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**03 March, 2023**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

### **School Canteen Gets 5 Star Rating**

The Food Standards Agency inspected the school canteen on Friday, 10th February. I am delighted to say the canteen was awarded a 5 star grading following the visit. I would like to congratulate Stuart Wallace, the chef and all of the canteen staff for their continued hard work feeding nearly 2000 people per day!



### **Visit to Imperial College**

On Friday, 10th February a small group of students headed into a part of central London that is rooted in scientific history - South Kensington! Two Year 9 students, two Year 12 students and sixteen Year 10 students spent the day at the prestigious Imperial College London. They toured the grand campus buildings, completed physics activities and quizzed undergraduate science students on university life. The group ended the day feeling very inspired! Imperial College London is ranked as the third best university in the UK and we always encourage Haydon Students to apply to study at highly respected institutions after Year 13! I'd like to thank Mr Gohil for organising this trip, and we commend all the students for being excellent representatives of our school!



### **Economics in Action**

Once again Haydon hosted our hugely popular two-day Econplusdal Economics Workshop on Friday, 24th and Saturday, 25th February 2023. This year, Haydon students were joined by students from Bishop Ramsey, Bushey Meads and Chalfont Community College. Students developed examination skills, techniques, and learned many secrets to impress examiners when answering extended essay type questions. It was informative, factual and data packed, with many fun activities that kept students engaged for six hours each day. The reflection from students is hugely encouraging, and we have already started planning next year's event in supporting our Year 13 students to secure those top grades in A Level Economics.

### **Outside Speakers**

Last Thursday we welcomed one of our alumni Tara Green who came back to Sixth Form to discuss Degree Level Apprenticeships with our Key Stage 5 students and led an assembly to Year 12 specifically on apprenticeships within the Ministry of Defence and Civil service. It was fantastic to have an ex-pupil come back to share her knowledge on further education with our students.

Earlier today, the MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner, David Simmonds, visited Haydon to lead a presentation to our Politics students and those considering Politics A-Level in the future. Students had the opportunity to grill Mr Simmonds in their own 'Question Time' forum and the visit provided a great insight into the world of Government and Politics both at a local and national level. The school would like to thank Mr Simmonds and his Chief of Staff Rosie Giddings (a former Haydon student) for giving up their time for such a valuable experience.

On Monday, Mark Wanzala-Ryan, a Senior Data Scientist with the Bank of England came to Haydon to give a one hour lecture on "Economics in Practice" to our A Level Economics students. He talked about functions of the Bank of England, monetary policy, financial stability and notable and recent interventions. Students were fascinated to be able to quiz Mr Wanzala-Ryan on a range of subjects from digital currency to his career journey.



*"Economics in Practice"*

### **Apprentice of the Year Award**

We are really pleased that Tyler Lewis, one of our apprentices in our IT team, was nominated for the Apprentice of the Year Award as part of the West London Business Awards 2023. This award is given to an individual apprentice who has made an exceptional contribution to their employer's workplace. Tyler was presented with the Highly Recommended Award at the ceremony held at Twickenham Stadium on Friday, 24th February. Well done Tyler!

### **Fruit Tree Orchard**

One of our ambitions is to have a fruit tree orchard on our school grounds. We were very happy when Ashish Patani (Club Founder) and Bhavni Shah (Club Ambassador) of Play Badminton Club approached us with a proposal to donate fruit trees to Haydon to help create a sustainable and greener future for all. Members of Play Badminton Club and Haydon School staff members planted 16 fruit trees on Saturday, 25th February on our school grounds. We are all looking forward to enjoying apples, figs, cherries, plums and pears from our orchard in years to come.



### **Ambassador's Debate**

Ms Wong took our Haydon Year 10 team of girls to this exciting junior debating competition at the US Embassy. The girls were a real credit to the school and themselves. Dorothy Chan was a timekeeper in the Senior Heat 1. Olivia Gordon worked with our speakers to spend time after school preparing the speeches and rebuttal points.

In our 1st and 2nd Junior Heats we were against teams of Year 11 students.

Our speakers Giuliana Schettino and Judy Alfatih-Izzelden were well prepared and spoke extremely well, not even missing a beat when they were questioned by the opposition team. Even the time keepers and invigilators stopped to commend them on their performance.

We were selected to go through to the Semi-finals and were up against Grey Coat Hospital School. Despite a sterling effort by our speakers we did not proceed to the Final this time. However, the experience has encouraged our speakers to apply to participate next year with the intention of winning.

Haydon's Debate Club has gone from strength to strength since being set up by Mrs Walker Samuels last February.

### **Year 9 Options Evening**

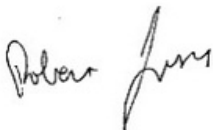
We are looking forward to welcoming Year 9 parents and families to our Options evening on Thursday, 9th March, tickets can be booked for the evening using the [Eventbrite link](#) on the school website. The evening is an opportunity for families to listen to a presentation regarding the options process, heads of subject will also be available to discuss subject details after the presentation.

If you have any questions regarding the process or about specific subjects please see the [KS4 Curriculum Guide](#). We have also set up a [google form](#) for you to use for specific subjects or more general questions which will support a speedy and focused response. This form will be open until the end of the options process.

### **Year 11 Core Mocks**

We have been delighted with the attitude our Year 11 students have displayed towards their core mock exams over the last three days. We hope that this final opportunity to undertake assessments under examination conditions will support them to focus on the final stage of their GCSE journey in a positive and focused manner. Having been the parent of a Year 11 child last year, I appreciate that the examination period is also a challenging time for families. This [document](#) contains some useful advice and information.

Yours sincerely,



**Robert Jones - Headteacher**

### **Key Dates**

Thursday 9th March - Year 9 Options Evening  
Tuesday, 21 March - Year 8 Parents Evening - Early Closure  
Monday, 3 April-Friday - 14 April 2023 - Easter Holiday

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