

Haydon School



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

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Dear Parents

At the start of a new term, I would like to provide you with an update of news from Haydon School. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and that your child is looking forward to the new term. A particular warm welcome to all parents of children who joined us in September. I hope that this is the start of a positive relationship together.

Examination Results

I was very pleased with the performance of large numbers of students in this summer's examination results and I would like to congratulate all of the students in Years 11 and 13. It gives me a real sense of pride seeing the youngsters rewarded for their hard work and successfully moving on to the next stage of their lives.

Year 11

This year there were new GCSE examinations in many subjects and now most subjects are graded on the 9 to 1 scale.

10% of all GCSE grades were 9 or 8. Indeed, Haydon School students achieved 238 9s, 8s. This is a superb achievement!

20.1% of GCSE grades were graded 7 to 9.

55.4% of GCSE grades were graded 5 to 9.

The government has introduced new measures of accountability for schools. At Haydon School 70% of students got a standard pass (Grade 4 or higher) in English and mathematics and 44% got a good pass in both English and mathematics (Grade 5 or higher).

Year 13

At A-level, examinations are changing and the vast majority are now assessed at the end of the second year. The Year 13 A-level results were very good: 37.5% of grades were at A* to B and 61.2% at A* to C.

I have recently received the report from UCAS on the destinations of our Year 13 students going to university: 134 Haydon School students are looking forward to starting at University at the end of September; 26 students have been accepted at a Russell Group University

It is a very exciting time for the students and I wish them every success in the coming years. Just to give you a flavour of the destinations that our students will be attending:

- Aston, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Brunel, Cardiff, City, Coventry, De Montfort University Leicester, Essex, Glasgow, Kingston, Kings College London, Leicester, Leeds, Liverpool, London School of Economics, Loughborough, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford, Portsmouth, Queen Mary College, School of African and Oriental Studies, Southampton, Sussex, Swansea, University College London, Warwick.

Other students have secured or are looking for employment and some have chosen to take time out before continuing their studies or embarking on a career. I wish all of them every success in the coming years and look forward to welcoming them back to school whenever they are in the

area. Alumni students can keep in touch with the school by registering with Future First. (<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/haydon>)

Timing of the School Day

The school will continue to operate a two-week timetable with 5 x 60-minute lessons per day.

8.40 to 9.00	Form time
9.00 to 10.00	Period 1
10.00 to 11.00	Period 2
11.00 to 11.20	Break
11.20 to 12.20	Period 3
12.20 to 1.50	Period 4 + 30 minutes for lunch
1.50 to 2.50	Period 5

Lunchtime:	12.20 to 12.50	Years 8 & 9
	12.50 to 1.20	Year 7
	1.20 to 1.50	Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

Attached is a schedule showing the dates for weeks A and B. It is important that you keep this schedule, which you will also be able to access on the Haydon website, so that your child has all the necessary books and equipment for the appropriate lessons.

Contacting the School

If you have any concerns regarding your child, your first point of contact should be their Form Tutor. If the Form Tutor is not able to resolve the issue, the next contact would be the Deputy Year Leader or Year Leader. Alternatively, if your concern is with regards to a specific subject then the first point of contact would be the subject teacher or Head of Faculty. A list of staff email addresses is available on the Haydon Website and below are details of the pastoral staff.

Year	Deputy Head / Assistant Headteacher	Year Leader	Deputy Year Leader
7	Mr D Gooch dgooch.312@lgflmail.org	Mr A Maclean amaclean1.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 142	Mr E Wake ewake.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 147
8	Mr D Gooch dgooch.312@lgflmail.org	Mr N Francis nfrancis19.312@lgflmail.org	Mrs L Swankie lswankie.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 109
9	Mrs M Hitchman hitchman.312@lgflmail.org	Mrs I Lewis llewis11.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 129	Mrs K Klein kklein.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 164
10	Mrs A Appleby aappleby1.312@lgflmail.org	Mr S Knowles sknowles.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 193	Mrs C Barrett cbarrett12.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 111
11	Mr S Kidd skidd5.312@lgflmail.org	Miss H Egan hegan2.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 183	To be appointed
12	Mrs J Martin jmartin127.312@lgflmail.org	Ms S Mead smead.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 140	Mrs A Noad anoad.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 132
13	Mrs J Martin jmartin127.312@lgflmail.org	Mr R Hayden rhayden1.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 155	Ms P Follows pfollows.312@lgflmail.org 020 8429 0005 Ext 192

New Parent App replacing Learning Gateway

Over the coming weeks you will receive information on how to register and setup your SIMS Parent app which is replacing the SIMS Learning Gateway. Once your account has been set up you will be encouraged to use SIMS Parent App on a regular basis for up-to-date information on attendance, behaviour, rewards and achievement.

The Relationship Charter

Behaviour & Productive Relationships

One of the strengths of the school is the behaviour of our students that creates excellent relationships between staff and students. I would appreciate your support in ensuring that your son or daughter follows the Relationship Charter.

Each classroom in the school has posters promoting excellent relationships at Haydon and all students are aware of the expectations we have of them. Our school rules all centre around being READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE and students are being asked to consider this with every choice they make in school. In particular, I would like the new term to focus on the following: -

- Respecting other students' right to contribute and to learn
- Ensuring mobile phones are not seen or heard on school site
- Being punctual to all lessons including students arriving on site well in advance of the start of the school day
- Wearing the correct school uniform at all times including lanyard/ID card
- Respecting others and ensuring that Haydon is a bully-free school
- Managing distractions and staying on task, trying their best with all work set. Asking for help whenever required

Following simple guidelines such as these will enable us to reward all excellent behaviour and decrease the sanctions that Haydon has to give for negative behaviour.

Rewards

A reminder that staff issue Good News Notes & Postcards home centred around the following five key values: Excellence, Respect, Perseverance, Community, Kindness.

We will be having a real focus this year on positive communication with home and this will include an emphasis on postcards, emails and of course phone calls to parents to let you all know how well your child is doing.



Uniform

I was delighted to see a significant improvement in the standard of uniform at the start of the new academic year and would like to thank the vast majority of you for replacing incorrect uniform, where necessary. We have high expectations and we encourage students to take pride in their appearance and school uniform. Our form tutors will be monitoring students daily and will be notifying parents if uniform is incorrect. If you are unsure regarding whether a certain item of uniform is acceptable, please see our uniform policy on our website.

It is hoped that, with your support, the standard of uniform will remain high throughout the year. This year students who consistently choose to attend school in incorrect uniform will spend time in 'Back on Track' or may be sent home.

You are reminded that Haydon Uniform is available from:

'Adams School Wear' - 55 Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor, HA4 9BH (Tel 01895 674115)

Ties can be purchased from Haydon Reception.

Attendance

There is a lot of educational research that shows a clear link between educational outcomes and attendance to school. It is vital that the students' attendance is high and our target for students is 96%. Students are considered to be 'Persistently Absent' if the attendance drops below 90%. Parents are reminded that all term time absences (except for sickness) must be requested in writing to me in advance. Please do not book holidays in term time, as this will not be authorised.

Parents' Evenings

There are a number of evenings in the first half term and I highlight:

- Tuesday 10 September – Year 9 Curriculum Evening (6.00pm)
- Wednesday 11 September – Year 7 BBQ and Curriculum Evening (6.00pm)
- Thursday 12 September – Year 12 Curriculum Evening (7.00pm)
- Tuesday 17 September – Year 10 Curriculum Awards
- Thursday 26 September – School Open Evening. **(Early Closure – 1.20pm)**
- Thursday 3 October – Year 11 Parents' Evening **(Early Closure – 1.20pm)**
- Thursday 17 October – Sixth Form Open Evening **(Early Closure – 1.20pm)**
- **Friday 18 October – Training Day (School closed to Students)**
- **Monday 21 to Friday 25 October – HALF TERM**

Keeping You Informed

As a school we try to keep you as informed about your child and events taking place. The easiest and most cost effective way of doing this is using our InTouch email system which automatically sends information to Parents with email addresses on our system. It is therefore vital that your contact information is accurate and I urge all parents to keep us informed of any changes to postal addresses, telephone numbers (including mobiles) and email addresses. If you have received a paper copy of this letter, we do not have an email address for you on our system or the address we have is returning the message to us undelivered and is therefore incorrect. I would be grateful if you could email the school as soon as possible with your up to date information (info@haydonschool.org.uk). Please remember to include the name and forms of each of your children. Please ensure that your inbox is regularly emptied so that messages can be delivered.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for regular updates on news and events using our Twitter Handle @HaydonSchool or www.facebook.com/HaydonSchool.

Parent Pay

Here at Haydon we use online payments for School Trips and Canteen payments. Each parent has a unique logon to activate this service where they can then register. If you have not received your Logon information, please email parentpay@haydonschool.org.uk with your child's details. It is preferred that you use the online system to add money to your child's account to avoid them bringing cash to school however we also have in school top up machines for canteen payments, these only accept £5, £10 and £20 Notes (no coins). **Please ensure your child has enough**

Canteen Credit so they are able to purchase food. The ParentPay website is www.parentpay.com.

Duke of Edinburgh

2018/19 was a successful year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Haydon School. During this academic year a total of 168 pupils enrolled onto their Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This entails volunteering within the local community; partaking in physical activity; acquiring new skills as well as undertaking a planned practice and assessment expedition.

Alongside the increase of pupils enrolling, the number of Awards completed and therefore achieved have also increased. During 2018/19 a total of 160 Duke of Edinburgh Awards have been achieved, consisting of 98 Bronze Awards, 59 Silver Awards and 3 Gold Awards.

All students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award should be very proud of their efforts and successes.

For more information on how to enrol for your child please **visit the Haydon School DofE webpage: <https://www.haydonschool.com/page/?title=Duke+of+Edinburgh%27s+Awar+d+Scheme&pid=72>** or ask your child to contact Mr Harding (Room 77).

Update on Operational Work During Summer Holiday

As you all know summer periods are the busiest times for operational activities. Our Site and IT Teams have worked hard and have completed a substantial number of tasks including:

- Painting all floors of St Nick's corridors, stairwells and stair rails
- Two new classrooms for group working have been reallocated, decorated and fitted with the right equipment
- Technology Construction area has been completely cleared of all unwanted materials and thoroughly cleaned
- Maintenance on various PE equipment has been done
- All toilets across the site were maintained and two sets of toilets were completely replaced.
- All lighting on the ground floor of the Language Building including emergency lighting has been upgraded to LEDS
- All lighting on St Mary's 1st and 2nd floor corridors has been upgraded to LEDs and sensors have been replaced
- Lockers were reallocated and repaired as needed across the site
- The food technology classrooms have been fitted with brand new cookers
- Two new IT suites were setup in the languages block. Also, two IT suites in Dobson building have been upgraded with new computers.
- The SEN department has had new computers installed in all their IT suites.
- In total over 100 new computers have been installed with Windows 10 operating system. The IT department is working to upgrade all Windows 7 computers with Windows 10 this autumn term.
- As part of the upgrade programme to replace the old CCTV system new CCTV cabling has been installed throughout the school. The new CCTV infrastructure is now in place and soon the school will be installing state-of-the art CCTV system.

Parents Visiting the School

The school gates are closed at 8.40am each day and re-open at 2.50pm. If you need to visit the school between these hours you should park outside and use the buzzer entry system on the top gate in Wiltshire Lane. All parents must enter via Reception. Please note that teaching staff are not generally available during the school day and therefore it is preferable that you telephone in advance to make an appointment.

You are asked to ensure that your child has all the items of PE kit, lunch and equipment before they leave in the morning. Our reception staff are only able to take lunches or medication to deliver to students during the day. Other items will not be taken.

Road Safety

CCTV cameras are in operation outside all schools in the borough to enforce 'School Keep Clear' zones. For the safety of all students and the local community, parents are reminded not to drop off/pick up students near to the school gates before and after school. The congestion, especially at the end of the school day is very heavy and this causes problems and danger to the large numbers of students leaving the site. Parents are therefore asked to arrange a meeting point a short walk from the school. Please also be considerate of our neighbours and do not park across drive ways. I also need to remind you that parents should not drive into the school car park to drop off or pick up their children or use the entrances to turn around. The exception to this is when collecting students following after-school clubs when we encourage parents to drive into the car park to meet children especially when the evenings get dark early. You are also reminded that the Nursery at the top of Wiltshire Lane is not part of the school and the car park is private and should not be used by Haydon parents.

I look forward to working with you during the coming academic year to ensure that your child continues to succeed.

Yours sincerely

Robert Jones
Headteacher