maths Department. Throughout the day, students explored the famous track and museum, took part in an engaging workshop, and gained valuable insight into the logistics, engineering, business operations and pricing behind major sporting events. A fantastic opportunity to see how maths is applied in the real world beyond the classroom.



What a fantastic few days at Cuffley Active Learning Centre for our Year 8 students. From outdoor challenges and team-building activities to new friendships and unforgettable memories, the camp was a huge success. Thank you to our staff and students for making it such a positive and rewarding experience.



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Welcome

Open Mornings all year round.
Visit the school during school hours.



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Choosing the right secondary school is one of the most important decisions a family will make, and if you know anyone with a child due to start secondary school, we'd be grateful if you could share this opportunity with them. Alongside our Open Evening and Open Morning events, we offer personalised Open Morning visits throughout the year. These dedicated visits give prospective families the opportunity to tour the school during a normal school day, observe lessons, explore our facilities and ask questions in a more personal setting. While our larger events are a fantastic way to experience the wider Haydon community, many families find that a smaller, one-to-one visit helps them gain a deeper understanding of what makes Haydon such a special place to learn and grow. If you have friends, neighbours or family members who are beginning their secondary school search, please encourage them to book a visit and discover how we support every student to achieve individual excellence in a caring community.

Book an Open Morning visit at: www.haydonschool.com



Haydon Lettings

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

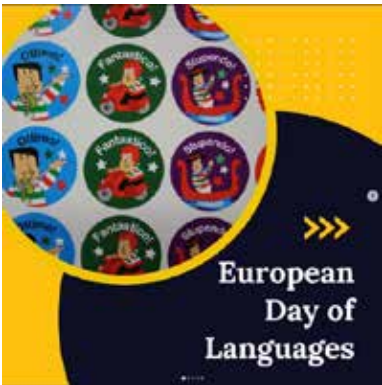
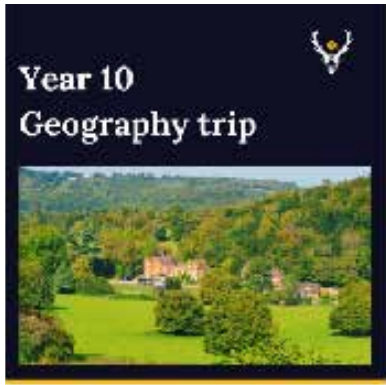
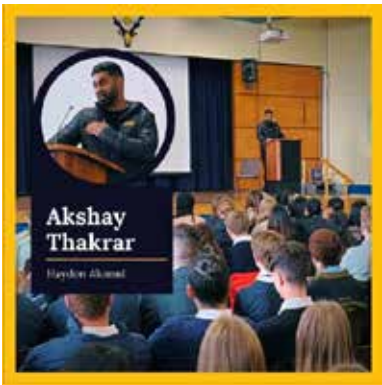
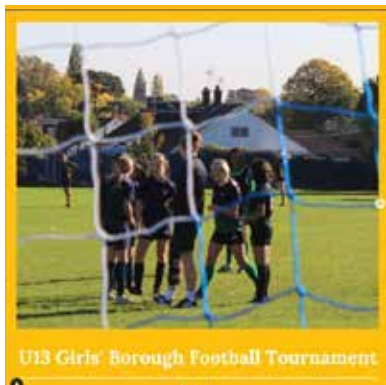
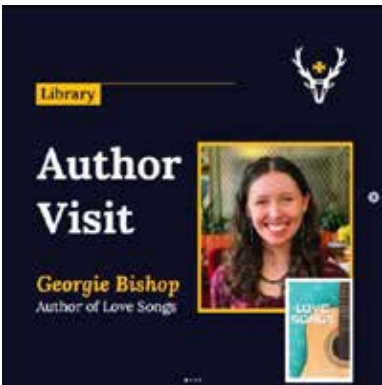
Haydon have superb facilities available for hire to the local community, including 3 sports halls, 4 new indoor cricket net facilities, a main hall, dance studio and drama rooms, an outdoor playing field, classrooms and many more. **Sports** - We can accommodate a range of

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**

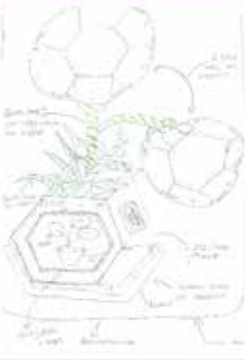


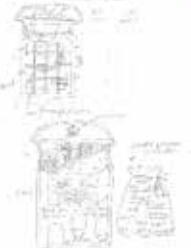
Rooms - We have a range of rooms ideal for meetings, training sessions or larger conferences. From a large hall to a standard classroom we offer a variety of rooms to suit your needs. Check availability and book at lettings. haydonschool.com





Winning Team:
Rico, Alina, Tallulah, Seyi, Kabith
Created a 3D flower for standout in store, adding a seed packet for customer appeal





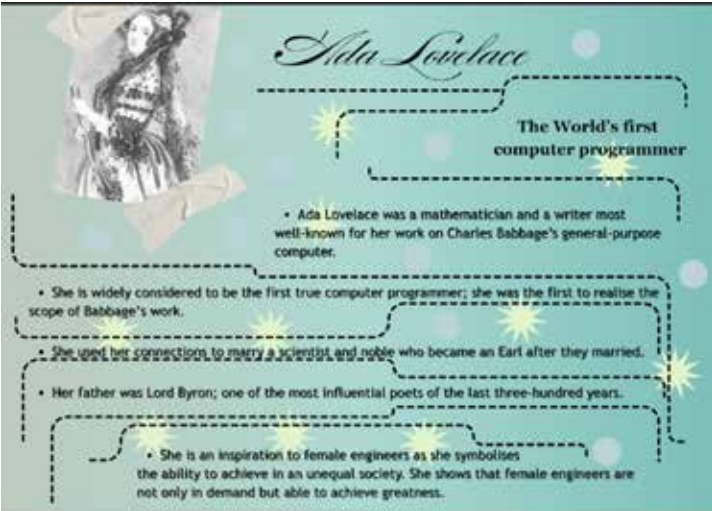
Winning team:
Milla, Sophie, Merve, Idris, Angeline
Created a unusual shape inspired by UK associated emblems. Also stitched a soft bag to be used as a travel bag

Winning Scrum Masters: Aroush and Gabriella

Our Year 9 Design students recently took part in an exciting Scrum Challenge inspired by a real-life brief from the Design Museum. Working in professional-style Scrum teams, students spent four weeks redesigning the packaging for museum products that needed a fresh new look to appeal to customers. By taking on the roles of Product Owner, Scrum Master and Team Member, they developed valuable skills in teamwork, communication, creative thinking and problem-solving while working to tight deadlines. Congratulations to all the students who took part, especially our winning teams and Scrum Masters, whose innovative ideas and outstanding collaboration impressed throughout the project.



International Women in Engineering Day



To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day (INWED), our Design Technology department challenged students to create an inspiring A4 poster highlighting the achievements of one of six pioneering women engineers, inventors and innovators. Through their research, students explored the remarkable contributions of figures such as Ada Lovelace, Mary Jackson and Hedy Lamarr, while considering why greater representation of women in engineering is so important. The competition encouraged creativity, research and design skills, and invited students to inspire the next generation by promoting engineering as an exciting and rewarding career for everyone. Congratulations to all who took part, and especially to our prize winners for their outstanding entries.



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