



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

RWJ/jmp/Headteacher's Update  
17 July 2019

Dear Parents

### Year 10 Mock Examinations

Year 10 have recently completed their first set of formal mock examinations in the hall. Their behaviour and attitude towards these exams has been exemplary, and numerous staff have commented on how well they have settled into their first experience of whole year-group exams. Mr Kidd has received lots of feedback from teachers who have begun marking the mocks that the large majority of Year 10 have clearly been revising, and their desire to do well in their exams is evident. If this is an indication of their work ethic for their final year of KS4 then they stand to achieve really well in their final GCSEs.

### Public Transport

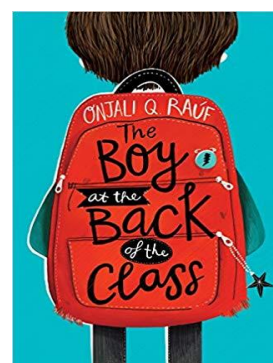
As part of our on-going work with the community and public services, Transport for London have asked all schools to remind our young people that they need sufficient pay as you go credit in order to travel on any London Underground service. Bus travel remains free for under 16s with a valid Zip card. Should a student encounter a problem with their zip card, they need to speak to a member of staff to gain entry rather than attempting to do so unlawfully. Students will also be reminded of this in assembly but we would appreciate parental support in reiterating this at home.

### Parking Outside School

I need to remind all parents that at the beginning and end of the school day parents should not drive into the school car parks to drop off or pick up their children unless special permission has been given. Also, we have received a complaint from the Nursery at the top of Wiltshire Lane that some parents have been driving into their car park to wait for their children at the end of the day and when asked to leave have refused and been quite rude to the staff. The Nursery car park is private property and is not part of Haydon School. Please do not enter this car park unless you have a child at the nursery. I realise that the local streets are busy and, to aid congestion near to the gates and for the safety of all the students arriving and leaving the site, would suggest that parents arrange a meeting point a short walk from the school.

### 'The Big Summer Read'

Our school believes in the power of reading to inspire and improve all our lives. This year we have launched 'The Big Summer Read', which we hope will support the developing culture of reading throughout the whole of our school community. We have considered many different books and decided to select the Blue Peter Book of the year award 2019 winner, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q Rauf. The book is written with heart and humour from a child's perspective of life, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that does not always make sense. We hope this story will engage everyone in the beauty of storytelling and inspire even the most reluctant readers by providing a universal message of how kindness breeds love in all our lives.



You can buy your copy of the book from the school at a discounted price of £4.95 through ParentPay. If you would like support with the cost of the book can you please contact Mrs Chang in the school administration office before the deadline for payment. Once payment has been received, your child's English teacher will distribute the books, with proof of payment (picture of receipt on phone is satisfactory).

### Staff Goodbyes

At this time of year it is always sad to say goodbye to a number of staff who are leaving. On behalf of the Governing Body, staff, students and parents I would like to thank all of them for their dedication and hard work and wish them the very best as they embark on the next chapter in their careers. A particular mention must go to the following staff who have each given over ten years' service to Haydon School

- Miss Dunne, Lead Teacher Business and Economics – 11 years
- Mrs Dyer, Head of Sociology – 12 years
- Miss Emerson, Head of Mathematics – 12 years
- Mrs Davies, Deputy Year Leader – retiring after 14 years
- Mrs Vaughan, Welfare Assistant – 18 years (continuing part time in Admin department)

Their dedication to supporting young people has been outstanding.

### Non-Uniform Days

At our recent non-uniform day I was very disappointed in the way that many of our students were dressed. Despite a written request for them to wear appropriate attire, many of the girls were wearing crop/revealing tops and extremely short shorts and skirts. In view of this I may have to reconsider allowing the students to have non-uniform days during the summer period in future. Please bear this in mind for non-uniform days next term.

### Charitable Donations

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and students for the charitable donations that have been made for non-uniform days this year. The charities selected by the Student Voice are as follows:

Date	Charity	Amount Donated
05/10/2018	Make a Wish Foundation	1,504.27
09/11/2018	Grangewood School	1,548.24
01/02/2019	World Scout Jamboree	1,181.07
22/03/2019	Meningitis Research in memory of Caitlin Baker	1,420.39
10/05/2019	Muscular Dystrophy in memory of Ben Wright	1,417.39
05/07/2019	Cancer Research in memory of William Low	1,224.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 8,295.36</b>

### Warrender Sports Day

On Friday 28 June 14 GCSE PE students were taken to support the Warrender Sports Day. The day was a great success and the Warrender staff praised Haydon students' maturity and hard work in supporting rounders and athletics. Congratulations to John Frederick, Eleonora Cottrel, Chris Karyannis, Ellie Broom, Mia Linnel, Aryan Wali, Ben Ridgeway, Carys Hinkson, Daniel Davis, Ingrid Inersaks-Redhead, Hannah Bowley, George Armstrong, Patrick Hyde, Isobel Goodliffe.

### Year 7 London Zoo Trip

Last week the Year 7 students visited London zoo where they learnt about the conservation work London Zoo does, saw incredible animals like sloths, giraffes, huge spiders and tigers. The students had a very enjoyable time and were a credit to the school.

### Year 12 Zoo Trip

On 26 June, twenty two Year 12 Biologists, Ms Cook and Mr Clarke went on a trip to London Zoo. The group had a chance to see the different animals at the zoo and attended two educational sessions: Zoos and Genetics and Breeding and Conservation. The two sessions focused on content that the students learn in Module 4: Biodiversity, Evolution, and Disease and will learn next year in Module 6: Genetics, Evolution and Ecosystems. The sessions were interactive and involved the students getting out of their seats and simulating genetic concepts. The students were enthusiastic the entire day and asked a lot of very interesting questions during the sessions. It was an excellent opportunity for students to take their learning outside of the classroom. All students were a true credit to the school and the trip was a great success! We are already looking forward to going back next year!

### Chelsea Football Club Enterprise Programme

Year 10 Business students have been taking part in the Chelsea FC Enterprise Programme this half term. They have completed six workshops, learning the business of running a football club. Workshops have included the fan experience, money matters and attracting customers. Students have developed their own business ideas and will be presenting them to a team of Dragons (Chelsea FC executives!!) at Chelsea headquarters at Stamford Bridge, when they will be having a tour of the stadium and exploring the inner workings of the Europa League winners. Business ideas have included crèche facilities in order to allow parents to attend games, a healthy café for the more discerning fan and an app which allows food to be ordered and delivered to seats during the game. Students will gain an accreditation, which will count towards their overall results. They have been a credit to the school over the last few weeks and we are extremely proud of the work they have done.

### Hillingdon Borough Badminton Team

A group of Haydon students represented Hillingdon Borough Badminton team at the London Youth Games. They all performed extremely well against players with a lot more experience. They showed great commitment and desire to improve, practicing before and after school to prepare for the event. Congratulations to Dwij Shah (Y7), Vibhav Agrawal (Y8), Medhansh Gadige, (Y9) Shayan Surendran, Ellena Woodbridge, Zuzanna Czuchrzynska, Nikola Blaszczyk, Florence Tie and Shauna Clifford (Y10).



### A & B Week Schedule and Key Dates for 2019-20

These are attached and will be available on the Haydon Website.

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**Headteacher**

### KEY DATES

Monday 15 – Friday 19 July	Year 12 Work Experience
Friday 19 July	Last day of Summer Term <b>Early finish – 1.20pm</b>
<b>Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 15 August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 22 August	GCSE Results Day
<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)