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Dear Parents and Carers,

House System

After half term the school is introducing a House system for students in Years 7 and 8. The House system will encourage competition and enrichment activities between students and create an even greater sense of community at the school. The House system will start with year group House Assemblies immediately after half term. Each year we will add another year group to the Houses until eventually we have a whole school initiative embedded in our co-curricular programme. The House system will incorporate competition across all of our subject and faculty areas to ensure all of our students have the opportunity to participate and contribute to House score totals which will be available on the home page of the school website. The year will culminate in a House Cup being awarded to the winning House at our new Co-Curricular Prize Giving ceremony in the summer term.

Following results of student surveys and advice from Student Leadership groups the House names have been chosen for their inspirational links with different areas of London and are named and structured as follows:

Bloomsbury House - 7DAS, 7JPB, 8ADS, 8IJA (Purple) Name due to links to literary movements/art

Alexandra House - 7CLC, 7RAH, 8NSD, 8YJT (Green) Named after Alexandra palace which is the site of the first BBC broadcasts

Fleet House - 7TED, 7SCM, 8YAO, 8ARF (Yellow) Named after Fleet Street being a hub of journalism/democratic values

Tilbury House - 7EDM, 7YSW, 8MCP, 8FZA (Blue) Named after the dock where the Windrush moored

Strand House - 8PAA, 8MRP, 7MAF, 7CHP (Red) Named after where the Suffragettes met in the early 1900s

Sixth Form Opening Evening

On Thursday we were delighted to welcome prospective Sixth Form students to our school for our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. Students had the opportunity to listen to a talk in the hall, speak to subject teachers, sample A Level standard work and hear information on our Post-16 enrichment opportunities. In particular I would like to thank all of our sixth form student helpers for doing such an exceptional job of showcasing our school. Our Head Boy Anusan Ratnarajah and Head Girl Mia Dupree gave inspirational speeches to our prospective Post 16 students and their families. The evening was a great success and I look forward to our students applying to Sixth Form and continuing their learning journey following their GCSE examinations this summer.

School Open Morning - Thursday 13th October

We hosted our second Open Morning of the term yesterday. A substantial number of parents and prospective students visited the school. After a short presentation parents and children went on a tour of the school and visited lessons. I received very positive feedback from the parents. One parent followed the visit with an email with the following: "We were very impressed and one common theme that has consistently come out from whomever we have spoken to is how much the students love being there, how highly regarded the teachers and Headteacher are, and how they have a sense of belonging."

Co-Curricular Clubs Timetable

All of our Co-Curricular clubs (formerly extra-curricular) are now up and running. To ensure the students are fully aware of what is available, we have created a subject wide timetable which shows the club options available on a daily basis. Haydon prides itself on the enrichment activities that we can offer due to our dedicated staff and excellent facilities across a range of curriculum areas. Please encourage your son/daughter to take part in something new this term! The timetable can be found [here](#) and will be updated on a half termly basis as our co-curricular offer continues to broaden.

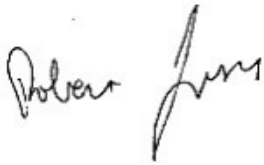
Alumni Presentation

Former student and "The Apprentice" contestant Akshay Thakrar came in to inspire our Year 12 and Year 13 Business Studies students on Monday 3rd October. He shared his journey since leaving Haydon School as well as some details of his time on the programme.

OFSTED

As you will be aware the school was inspected by OFSTED inspectors on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th October. The inspection was led by an HMI and there were four other inspectors. The team of five were in school for two full days. During this time they visited over 50 lessons, met with lots of different groups of staff and students, considered the parent survey, student survey and staff survey and read a significant amount of information. The inspectors provided feedback to myself and the governing body at the end of the inspection. I am not allowed to share the outcome of the inspection. I am due to see the draft report early next week and the final report will be available shortly after the half term holiday. I will ensure that this is emailed to all parents once it has been finalised. I would like to thank the staff at the school for their support during the inspection, the students who gave feedback to the inspectors so honestly and to parents who completed the Ofsted parent survey.

Yours sincerely



Robert Jones
Headteacher

Key Dates

Thursday - 20th October - Parents' Evening - Year 11 (early closure)

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

Monday - 24th October to Friday, 4th November (2 weeks) - HALF TERM

Monday - 7th November - Term starts

Thursday - 24th November - Parents' Evening - Year 10 (early closure)

Friday - 16th December - Last day - Full day

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