

28 April, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Under 13s Girls Middlesex County Cup Final Success

On Monday our U13 girls had their cup final vs Alexandra Park School, at Rectory Park in Northolt. They had scored 22 goals in 4 games on route to this final, but our opponents had been out scoring us so we knew it would be a close game.

It was a very tight first half, despite this Haydon went into the second half 2-0 down. With 20 minutes left to play, the decision was made to be brave and make a risky decision by moving our centre back, Kiri Carter, up to striker. Within 2 minutes she had scored and got us back into the game at 2-1. The energy and quality of play continued to improve and finally, during a goalmouth scramble, she was there again to equalise!. That's how the game finished and we went straight to penalties. Violet Pender made two great saves from their first two penalties. Isabelle Owen and Kira Carter scored the first two penalties for Haydon. They then missed their third penalty and Amy Taylor scored the winning penalty. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the game and it gave me a great sense of pride seeing the team win the County Cup! Congratulations to Chloe Pottle, Grace Dwyer, Amy Taylor, Isabelle Owen, Kiri Carter, Gemana Guilherme, Violet Pender, Keira Wickenden, Evie Ward, Ellie Goldhill, Lale Bas and Joella Lutu.

I would like to thank Ms Glynn and Ms Egan for taking the team.

Short Story Competition

As the weather starts to warm and the sun stays with us to make our days a little longer, our energy is renewed and refreshed as we get ready to 'get things done' for the summer. Whether Reading for Pleasure is on your list or not, reading our winning entries for the Haydon School's Short Story Competition, launched on World Book Day, will certainly be a simple, short and snappy way to be amazed and entertained by our incredible young writers. The winning short story entitled '[Leaves](#)' by [Lorin Stringfellow](#) from Year 11 takes you on a gripping and heart-racing journey through a forest while 1st Runner Up, [Sophia Theophilou](#) from Year 7, pulls at the heartstrings in her tale of a small family. Our 2nd Runner up, [Ishita Chowdhury](#) from Year 9, evokes an eerie and uncanny sentiment as she blurs the lines between reality and illusion through the theme of memory. There was also a Special Mention which was awarded to [Mehak Chowdhury](#) from Year 10 for her incredibly thought provoking poem 'Imposter Syndrome'.

I would like to thank Ms Kansara for organising the competition.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

During the spring term, a number of students undertook their Practice and Assessment Expedition as part of their Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This involved 78 Year 9 students, 53 Year 10 students and 20 Year 12 students respectively. The aim of the Expedition Section is for students to work collectively as part of a team, whilst planning and completing an unaccompanied, self-reliant hike under remote supervision. Despite harsh weather conditions at times, all students displayed great perseverance and resilience, and in turn were successful in the completion of their hikes.

On Friday 19th May 2023 our current student Rikhil Shah, and a number of former Sixth Form students, Matt Wilson, Abbie Wright, Amelia Dittman, Rhys Saunders, Ella Gillis, and George Blincko, of Haydon School shall be attending the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Award Presentation at Buckingham Palace Gardens to collect their Gold Awards.

Mr Harding and Miss Maisuria shall be in attendance to congratulate in person.

I would like to thank Mr Harding and Miss Maisuria for their continuous support for all students working towards successfully completing their Awards.

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards

The Jack Petchey foundation hosted its annual Achievement Awards Ceremony on Wednesday April 26th at the Beck Theatre and it was indeed a delight to celebrate the recipients of this noble award. Cheers and loud applause permeated the air, as each student was welcomed on stage to receive their badges of excellence for their accomplishments. Among the many students in attendance, were three of our very own: Chloe Pottle, Erin Angel and Kaya Forest who received awards for outstanding achievements in sports and humanitarian efforts in raising funds for victims of war and the less fortunate. Parents, friends and teachers who were in attendance to mark the occasion beamed with pride as they celebrated the success of the pupils. It was especially lovely to once again gather together to honour the students in this way following a long break because of the recent pandemic. The evening was a massive success and we are thankful and grateful to the foundation for their continued devotion in supporting and highlighting the achievements of students across the country and making it possible for them to be recognised for their efforts. Congratulations to all the recipients!

Behaviour Update

Since the implementation of the new behaviour system of sanctions, we have had the full support of parents, staff and students. It is clear that our students understand and have embraced the changes and as a result they have been keen to adhere to the school's code of conduct. This has therefore resulted in solid improvements in the general attitudes of the few students who had difficulties in this regard. In fact, our internal data shows a steady decrease in the number of behaviour concerns among this group of students. We therefore thank you for being on board thus far and look forward to your continued support in our commitment to ensuring that our pupils have every opportunity to excel in school.

Holocaust Speaker

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome former pupil Jane Curzon to talk to a selection of Year 8 & 9 students who are interested in taking GCSE History. Jane is from the charity "Generation 2 Generation". Jane has been going into schools up and down the country, presenting her mother's story of arriving in the UK from Vienna in 1939. The presentation was about the Holocaust, anti-semitism, welcoming refugees and kindness. Jane's mother, Stella Curzon, taught German and French at Haydon for 20 years. The students found the presentation extremely interesting and had the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

Year 11 and Year 13 Photographs

It was lovely having the end of Year photographs for year groups on Tuesday this week. We were blessed with the weather and it was good to see the students enjoying gathering for one of the last times as a year group. Students will be able to purchase a copy of the photograph in due course.

Vacancies for Exam Invigilators

We are currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators. This is a casual position during Exam seasons. If you are interested please apply using [this link](#).

WorldSkills Gold Medal Presentation

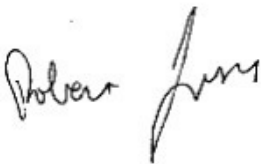
We are bursting with pride. Tyler Lewis, our IT apprentice, was presented with the WorldSkills Gold Medal at Uxbridge College for his achievement.

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We are incredibly proud of Tyler's achievements in winning the gold medal, being selected for Squad UK to potentially represent the UK in Lyon in 2024 and being nominated as one of four HRUC apprentices and receiving a Highly Commended Award at the West London Business Awards.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Jones
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday School Closure
Tuesday 2nd May - NEU Strike Day
Wednesday 3rd May - Year 7 Parents Evening Early Closure
Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday School Closure

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

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