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## 06 October, 2023

# Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Open Morning**

We had our second Open Morning on Wednesday and there were 60 visitors to the school. Potential parents and Year 6 students had the opportunity to walk around the school with a sixth form guide. I met a number of the parents as they left the school and they all commented how calm the school was and how engaged the students were in their learning. It was also lovely to meet a former student who I had taught in 2002!

## Sixth Form Open Evening - Save the Date - Thursday 23rd November

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is particularly late this year and will be held on the evening of Thursday 23rd November. Mr Gosling will be writing to all of our Year 11 families next week to confirm the arrangements for the evening. Sixth Form Open Evening is the chance for families to talk to staff about subject choices, hear presentations on Sixth Form life and begin the application process for enrolling at our Sixth Form. The vast majority of our Year 11 students stay on for Sixth Form and this informative evening will be the first step into their Post16 provision at Haydon.

#### Attendance

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported Haydon so far this year by ensuring your child is at school more than 96% of the time and that they are on time. You are supporting your child in making sure they do not miss important learning experiences that will prime them for the best opportunities in the future.

Not being at school regularly has a negative effect on the social aspects of school. It is hard for children to form and maintain strong friendships if they are not in school each day.

Haydon encourages parents and guardians to arrange medical/dental appointments outside of school hours. Where it is unavoidable to book a medical appointment outside of the school day, please make it late in the afternoon. This is so students have the opportunity to access as much of the school day as possible without disrupting learning. School must be notified about appointments in advance with proof.

Please ensure your child arrives at school in good time to be ready for lesson 1. This starts at 08.40 each day. Thank you for your support in helping to raise Haydon's school attendance.











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## D&T trip - ThinkTank Science Museum

On Wednesday 4th, a group of 43 Year 10 DT design students were taken to ThinkTank Science Museum in Birmingham. Being a heartland of manufacturing for the UK for many years, they experienced and investigated a wealth of products and techniques which brought to life the theory they have been working on in GCSE from the piston engine to AI and future technology. The students behaved well and were great ambassadors for Haydon School.

## World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. This is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. In line with Young Mind's mental health charity, staff will be wearing an item of yellow clothing on the day to help raise awareness.

#### PE Kit.

Please be reminded that students must come to school in full uniform everyday. Any students with PE period 1 will be expected to wear full uniform to school and change into their PE kits at the beginning of the lesson.

Yours sincerely,

**Robert Jones** 

Headteacher

### **Key Dates**

Wednesday 11th October 9:30am - Open Morning Year 6 Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023 - Half Term

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