

# Haydon School



## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

RWJ/jmp/Headteacher's Update  
24 September 2019

Dear Parents

### **Polite Request to Parents**

Despite several requests to parents, we are still receiving complaints from local residents about parents parking across their driveways and blocking the road, particularly at the end of the school day. This has caused problems when they need to leave their house to collect their own children from school or, in one case made a neighbour late for a medical appointment. Please be considerate of our neighbours, the roads near to the school get very congested and it would help if you could arrange a meeting point with your child a short distance away from the school. I also need to remind you that parents should not drive into the school car parks at the beginning or end of the school day to drop off or pick up their children. The exception to this is when students are staying behind for a school club. In this case please drive into the car park and ask your child to wait in Reception until you arrive. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

### **Year 6 Open Evening**

As you will be aware, we will be holding our Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday (26 September). We will have an early closure on this day (1.20pm) to allow staff time to prepare the school for this important evening. A large number of students have volunteered to help in departments and as guides which is much appreciated. All students must wear full school uniform (or business dress for sixth formers) and parents are reminded to make arrangements to collect their children at the end of the evening which will finish at 8.30pm. Thank you for your support.

### **Learning**

I spend quite a bit of my time during the day visiting lots of lessons. I am delighted to report that I have been extremely pleased with the climate for learning in the school and the energy of our students so far this term.

### **Curriculum Evenings**

Last week saw a number of curriculum evenings for students in different year groups. It was lovely to hear from Year 7 parents about how quickly their children had settled into Haydon School and how some did not want the weekend to arrive because they were enjoying it so much! A lot of information was provided and has now been uploaded to the website. For parents who could not attend the evenings you can find the information here.

<https://www.haydonschool.com/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=61>

### **OFSTED**

As a school, we have not had a full OFSTED inspection since June 2007. We did have an HMI inspection on The Outcomes of Disadvantaged Students in May 2015. I am expecting that we will receive an inspection at some point during the current academic year and I would welcome an up to date review of the strengths and areas for development of the school. I do ask other local headteachers and OFSTED inspectors to review areas of our work and we have already planned areas for review in the current academic year. It would be extremely helpful to me if you could spend a short amount of time completing the OFSTED Parentview. This gives you the opportunity to comment on 14 questions

and should not take long but it would be extremely useful to me. The link can be found here <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destinaton=give-your-views> . Most of the questions ask you whether you strongly agree/agree/disagree or strongly disagree with different statements.

Yours sincerely

**Robert Jones**  
**Headteacher**

### **Key Dates**

**Thursday 26 September**

**Early Closure (1.20pm)**

Year 6 Open Evening

**Thursday 3 October**

**Early Closure (1.20pm)**

Year 11 Parents' Afternoon/Evening

**Thursday 17 October**

**Early Closure (1.20pm)**

Sixth Form Open Evening

**Friday 18 October**

**Staff Training Day**

**School Closed to Students**

**Monday 21 October  
to Friday 25 October**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**