

Haydon School

Deputy Headteachers' letter to Students



16th May 2022

Dear Students,

On Friday we celebrated our year 11 students moving on to the next stage of their educational journey with the start of the GCSE exams. This is always a bittersweet time for everyone as it raises emotions which have equal measures of excitement and nerves. However, we know that they will be amazing and make themselves and the whole school community proud. We would also like to wish our year 13 students good luck with their A level exams which start this week and an enjoyable leavers breakfast on Friday.

With the start of the external examination season, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is essential that you do not act in any way that may disrupt exams taking place. You will know that an area is being used for exams as the invigilators will put up yellow notices, morning exams start at 9:00 and afternoon exams at 1:30 and in many cases will run over break and lunch time. Our main exam venues are the Dobson Sports Hall and the Sixth Form Study room, and you should be particularly quiet in these areas. However, be aware that exams will be taking place in other venues

This weekend as a country we also began the formal celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which commemorates the fact that she is the first monarch to sit on the throne for 70 years. Whatever your views are of the Royal Family, this is a remarkable achievement. One of the things that has made the Queen so successful over her 70 year reign are her strong set of personal values, which include hard work, commitment, respecting others, curiosity, and self control which is a value based choice. In the writing of this letter we reflected on how these values are in line with the core values of our school which are:



- **Excellence.**
- **Respect**
- **Kindness**
- **Community**
- **Perseverance**

The Haydon Values were introduced in 2012 as a result of a whole school student, staff and parent survey that highlighted the values and ideas that were found to be most important. They are the core ethos for each of us at Haydon and are goals to which we wish to achieve and flourish in.

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Over the next 5 weeks we are going to revisit each one of our core school values, and ask your form tutors to discuss with you how they can help guide the choices you make and support your success at Haydon. Just as the Queen has used her values to guide her behaviour and choices though her long reign.

With
organization
comes
empowerment

-Lynda Peterson

We are always looking for ways to support your success at Haydon and we know that sometimes you may find it difficult to remember your timetable and also the **Student Code of Conduct**. As a result your form tutors will be issuing you all with cards, in your year colour, in order for you to write your timetable on. The cards also have the **Student Code of Conduct** printed on them to remind you of the expected behaviour while you are on the school premises and in the local community. Your timetable card should be

kept in your front blazer pocket.

We hope you have a great week, as always if you need any support or have any ideas which would add value to the school and your experience here please let us or any other adult in the school community know.

Yours sincerely

Mr Kidd and Ms Appleby
Deputy Headteachers

