

17 November, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding Week

I would like to thank Mr Brinnand for organising the Safeguarding Week that we have held in school this week. The programme has involved many important and enriching sessions for our students.

Some highlights have been the Raising Resilient Children webinar. This is available below until Monday 20th November: <https://vimeo.com/884335340/06c96b8a07?share=copy>

Key points from Dr Kathy Weston's session included - the promotion of 'good enough', coaching approach, courage over perfection and 'resilience raincoats'.

Silent Mind mental health review performances by Theatre for Life had a main focus on shared experiences and improved physical and mental health.

<https://www.theatreforlife.co.uk/>

Domestic Abuse Lead from Hillingdon Borough, Laura Clarke held a productive session with some Year 13 students who were especially engaged and confident.

A Metropolitan Police Officer delivered sessions around Cyber Choices - upskilling our students on safety online.

<https://www.met.police.uk/cyberchoices>

There were workshops for a range of students focusing on Hate Crime, Tackling Misogyny and Active Bystander.

To mark Anti-Bullying week, special assemblies were held for all year groups.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

Brilliant Parents

An organisation that helps parents deal with difficult behaviour in their children, whether toddler or teenager.

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/home-business-1/>

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is fast approaching on Thursday 23rd November 6-8pm. Tickets for the talks are available for 6.15 and 7.00. To get your tickets please visit this link:- [Haydon School Sixth Form Open Evening](#). The Evening is a great opportunity for our Year 11 families to look at our Post16 provision and begin to make decisions about which subjects to take at A Level.

Applications for our Sixth Form will open on the same evening and all students will be able to apply at www.haydonschool.com/apply immediately. The application form is a simple online process and should take just 10 minutes to complete following the conclusion of the Open Evening. The deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday 15th December 2023.

Behaviour Review

We were visited earlier this week by an external auditor, looking at behaviour in the school, and examining the impact of the changes we made to our behaviour policy towards the end of the year. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive about behaviour at Haydon School, and they noted at the end of the day how impressed they had been by behaviour in lessons. They complimented teachers on the atmospheres created in classrooms to enable students to learn affectively, and reported to us that they had greatly enjoyed their time interviewing students about their experiences at Haydon School.

Robotics Competitions

Haydon's Sixth Form students are taking part in two robotics competitions this year. During half-term, they attended the launch events with Head of Computing, Mrs Dale. One event was held in Cambridge and the other was an online event which took place in school. At both events students were tasked with completing various challenges. During the launch events, students found out about the rules of the competitions, were given a basic launch pack and met the other teams involved in the competition. The student teams are now meeting regularly to design, build and programme their autonomous robot. It is fantastic to see the level of teamwork and problem solving that the teams are showing as they work towards their solutions. I would like to thank Ms Dale for supporting the students.

Mathematics Olympiad

UKMT Maths Olympiad for Girls 2023 (September 2023)

I would like to congratulate the following students for competing and being successful in this year's UKMT Mathematics Olympiad for Girls: Manya Chowdhury, Molly Dorricott (Best in School), Dorothy Chan, Ella Cooper and Manya Modi.

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 2023 - (October 2023)

Mr Patel ran our 'UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 2023' for our budding Mathematicians in the sixth-form. This year, a total of eighteen students completed with five students qualifying for the next round. Many of our students are now studying Mathematics at Advanced Level. It is truly fantastic to see students taking time outside of their studies to compete in this National competition. Once again our students are demonstrating Haydon School values of Excellence and Perseverance. Noteworthy mentions to the five qualifiers from Year 13 who were: Isaac Algar, Yassine Birbiad, Manya Chowdhury, Molly Dorricott and Rayhan Zuberi and to everyone else who competed. Very well done!!

UKMT British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 (November 2023)

Special mention to Jonathan Ingram (Year 13) who automatically qualified and competed in the UKMT British Olympiad Round 1 following outstanding success in the initial 'Senior Maths Challenge Stage' in October. Manya Modi (Year 11) also participated in this Maths Olympiad. Thank You to Mr Patel for his support with our participating students.

Flood Resilience Project

We are very pleased to announce that we are receiving a £350K grant to improve our flood resilience. Using this grant we will:

- improve drainage systems across the school site
- have 14 SuDS planters (sustainable drainage systems) to divert water from downpipe drains and use it to water plants in these planters
- build a rain garden in front of the admin block to reduce the surface water

The project is expected to finish by the end of April 2024.

Solar Panels

Our project of fitting solar panels on four of our roofs is progressing very well. Three of these roofs have now been producing electricity since October. To date we have saved 675 kg CO2 emission and this is equivalent to planting 41 trees. The project is planned to finish by the end of May 2024.

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Yours sincerely,

Robert Jones
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Key Dates

6th Form Open Evening : Thursday 23rd November 2023

Haydon Talent Show : Thursday 30th November 2023

Year 8 Parents Evening : Thursday 7th December 2023

Prize Giving : Thursday 21st December 2023

End of Term : Friday 22nd December 2023

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