

**20 October, 2023**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Year 11 Examinations**

After the half-term holiday, Year 11 will be sitting their examinations. Students will receive personalised timetables in the next few days. The timetable is now on the [website](#).

**Sixth Form Open Evening**

A reminder that our eagerly awaited Sixth Form Open Evening will be on Thursday, 23rd November, 6-8 pm. Mr Gosling wrote to our Year 11 families last week with information on the evening, but if you have yet to book your tickets for the Sixth Form talk, please click on this link [Haydon School Sixth Form Open Evening](#). Talks are available at 6.15 pm and 7.00 pm, and subject staff and students will be present throughout the evening to discuss the subjects available in our fantastic Post16 provision.

**Safeguarding Week - 13th-17th November 2023**

Haydon is looking forward to our annual Safeguarding Week. Safeguarding is the foundation of what we do all year round and is everyone's responsibility. Our week-long focus is on exploring specific aspects of Safeguarding and creating time for students to hear from special agencies and attend workshops where appropriate. This year includes hate crime workshops, tackling misogyny focus and work with St John's Ambulance. We are very pleased to offer parents a Zoom webinar from the esteemed Dr Kathy Weston. With resilience as our key mental health focus, How to Raise a Resilient Child: A Parent's Guide will be well worth your time. Fuller details and how to register are below:

**When: Nov 13, 2023, 07:30 PM London**

**Topic: Haydon School - How to Raise a Resilient Child: A Parent's Guide**

**Register in advance for this webinar: [LINK HERE](#)**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Description: In this online talk, Dr Kathy Weston will take parents through the evidence relating to children's resilience and mental health and discuss the small things we can all do at home so that our children thrive in all aspects of their lives. She will discuss children's challenges following the pandemic and explain how parents can boost their children's emotional, academic and digital resilience moving forward. Dr Weston's talk will also contain warnings about contemporary life-threatening children's resilience and mental health and discuss how parents can mitigate these inevitable challenges. Dr Weston is one of the leading experts in parental engagement and the author of two books for teachers: *Engaging Parents* (2018:2020). She was educated at Queen's University, Belfast and Cambridge. She holds a Law degree, Master and PhD in Criminology and is the founder of the digital parenting community site [Tooled-Up Education](#). To get more of a flavour of her work, do read her Wednesday Wisdom blog on the front page of the Tooled Up site!

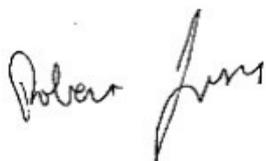
### Attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers who are working with us to improve our attendance. We value your support in helping us to continue to raise our percentage. Excellent attendance on or above our 96% target gives your child the best chance for success at school and beyond. Poor attendance can have a severe negative impact and reduce life chances. Frequent lateness to school adds up to lost learning. Students who are late find it harder to settle into the routine of the day. Lateness to lessons disturbs the learning of the whole class. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a full-time education. If a child is genuinely too ill to be at school, absence phone calls must be made each day the pupil is absent.

### Food Donation

The generosity of our school community has shone brightly as the Year 12 students and the school staff came together to support the incredible Hillingdon Foodbank network. The Year 12 students led the charge, displaying leadership and compassion. The response was heartwarming, with various food items pouring in, from non-perishable staples to nutritious goodies! We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to every single person who donated. Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. A special shoutout goes to Mr Gohil and the Sixth Form team for their enthusiasm throughout this endeavour!

Wishing all staff and students a relaxing half-term holiday.



**Robert Jones**

**Headteacher**

### Key Dates

Half Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023  
Safeguarding Week: Monday 13th - Friday 17th November 2023  
Sixth Form Open Evening : Thursday 23rd November 2023  
Haydon Talent Show: Thursday 30th November 2023  
Year 8 Parents Evening: Thursday 7th December 2023  
Christmas Concert : Thursday 14th December 2023  
Prize Giving: Thursday 21st December 2023  
Last Day of Term: Friday 22nd December 2023

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