

Haydon School



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

RWJ/hrm/Headteacher's Update
3 September 2022

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 have joined us this term. I hope that this is the start of a positive relationship together. I have just been in assembly with our new year 7 students and they all seemed a little nervous on their first day!

Examination Results

I was delighted with this summer's examination results and I would like to congratulate all of the students in last year's Year 11 and 13. It gives me a real sense of pride seeing the youngsters rewarded for their hard work. We know that the last two years have been a very challenging time for everyone and we are pleased that our students have still received an outstanding set of results which will ensure that they can move on to the next phase of their education and lives. They have all shown extraordinary resilience and determination. We would like to also congratulate our dedicated staff and our community of families for their hard work.

Year 13

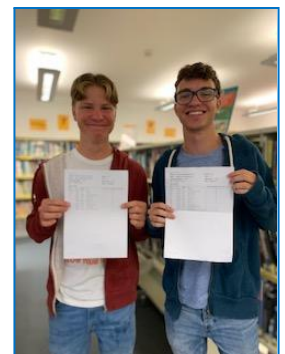
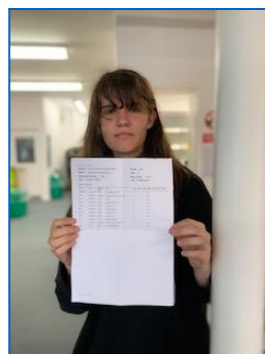
Once again we are very proud of our Year 13 students. 52% of all grades were A*-B and 27% of all grades were A*-As. 137 students have attained a place at university this year. 36 of the 137 will be attending a Russell Group university. Our students will be studying a range of degrees including Law, Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Dentistry, Archaeology and Fashion. The broad range of courses represents the diverse and hard working student population we have.

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>)

Year 11 Results

There have been great achievements in many areas. In English 85% of students achieved a level 4 or above pass rate with 36% achieving a level 7-9. In Mathematics 80% of students achieved a level 4 or better pass with 30% achieving a level 7-9. Our science department continued to produce excellent results with 77% of students achieving a level 7 to 9 in Chemistry; 73% in Biology and an amazing 83 % in Physics. There were also some outstanding student results within Sociology with 50% of students achieving a grade of 7 or above and from the History department where 48% of students achieved a grade 7 or above.

We are incredibly proud of all our students. However, special congratulations need to be awarded to students who have shown consistent improvement and high levels of achievement throughout their time at Haydon, with 423 grades awarded at level 8 and 9. Amongst these top performing students were Molly and Matthew (pictured) who achieved an amazing 18 grade 9s



between them. We are really pleased that they along with many of their Year 11 cohort will be joining us to continue their journey at Haydon in the Sixth form.

Timing of the School Day

As you will know from earlier communications, the structure of our school day has changed this year. The school day will still begin at 8:40, but now finish at 3:10, with form time at the end of the day. This means it is more crucial than ever that students arrive at school on time, as they will be going straight into their first lesson, and will struggle if they are late!

8:40 - 9:50 - Period 1
9:50 - 10:50 - Period 2
10:50 - 11:10 - Breaktime
11:10 - 12:10 - Period 3
12:10 - 13:10 - Period 4
13:10 - 13:50 - Lunch
13:50 - 14:50 - Period 5
14:50 - 15:10 - Formtime

There will also be a 20 minute detention after formtime for students if they have been late to a lesson that day. This will not affect the vast majority of students who are on time to every lesson - but it is very important that all students understand the importance of good punctuality!

The gates open to students at 8:20, and students should arrive between this time and 8:40, and go straight to their period 1 lesson. As you know we run a two week timetable - this [link](#) shows the dates for weeks A and B.

Behaviour for Learning

One of the strengths of our school is the excellent behaviour displayed by an overwhelming majority of students, created by positive relationships between students and staff, and through the desire of all of our teachers to create a learning environment for students to thrive. We have built further on the success of our Relationship Charter through development of our Behaviour for Learning Policy, which can be found on our [website](#).

In assemblies next week all students will be shown the areas of the Behaviour for Learning Policy that relate most closely to them, and our expectations will be made clear. In particular, they will be shown the Student Code of Conduct, which, if followed, should create the perfect learning environment for all students to excel:

Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to model their behaviour in line with the Haydon Values - Excellence, Perseverance, Kindness, Community, Respect.

1. Show respect to members of staff and each other
2. Have excellent attendance and punctuality by attending all lessons on time
3. Be excellent learners by having all equipment and books for the day
4. Showing respect to yourself by wearing the correct uniform at all times
5. Walk around the school in a quiet and calm manner and ensure others can do the same
6. Enter classrooms in a calm and polite manner
7. In class, respect each other and make it possible for all pupils to learn
8. Not to use a mobile phone in school
9. Treat the school buildings and school property with respect
10. Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when in the local community

We would appreciate you spending some time looking at the above code of conduct with your child so that they are clear on our expectations.

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

It is very important that students arrive at school in full school uniform each morning. If there are any missing or incorrect items of uniform then your child's form tutor will be in touch to rectify this. If you have any queries regarding uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor of Year Team.

Equipment

It is vital that students are prepared for learning each day, and arrive with the correct equipment they need to fully engage and learn in lessons. The Deputy Headteacher, Mr Kidd, wrote to all students in July to remind them what they would need to have ready in September, and includes as an absolute minimum; pen (plus spare), pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, and calculator. Period 1 teachers will check each morning that students have all of this with them ready for the day, so it is very important that students are prepared with their equipment each morning.

Attendance

There is a vast amount 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. Sickness absences should be reported by emailing absence@haydonschool.org.uk or telephoning 020 8429 0005 - Option 1. Please include your child's full name and form and the reason for the absence. We are aware that our stance on attendance may appear harsh, but we have seen so many times the disadvantage it places students at when they have missed a proportion of their schooling.

Site Developments Completed over the Summer Holidays

During the summer holidays a significant amount of work has been completed across the school site. The site looks much better than it did at the end of July. I would like to thank the site staff and Ms Ercan, Director of Finance and Operations who have overseen a number of contractors over the summer holiday.

The Haydon Hive has been moved to the Building closest to the main entrance. This has now brought all of our students services into one area including pastoral support, the SEND department, the school counsellors as well as the medical room and Safeguarding. The Hive has had new flooring throughout and looks a much more welcoming area for staff and students.

The Sixth Form study area has been significantly expanded with new glass partitioning. The flooring of all classrooms on the ground floor of St Nicks as well as in the Sixth Form has been replaced. All of our teaching spaces have now had new ceilings and LED lighting installed.

A new catering pod has been introduced to further expand capacity as we move to one lunch time.

Chromebooks

During the summer we have upgraded our WiFi across the school site in readiness for the introduction of Chromebooks as an exciting key element of our learning mix. All Year 7 and Year 12 students will start using Chromebooks in all lessons from September. Other years will follow over the next two academic years.

This exciting initiative will allow for the following:

- Students are motivated by the use of digital resources and web enabled devices to learn and develop new skills and knowledge. They respond to active learning and independence. Teachers are able to offer a far more varied and richer learning experience.
- Chromebooks are light, have a physical keyboard which is easy to use and are powerful learning tools, while not allowing students to be distracted by Social Media.
- The government is looking to move exams online by 2025. Haydon is part of the trial for this. It is therefore important that students are used to working with a keyboard by 2025
- The environmental impact of the amount of paper schools use is a serious issue across the education sector. Google Classroom offers a streamlined and paperless solution for the school if students have web enabled devices in the classroom.

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 [here](#) and on the Haydon Website. Below are details of the pastoral staff.

Year	Deputy Head / Assistant Headteacher	Year Leader	Deputy Year Leader
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Form Groups 2022-23

Attached [here](#) is the full list of form groups, showing Form Tutors and Form Rooms. Your child should go to their form room on arrival on the first day of term.

Parents' Evenings

There are a number of evenings in the first half term which are listed below.

- Thursday 15 September - Year 7 Welcome BBQ
- Thursday 25 September – School Open Evening (**Early Closure**)
- Wednesday 05 October - Year 11 Parents Afternoon/Evening (**Early Closure**)
- Thursday 06 October - Year 13 Parents Evening
- Thursday 13 October – Sixth Form Open Evening (**Early Closure**)
- **Monday 24 October to Friday 4 November (2 weeks) – HALF TERM**

The School Curriculum

The curriculum that your child will be taught this year is available on the school [website](#). Details for individual subjects can be found [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the curriculum you can contact Ms Appleby, Deputy Headteacher in the first instance (aappleby1.312@lgflmail.org). We will be launching the information on the following dates

- Monday 12 September – Year 7
- Tuesday 13 September – Year 9
- Thursday 15 September – Year 12

Keeping You Informed

As a school we try to keep you informed about your child and events taking place. This is done through our InTouch email system which automatically sends information to all with parental responsibility. Please ensure that your inbox is regularly emptied so that messages can be delivered. It is 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. Please remember to include the name and forms of each of your children.

NEW...Satchel One

This year we are no longer using the **SIMS parent App** alongside the **Satchel One App**. You will only need to download the free Satchel One App. This App will give you and your child the following information:

- Homework details
- Your child's timetable
- Details of attendance and punctuality
- Details of rewards celebrating your child's achievements
- Details of any behaviour issues or detentions
- Your child's academic reports

Feedback from parents has shown us that the Satchel One App is very popular and easy to use and parents do not want to be logging into two Apps for information about their child. It is also very important that your child has access to all the information regarding their progress so they can become reflective learners and set themselves realistic goals.

New Year 7 and 12 parents will receive their login details next week through their child. Everybody else already has login details for Satchel One. If you have forgotten your login details, simply download the Satchel One App from the Google Play store or the Apple store. Under the login, you will see a link that says 'Forgotten your password'. You can quickly reset your password.

Please ensure that you have the App installed on your phone and your child's phone by the end of next week. It is vital that you receive all the up to date information on your child to fully support them. It is also a good idea to allow notifications for the App, so you get the latest information quickly.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for regular updates on news and events using our Twitter Handle @HaydonSchool or www.facebook.com/HaydonSchool You can also check information regarding PE fixtures, results and sporting successes using @HaydonPE.

Parent Pay

Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is topped up ready for the new term. The ParentPay website is www.parentpay.com . If you have any queries, please email parentpay@haydonschool.org.uk with your child's details.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A programme of extra-curricular activities will be emailed to you as soon as it has been finalised. Students will need to register in advance.

Parents Visiting the School

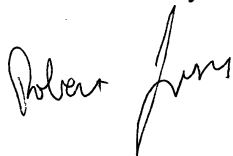
If you need to visit the school you should park outside and use the buzzer entry system on the top gate in Wiltshire Lane. All visitors must immediately report to Reception. Please note that teaching staff are not generally available during the school day and therefore it is preferable that you telephone in advance to make an appointment.

You are asked to ensure that your child has all the items of PE kit, equipment and their lunch 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 accepted.

Finally, I would ask all parents to be considerate of our neighbours. Please do not block driveways even if you stay in your car to allow residents access in and out of their properties at all times.

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

Key Dates

Thursday 15 September	Year 7 BBQ
Thursday 22 September	School Open Evening – Year 6 (Early Closure)
Thursday 6 October	Parents' Evening - Year 13
Thursday 13 October	School Open Evening - Year 12
Thursday 20 October	Parents' Evening - Year 10 and Year 11 (Early Closure)
Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November (2 weeks) – HALF TERM	



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RESPECT
Building
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Achieving individual excellence in a caring community