

Haydon School



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

RWJ/jmp/Headteacher's Update
24 May 2019

Dear Parents

Examinations

We have now completed two weeks of public examinations which have been going very well. We had an inspection from QCA and the school was compliant in all areas. I am sure the students will enjoy a short break next week before the final push next month.

Alumni Evening

On 21 May 2019 we held our first Alumni Reunion. We had a range of speakers attend from a mixture of years. Sonali Shah a Television Presenter and a familiar face of BBC events was a keynote speaker who spoke about why she chose to come to Haydon Sixth Form and about her journey as a journalist.

Alongside this, we had talks from current long service staff members telling us about their memories of Haydon and the changes they have seen over the years. Alumni, Marc Broom – Director of Eastcote Cricket club spoke about his recent partnership with Haydon and his opportunity to give back to the school by helping us install our new indoor cricket facilities. He shared his memories of the ex-head teacher Mr Dobson and reiterated how Haydon gave him the opportunities to pursue his passion of cricket.

The event allowed us to engage with our Alumni network and show them the various opportunities to continue to stay in touch with the school, whether it be through mentoring or supporting our sixth formers to joining us as teaching staff.

The attendees had the opportunity to tour the school and see some of our new developments and familiar areas. Overall the attendees enjoyed the experience of reminiscing about the school and celebrating the success and achievements of Haydon. We hope to continue to keep in touch with our Alumni network through events like these.

Sign up to join our Alumni network here: <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/haydon>

If you missed out on the event you can see a recording of the evening here:

Shortened Version: https://youtu.be/v-ALx_zSF-o

Full Version: <https://youtu.be/-YC7Si1jROQ>

Staff Leaving

Three members of teaching staff are leaving Haydon at half term, these are Mr Coombes (History), Mr Holbrook (Languages) and Mrs Sambo (Languages). I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their contribution to Haydon School and wishing them every success in their future careers.



SIMS Learning Gateway: Migration to Parental App

SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG) will be retired in autumn 2019. It will be replaced by the SIMS Parental App. Some of the key features include: attendance data, behaviour, homework reminders, school reports and information about extra-curricular activities. This will be accessible from a smart phone, tablet or PC. You will receive more information later in the summer term.

For more information about the Parental App please visit the website:

<https://www.capita-sims.co.uk/products-and-services/sims-parent-app>

Parent View

As we move into the final half term of the academic year it would be very helpful if you could provide parental feedback by completing the OFSTED ParentView short survey about Haydon School. Please use this link by pressing 'Ctrl + right click'

Thank you to parents who have already completed the survey, your feedback is much appreciated.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destinaton=give-your-views>

Year 7 Disco



On Friday 10 May, the Interact Club organised a successful disco for Year 7 students. The disco raised £120 which will be donated to UNICEF. Year 7 students celebrated a successful transition to Haydon School and socialised with their peers building new friendships. Interact Clubs bring together young people aged 12-18. The Rotary Club of Pinner sponsor, mentor and guide the Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills. The Interact Club organises at least two projects every year, one that helps the school or community and one that promotes international

understanding. This event was the last for Club President Callum O'Grady (Year 11) and former Club President Niamh O'Grady (Year 13) who have helped build the club and we thank them for their outstanding contributions.

Year 9 Camp

This week 80 Year 9 students have travelled to Azu'rivage in the South of France. Students have been windsurfing, kayaking, cycling, paddle boarding and sailing. On Tuesday evening they travelled to the local beach to watch the sunset and play some sports and on Wednesday they visited Dune Du Pilat which is the largest sand dune in Europe they then headed into Biscarrosse to relax on the beach and enjoy an ice cream. All students have been exceptionally well behaved, are fully engaging in all the activities and are having a great time.



Year 9 Summer School - Brunel University

This week, four of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to taste university life at Brunel. They spent three days on campus alongside degree students and engaged in an interesting series of activities.

The first day included a forensic science lesson where students were involved in crime scene analysis, DNA fingerprinting and courtroom procedure. This was followed by martial arts for self-defence class where they learned the basic movements of kickboxing techniques combined with an introduction to street awareness and aspects of physical fitness and flexibility. The day ended with a Japanese lesson!

On the second day, they had the opportunity to work in the Arts Centre, developing their skills and learning about ceramics. This was followed by a scavenger hunt to get to know the campus layout and

a STEM workshop focussing on drone technology and computer control. The day ended with a fantastic show in the immersive 360° 3Ddome.

The final day consisted of games and activities aimed to motivate, build confidence and inspire. They heard motivational speeches and engaged in life planning sessions and problem solving methodology.

The four students thoroughly enjoyed their time at Brunel and now have a much greater understanding of campus life. Many thanks to Mrs Barrett for organising the experience and also to Mrs Klein who accompanied them.

R W Jones
Headteacher

KEY DATES

Monday 27 to Friday 31 May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Tuesday 25 June

Year 12 Foundation Day

Friday 19 July

Last day of Summer Term