



Summer 2023
Newslink



Staff Goodbyes

At this time of the year, we are saying goodbye to a number of staff. Melinda Giddens is retiring from the school after working here for 26 years. I would like to thank her for her dedication as Head of English and wish her a long and happy retirement. Mark Fisher is moving to Arts Ed, in Chiswick as a Head of Film Studies after 16 years at Haydon School. We are also losing the following: Caroline Barrett, John Beling, Anthony Bright, Natalie Chama, Allen Davies, Tessa Drysdale, Louise Foddy, Nathan Francis, Kama Allen, Ryan Harding, Ed Mendelblaht, Elena Pasca and Kirstie Roper. I would like to thank them all for the work that they have undertaken at Haydon School and wish them all well for their future careers. I have spent a significant time recruiting staff for the next academic year and I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed for September.

Year 6 Transition Summer School (24 to 28 July 2023)

We have around 200 Year 6 students, who will join us in September, signed up for our Transition Summer School. We are delighted to have the opportunity of ensuring these students have a really positive first experience of Haydon School. We have planned a full week of activities – each student will receive a curriculum comprising English, Maths, Science and PE team building activities and other enrichment lessons. Integral to the schemes of work will be the Haydon Values and one of our main aims is to ensure students make new friends and get to know the school environment. We have a great team of staff who are really looking forward to giving the students a positive, fun learning experience, which will serve as an excellent transition to Haydon from their primary school. On the last day, parents will be invited to a Barbeque and celebrate the achievements of their children during the week.

Site Improvements over the summer holidays

There is a significant number of building improvements taking place over the summer holidays to improve the facilities for the students and staff when they return in September:

- Our CIF project - Classroom Overheating Improvement Works - has started and will continue during the summer period. Final completion date is September 2024
- A complete upgrade of the school phone system will take place which will hopefully alleviate the problems we have had this year

- External signage will be improved across various buildings
- Staff garden will be completed

A-Level Results Thursday 17th August and GCSE Results Thursday 24th August 2023

All results will be available to pick up in person from the Sixth Centre to Year 13 students on Thursday 17 August and to Year 11 students on Thursday 24 August from around 8.15 onwards. We are really looking forward to celebrating the success of our students with them. For Year 11, the Sixth Form team will be on hand throughout the morning to make the process of enrolment as simple as possible. If for any reason students can not attend in person it is possible to enrol online using the email address:- sixthform@haydonschool.org.uk. Enrolling online should only be done due to pre-booked holidays or emergencies that mean attending in person is impossible. We really look forward to celebrating with Year 11 and welcoming our students back to Sixth Form. Further information has been previously sent to parents of Year 11 and Year 13 in a separate letter prior to the starting of summer examinations series.

New School Year

We have slightly altered the structure of the school day next year, and moved 10 minutes from period 1 (which is currently seventy minutes long) to form time at the end of the day, which will make form time half an hour, and will allow for form tutors to effectively deliver an impactful activity for the students. Form time is a section of the day students often view differently to other lessons during the day, but it is a vital part of their education, and time in which we are able to deliver character education, help develop social skills, and allow students to improve the soft skills vital for progression when they leave school. This means the school day will run in the following way:

Period 1 8:40-9:40 • **Period 2** 9:40-10:40 • **Break** 10:40-11:00 • **Period 3** 11:00-12:00 • **Period 4** 12:00-13:00 • **Lunch** 13:00-13:40 • **Period 5** 13:40-14:40 • **Form time** 14:40-15:10

As a reminder of our return dates for September, Monday 4th September is an inset day for staff only, Years 7 & 12 return to school on Tuesday 5th, and all other year groups return on Wednesday 6th September.

Finally....

I wish all students, parents and staff a very enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

Robert Jones • Headteacher

Key Dates: Monday 25 July – Sunday September 3rd Summer Holiday • Thursday 17 August Year 13 Results Day • Thursday 24 August Year 11 Results Day • Monday 4 September Staff Training Day • Tuesday 5 September Year 7 and Year 12 Return • Wednesday 6 September All year groups in school

Haydon School Sixth Form

88% of our students applied
to University

565 offers made by universities
to our Year 13 students.

134 offers from Russell Group
Universities

Two students have secured Degree Level apprenticeships at International brands such as **Coca Cola** and **Bosch**, with many more waiting to find out if they have been successful.

Be here and be on time!



See what happens over the course of one
year when you are a little late every day



School begins at 8:40 am. Be on time!



**Year 7 Road
Safety Assembly**

Year 7 students attended an incredible assembly on Road Safety delivered by The Riot Act project! They performed an interactive play that fully engaged the students and left them feeling empowered to make safer choices on the road.



**Holocaust
Speaker**

Alumni: Jane Curzon

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 interesting and had the opportunity to ask questions at the end.

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Haydon Clubs

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Year 11 Leavers Assembly

What a memorable day at Haydon School! Our Year 11 leavers assembly was an incredible blend of emotions and joy. It was heartwarming to witness our headteacher, assistant headteachers, form tutors, teachers, and students come together to celebrate cherished memories and embrace the exciting journey ahead. With the summer exams on the horizon, this carefully crafted event, courtesy of our dedicated Year Team, prepared us for the next steps. We couldn't be prouder of our students, and we're thrilled to guide them through their A levels. Wishing all our amazing students the very best. Let's soar together!



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“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”
Dr. Seuss






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Year 10 Ice Skating

We are delighted to share highlights of a recent school trip organised by Haydon School's Science Department.

A group of Year 10 students exhibited impeccable behavior as they embarked on an exciting rewards trip to Queensway London for a morning of ice skating! This trip was financially supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation. The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up in 1999 to inspire and motivate young people and recognise them for their achievements. We'd like to thank Mr Gohil, Ms Halarescu and Mr Valentim for organising this outing!





**Korean visitors from
Hyundai Chongun
High School**

Exciting two-day visit at Haydon School! 6 talented students from Hyundai Chongun High School in Ulsan, South Korea joined us through a global scholarship program. They delivered an awesome Korean language lesson to our year 12 English students and engaged in a spirited debate with our debate club. We also shared experiences and explored various A-level lessons. Thanks to Mr. Fisher for organizing this valuable experience!



We are delighted to share highlights of a recent school trip organised by Haydon School's Science Department. Our Year 8 students exhibited impeccable behavior as they embarked on an unforgettable educational adventure to the Science Museum in central London. Under the guidance of our dedicated teachers, Mr Gohil, Ms Halarescu, and Ms Padurariu, our students were immersed in a world of scientific wonders. The museum's interactive exhibits and hands-on experiences provided an ideal environment for their exploration. On a day blessed with amazing weather, our students eagerly participated in engaging demonstrations and experiments, fostering

curiosity and a passion for science. We look forward to more educational adventures that continue to inspire and ignite a passion for knowledge!







Supporting Local Sports Days

This half term the PE department has taken 78 students in total to help run local primary school sports days. Pupils from GCSE PE, Sports Science and those dedicated to sporting clubs were chosen to represent Haydon. Our pupils helped Year 1-6 students with running, jumping and throwing activities. They even showcased their own skills by taking part in the 80m sprint race which the primary pupils loved! Our students have developed their leadership skills by being so vital in this organisation. The feedback we have received so far from parents, teachers and students has been extremely positive. We are so proud of our students.



Haydon Sports Week





Congratulations to the Jack Petchey Achievement winners for this year, who have received awards for excellence in various areas:

- Bianca Bodrug - Year 12**
- Lorin Stringfellow - Year 11**
- Maryam Hashemy - Year 10**
- Emmy Kliner - Year 10**
- Sophia Theopilou - Year 7**
- Ashwin Sakthivel - Year 7**

This group of young people has demonstrated high levels of commitment, resilience and diligence in key areas of the school including, Drama, English and Science and have made their teachers proud. Thanks to the Jack Petchey Foundation, we are able to applaud their efforts and celebrate their successes and will continue to inspire our students to have high aspirations.

Paris Trip



Students studying French, Art and Photography went on a trip to Paris. Students experienced Parisian culture, admired the iconic sights of Paris on a river Seine cruise and had their lunch under the Iron Lady (the Eiffel Tower). The visit to the stunning Musée D'Orsay, famous for its collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art, was a welcomed respite from the heat. Students had the opportunity to see some of the world's most celebrated artworks and took many photographs before heading to Beauborg with its sidewalk cafes and the Centre Pompidou. Students also spent a day at Disneyland and completed their magical experience by watching grand finale drones and fireworks show. Students behaved impeccably, were excited (and brave enough) to speak to French people , forged new friendships and made life lasting memories. I would like Ms Norguet for organising the trip and Ms Grealish, Ms Richards and Mr Baglan for accompanying the students.



Solar Panels

Heating and AC

The contractors have started working on the school's building work. The project will involve the installation of solar panels on the roof of St Nicks, St Mary's and the Dobson Buildings. We are hoping that the energy generated will be able to power heating and air conditioning units that will be installed in all classrooms, creating an environment much more conducive to learning, particularly in the warmer summer months that we now seem to get every year. I am also hoping to see a significant reduction in the school's energy costs which currently are very high, leaving more money left over to support student learning.

Year 9 Camp French Alps

The week before May half term, forty year 9 students went to the south of France for a week to complete a mixture of land and water based activities. This has been our first overseas trip since the Covid pandemic. The international trips programme used to be a real strength of the school and it is a relief to get these underway again. The group stayed in a town called Morzine, not far from the border of Switzerland where the scenery was beautiful - a mix of sunny green hills and snow capped mountains. The students completed activities such as tree top activities and zip line, rock climbing, kayaking, survival skills and whitewater rafting which was incredible. On one of the days, students completed a 8km hike up and down a mountain to the border of Switzerland. This was very challenging but all students completed it during some difficult weather conditions - sunny at the bottom and cold and snow at the top! Our students behaved very well. I would like to thank Miss Egan for leading the trip and all of the staff that attended to make this opportunity possible.



Year 8 Camp

One hundred Year 8 students went to Kingswood Kent to take part in outdoor adventurous activities from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th of June. The trip was a great success, the students were all well behaved and took part in the following activities: Nightline, Leap of faith, Zip line, Problem solving, Dodgeball, Shelter building, Fire lighting, Archery and crate making. The students also had a Disco in the evening and plenty of free time to mix and socialise with other schools. I would like Mr Addison for organising the trip and a number of staff who attended.



The Young Carers Trust

Carers Trust Hillingdon is delighted to be working with Haydon School to provide information, advice and support to young carers and their families. Young carers are children and young people aged from 5 – 25 years old who help to look after someone in their household who has a disability, mental or physical ill-health or misuses substances. This could be a child caring for a sibling with autism, a mother with depression, a father with cancer or even a grandparent with dementia. We are a registered charity and our aim is to reduce the impact that caring can have on a young person by providing free trips and activities, youth clubs, workshops, and support for young carers in school through 1:1 or small group work. If you would like further

information, please speak to Ms Lisa Wyatt in school 0208 4290005 Ext.133 or contact Carers Trust Hillingdon on 01895 811206.

What is a Young Carer?

At least one in ten children in Britain has some level of responsibility as a carer in their home. This equates to there being, on average, two or three young carers in every classroom in Britain.

A young carer is someone under the age of eighteen who provides regular support to a parent, sibling or even a grandparent because they are ill, frail, disabled, living with a long-term condition, have a mental illness or abuse substances such as drugs and alcohol.

Young carers come from a range of family situations which can include caring for a sibling with autism or other additional needs, a parent with Schizophrenia or depression, a parent with a physical disability or even an elderly grandparent who lives in the family home.

Young carers (YC's) can have a whole range of responsibilities including household chores such as cooking and cleaning, budgeting, managing medication and liaising with professionals on behalf of their cared for person. Some YC's have to take younger siblings to school before they get to school themselves which can result in persistent lateness.

A large percentage of our YC's are from single parent families which means they are often the sole source of emotional support for the parent. Parents can put their issues and anxieties onto their children which has mental health implications for them too.



**A journey around the world:
School trip to Kew Gardens
& Haydon’s first botanical
photography competition**

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed exploring Kew Gardens, London’s largest UNESCO World Heritage site. Botanical gardens can also be thought of as museums as “exotic” plants were first collected not just for aesthetic reasons, but with economic purposes in mind. At the Princess of Wales Conservatory you can see dream-like giant Lily pads, which evolved some 110 million years ago, one of the first ever flowering plants - whose neon violet flowers today only come out for 24 hours! Next door to them, behind a secret glass door, is the fascinating world of carnivorous plants, where flies are lured into giant flutes only to be drowned, whereupon the plant then eats the dead flies...yum yum! The Hive is a huge sculpture that celebrates the incredible

universe of the humble bee. It’s made of 170,000 pieces of aluminium, suspended from the ground, and appears as a twisting swarm of bees from afar. The sounds of buzzing bees is mixed with music and lights up LED bulbs. The site is surrounded a meadow of wild flowers to encourage bees, which are worryingly in decline. Bees are of course essential for the pollination of flowers, crops, fruits and nuts, and our survival. Explore the colossal iconic Palm House, an enchanting temperate jungle under a massive Cathedral-like dome of glass. Climb up the iron spiral staircase for the best views. The highlight of our day out though had to be the Tree Top walk, where from 18 metres up we wandered above a canopy of limes, oaks and sweet chestnut trees planted

by Capability Brown in 1770 - the idea being to experience nature from a completely different perspective. Winners of Haydon School’s 1st botanical photography competition:
First prize: Ridoul Kazeem 9YHC (Giant Lily pads)
Joint second prize: Pietra Biondo 8MCP (The Hive’s apex), Vincent Lee 8IJA (Carnivorous plant)
Joint third prize: Bianca Ursu 9SKC (Bee alights on wildflower, Electric fish), Chisimidi Nwankwo 9IOT (flowering hairy cacti), Jimmy Siu 7DAS (Cacti)
Honorable mentions: Ira Serhienko 8YAO (periwinkle blue flower), Jayden Law 9HAC (exotic flower), Rafiya Yip 9SRM (intrepid explorers), Vincent Lee (Palm House), Sofia Tumasian 8YAO (Lilypad flower, bee alights on wildflower)





Looking to hire a venue for a club/activity or event? Haydon have superb facilities available for hire to the local community, including 3 sports halls, 4 new indoor cricket net facilities, a main hall, dance studio and drama rooms, an outdoor playing field, classrooms and many more. **Sports** - We can accommodate a range of

different indoor and outdoor sports activities. Our facilities are suitable for Football, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Badminton, Martial Arts, Fitness, Dance and Yoga classes. **Dance Studios & Performance Space** - We have great facilities for dance and the performing arts including rooms for rehearsal space or for larger events. **Conference Facilities**



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