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13 January, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year! I hope that you have had a relaxing Christmas holiday, although it seems a very long time ago now!

Changes to the Behaviour for Learning Policy

As Ms Cousins informed you last week, we have made some changes to the School Behaviour Policy. The letter that she sent out last Friday can be found [here](#). The immediacy of sanctions is having an improvement on punctuality to lessons, students wearing the school uniform and also behaviour in lessons.

UKHSA Guidance

The UK Health Security Agency has issued some advice to parents on how they can help to ensure that their child doesn't catch and spread illness in school or college. You can read the guidance [here](#).

However, for very normal coughs and colds, we would appreciate it if parents/carers could remind their children to practise good hygiene, such as washing their hands as frequently as possible (always after visiting the toilet), and also having tissues to catch sneezes, and hand sanitiser to use whilst in the classroom. School attendance across the country is much lower than it has been in previous years. There is significant evidence showing the correlation between student attendance and student achievement.

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-24

The term dates for the next academic year, 2023-24 have been finalised and can be found on the [school website](#). Please do not request leave during school term time as it will not be authorised except for exceptional circumstances.

Alumni Speaker

On Monday, 12th December, one of our former students, Susanna Pahl, gave a talk to our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students in Year 12. Susanna is studying Civil Engineering at Oxford University and is part of a scheme called the QUEST scholarship, which is set up by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and pairs students with engineering companies which give them internships in the summer. Susanna spoke to over 50 students about what Civil Engineering is, the different routes into the profession and gave advice about Oxbridge. The Year 12 students found it very interesting and gave them an insight into the possible opportunities.

Year 11 Mocks

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students for their excellent performance in the December mock GCSE exams. Ms Appleby and Mr Francis held a special assembly on the afternoon of Thursday, 12th January where students received their results to give them an experience of how it will feel to receive their results in the summer and listened to advice about how to best approach the remaining 12 school weeks until the summer exams, this a [link](#) to the assembly.. This assembly marked the starting point for the final approach to the summer examinations. We look forward to discussing this final stage with parents and careers in the upcoming parents' evening on the 26th January.



Guest Speaker

As part of our inspirational Guest Speaker Programme our next speaker visiting the school will be Ben Evans, Executive Director of the London Design Festival. We are delighted that Ben has agreed to come and tell his story to our students. Ben established the Festival in 2003 with Co-Founder, Sir John Sorrell. The Festival celebrates and promotes London as the design capital of the world and has inspired similar events in many international cities.

Sixth Form

On Wednesday, 1st February we are holding our annual Year 12 Post Sixth Form Information Evening where students and their families will be able to talk to different providers about University, degree level apprenticeships and workplace opportunities. It is so exciting to see the various future opportunities open to our young people as a result of going to Haydon Sixth Form. We are delighted that so many providers from a range of universities and industries have agreed to come and talk to our students about where their qualifications achieved at Haydon will be able to take them next.



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House System

House competitions this half term will be in the following subject areas - Humanities, English and Maths. We will also be awarding points to the Houses with best attendance and achievement points. We will be updating point scores on the website <https://www.haydonschool.com/houses> and students will have a House Assembly to celebrate their participation in events and update students on upcoming House events.

House	Science Year 7	Science Year 8	Attendance	PE Dodgeball	WINTER TOTAL
Fleet	20	20	20	50	110
Alexandra	40	50	50	40	180
Tilbury	30	40	10	20	100
Bloomsbury	10	10	40	10	70
Strand	50	30	30	30	140

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

For more information on whether your child is eligible for the pupil premium and free school meals, see the following [information on the school website](#).

Hillingdon Winter Wellness

The Local Authority has asked me to share with all parents the [Winter Wellness Directory](#).

Parents Association

The Parents Association will be having an extraordinary meeting on Monday, 30th January in the library at 7.00pm. The ability to join the meeting remotely through Google Meet will be possible through the following link. The association would like to grow its numbers. The association raises important funds for the school and has supported the school for many years through a whole range of fund raising activities. As school budgets get tighter and our costs increase, the ability to raise funds to provide additional resources for our children will become more important than ever.



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Yours sincerely,

Robert Jones
Headteacher

Key Dates

- Thursday, 26 January - Year 11 Parents' Evening - Early Closure
- Thursday, 9 February - Year 13 Parents' Evening
- Monday, 13 February - Friday, 17 February 2023 - Half Term
- Monday, 20 February - Term starts

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 pm to 1:30 pm and then lunch is available for students who want it. Students can leave at 1:30 pm if they wish.

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