

# Haydon School



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

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25 June 2019

Dear Parents

### Year 8 Camp

Haydon School took sixty seven Year 8 students with six members of staff to 'In2-action' in St Albans to take part in outdoor activities which included field body zorbing, archery, den building, aeroball and water roller/'Big Berther' - these activities were selected to help build the students' physical, mental and social skills as well as being great fun! The camp was very successful, Haydon students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the behaviour of the students was impeccable. The staff at 'In2-action' stated how great our school had been during the stay. Please see more of the action and fun by viewing pictures and video clips on HaydonPE twitter and Instagram.



### Learning Update

Does your child struggle with homework? Are they up late trying to finish everything? On the other hand, are they unconcerned about their lack of progress?

With the summer holidays approaching, your son or daughter may be set projects or reading tasks, especially at GCSE or A Level. These tasks can sometimes cast a shadow over the holiday, and procrastination means things can be left to the last minute.

If homework is a cause of stress or tension in your household, for any reason, you may be interested in reading *Calmer, Easier, Happier Homework* by Noel Janis-Norton. This is a programme that parents can introduce in the home to help their children manage their time more effectively. It promises to help give your child the essential skills we all need to help get organised, stop putting things off, or engaging in displacement activities instead of doing what we need to be doing!

Some key ideas include:

- Closely supervising their homework six days a week (including holidays)
- One day a week off homework
- 'Think-throughs' - Asking your child to describe what they need to be doing; a more powerful method than simply telling them
- Completing homework to earn screen time
- 'Descriptively praising' any steps in the right direction

If any parents have followed Janis-Norton's approach already we would be delighted to hear your feedback, please email [rskertchly.312@lqfilm.org](mailto:rskertchly.312@lqfilm.org) .

### Warrender Visit

Thirty Year 5 students from Warrender primary school spent a morning experiencing the world of Science by making their own magnets watching the exploding world of Chemistry and looking through microscopes at the hidden world of Biology with Mr Mendelblat. They then had a taster of Physical Education at Haydon with a Trampolining lesson from Mr Addison. Three former students of Warrender Yashveer Dhanjal, Olivia Kurcku, and Zoe Mizen who are now Key Stage three prefects and in Year 8 also helped show the students around for the day. The students and staff from Warrender were



amazed by what they saw and excited at the prospect of coming to Haydon. I would like to thank all of the staff who made the visit such a success and to the Year 8 students for being great ambassadors of

the school. We look forward to hosting further visits from Harlyn, Whiteheath and Hillside primaries in the upcoming weeks.

### Junior Middlesex Athletics Competition



On Monday thirteen students went to the Junior Middlesex Athletics Competition at Allianz Park. All the students represented Haydon and Hillingdon extremely well. The Year 8 boys were representing Hillingdon because they had qualified as the second best team in the borough, the others qualified because they had won their individual event. Overall Hillingdon finished in the top three out of all the boroughs that competed which is excellent. Congratulations to the following students: Noah Huddle - Hurdles/High Jump; Marley Rochester-Stein - 100m; Jacob Leo - 200m/Relay (first place); Brandon Charles - 300m;

Jack Campbell - 800m; Jensen Codrington - 1500m; Rayhan Zuberi – Discus; Joshua Lewis-Wood – Javelin; Kieran Hill - Shot Put; Alex Keltie - Long Jump; Poppy Lowe – Javelin; Hermione - Hurdles/Relay (first place); Ryan Stoddart - 1500m (first place).

### Year 12 Foundation Day

On Tuesday we welcomed our Year 11 students from Haydon and other schools to our Sixth Form Foundation Day. They had the opportunity to experience a variety of taster lessons from the 28 courses we offer at A Level and BTEC. We also signposted students to transition work which they complete in preparation for their courses which commence in September. We were impressed by the students and their aspirations for the future. Students were provided with a wealth of information and guidance about how to maximise their potential as part of our Sixth Form community as well as going forward how to prepare effectively for the challenges ahead applying for future universities, advanced apprenticeships and employment. All students in Year 12 will be embarking on the Sixth Form Haydon Challenge programme which will enrich their core curriculum, build transferable skills and enhance their love of learning, putting them in the best position to secure future offers. The Haydon Challenge encompasses the completion of a Reading Marathon, Community Leadership as well as two MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses) which will be beneficial to broaden their academic and personal development.

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### KEY DATES

Thursday 4 July	Parent Forum - 6pm Sixth Form Study Room
Friday 5 July	Whole School Non-Uniform Day Cancer Research
Monday 15 – Friday 19 July	Year 12 Work Experience
Friday 19 July	Last day of Summer Term Early finish – 1.20pm
<b>Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 2 September</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b> (School closed to students)
<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b> (School closed for students Y8-11 & 13) (Students in Years 7 and 12 to attend 1.30 – 2.50pm)