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**30 September, 2022**

**Dear Parents / Carers,**

**Open Evening**

We held our Open Evening on Thursday, 22nd September. We had nearly one thousand visitors to the school from the families of prospective students looking to join the school next year. I had a lot of very positive feedback from our visitors. I would like to thank all of the staff and students who worked very late on the evening promoting the school.

Earlier this week, we held an Open Morning for prospective parents and students. After a short presentation in the hall from our Sixth form leaders, the visitors could look around the site. They toured for most of period 2 and again I received very positive feedback.

**Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 13th October**

We will be holding our annual Open Evening for prospective 6th form students on Thursday, 13th October from 6-8pm. We will be welcoming both our existing Year 11 students and those from other schools to showcase what we can offer at Key Stage 5 in terms of our broad curriculum, teacher expertise, outstanding facilities and co-curricular opportunities. Indeed families of Year 10 students are also more than welcome to attend if you would like to get an initial idea of what Sixth Form has to offer. Families will have the opportunity to listen to the Headteachers talk, speak to subject teachers, look at samples of A Level work and discuss their options in preparation for the next stage of their academic career. We will also have staff on hand to speak to families about opportunities such as Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Community Leadership and House Captain roles that contribute to the enrichment opportunities we can offer our young people.

To book places at the Headteachers presentation please go to [www.haydonschool.com](http://www.haydonschool.com) and click on the pop up banner which appears immediately on the homepage.

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form and the opportunities that it offers our students. I was delighted to read that of our Year 13 cohort last year 143 have been placed at University, whilst 38 have taken the opportunity of an apprenticeship or gap year before continuing their studies. Haydon School really is a place where all of our students at Post-16 level can get the support and guidance needed to achieve all their future aspirations.

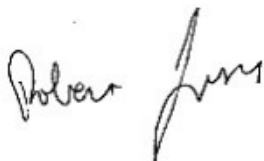
### **Akshay Thakrar - Guest Speaker**

We are delighted that one of our former students Akshay Thakrar is returning to Haydon on Monday, 3rd October to speak to some of our Sixth Form students. Akshay attended Haydon for seven years from Year 7-13 (2004-2011). Akshay found great success in series 16 of the BBC1 show 'The Apprentice'. Akshay is now an entrepreneur who owns his own Digital Marketing company. Akshay will speak for a short time regarding his career to date and then take questions from our audience. We are delighted that Akshay has agreed to visit us and share his story. I hope our students find inspiration from his visit. We are going to be inviting a number of speakers into school this year to enthuse our students and we are fortunate to get one of our alumni to start this.

### **Jeans for Genes Day September 23rd 2022**

Our non-uniform Jeans for Genes day raised a grand total of £717.56. This will be donated to an amazing charity that supports the lives of children and families affected by genetic disorders. To find out more about where the donation is going please see [here](#).

Yours sincerely,



**Robert Jones**  
**Headteacher**

### **We currently have the following vacancies:**

- Teacher of Mathematics • Teacher of Design and Technology • Head of Business
- Learning Coach • Exams Officer • Administrator x 1 - Apprentice (x1) • Exam Invigilator
- Marketing/Fundraiser Apprentice • Assistant Chef • HR Manager

Please go to our website for full details <https://www.haydonschool.com/vacancies>

### **Key dates**

- Thursday 6 October Parents' Evening Year 13
- Thursday 13 October School Open Evening Year 12
- Thursday 20 October Parents' Evening Year 11 (Early Closure)
- Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November (2 weeks) - HALF TERM

When there is an early closure, the school day continues as normal for periods 1 to 4. There is a form time at 1.10 to 1.30 and then lunch is available for students who want it. Students can leave at 1.30 if they wish.

### **Social Media Channels**

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