



Autumn 2023

Newslink



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I draft my introduction to this final Newslink of 2023, I do so having attended our Prize Giving Ceremony last night. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the successes of our students and it is always a delight seeing so many of our former students back at school to receive their awards. I would like to thank Ms Chenery and Ms Cousins for organising the evening and congratulations to all of our prize winners.

Last Thursday we staged our Christmas concert which as always was a delightful evening. It is always a lovely way to end the term and certainly makes you feel that Christmas is approaching. I was particularly pleased with the number of students who performed at the concert for the first time. I would like to thank Mr Bowman, Mr Warack and Ms Hunt for all of the extracurricular opportunities that they give to the musicians at the school.

In all my years of teaching, I don't think we have ever finished so close to Christmas. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Robert Jones
Headteacher

*Leaders and staff
are ambitious
for their pupils.
Leaders have
prioritised the
creation of positive
relationships
between pupils and
staff in order to
help pupils succeed
in all aspects of
school life.*

Opening paragraph of the OFSTED Report, October 2022



Remembrance Sunday

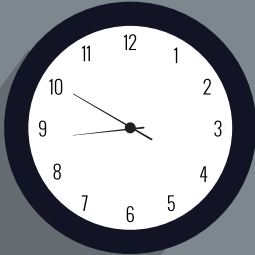
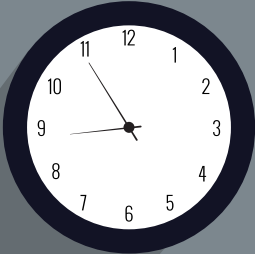
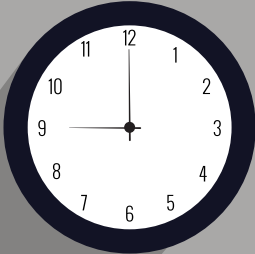
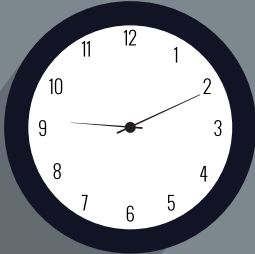
On the 12th of November, Haydon School was represented by members of the Student Leadership Team and Mrs Baker-Perkins (Head of Year 13) at the Remembrance Sunday event in Eastcote.

Thomas Lawrence, our Head Boy, was joined by Coco Mirza, Deputy Head Girl and Anatolii Lezhnev, prefect, to present the wreath on behalf of our school. The day was a fitting way to remember and the students were exemplary in representing Haydon School in the community.



Every minute counts

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

<p>On time</p>  <p>Full learning</p>	<p>5 min late</p>  <p>3 days lost</p>	<p>10 min late</p>  <p>5.5 days lost</p>
<p>15 min late</p>  <p>8 days lost</p>	<p>20 min late</p>  <p>11 days lost</p>	<p>30 min late</p>  <p>16 days lost</p>

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





Law trip to the University of Hertfordshire

It was a cold morning, much earlier than most Year 12 Law students would have liked, but we set off by coach last Friday, 24th November, to attend the Law Immersion Day at the University of Hertfordshire at 8 am. There was a complete programme of exciting information for students interested in studying Law at university. It started with a Careers Panel where a barrister, solicitor, trainee solicitor, legal executive and a university in-house lawyer described their pathways into a legal career with anecdotes about barriers and problems they faced. There was a Street Law session where Haydon students could discuss and debate the right to protest and the use of moral defences. Undergraduates led the session as they would have in going out into the community to educate the public about their rights.

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It was a lively session with valid arguments and viewpoints from our students. Well done Haydon students! There were then more Law-based events: students enjoyed a taste of sitting in on a sentencing hearing in a very realistic replica of a Crown Court courtroom with participants fully gowned and wigged! They were also given a taste of what it is like to be an undergraduate in a lecture - on Murder. Finally, they were given guidance on completing their Personal Statements to a high standard for their UCAS applications. It was a jam-packed day, but students enjoyed it, and everyone got something out of it - the day ended with students buzzing about studying Law.

Haydon Clubs

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Haydon's Got Talent 2023

Haydon's Got Talent burst back into our lives on the 30th November with incredible performances from students in every year group. There was singing, gymnastics and phenomenal guitar riffs from our students. The evening was organised by our Sixth Form Leaders; Isaac Algar, Molly Dorricott, Matthew Schettino, Manya Chowdhury and Emily Broderick; with help from Ikhlas Jacobs, Savi and Sainthavi Vigneswaran and Mrs Baker-Perkins and Mr Warak.

Mr Mahoney, Mr Matton and Ms Orton were fantastic judges, giving constructive

advice in a humorous way. The evening was a great success and our winners were: 3rd place - Rin Adamji, Joe Everett and Harry Williamson (Year 9) Runner up - Bo-Bo Ohene Adu (Year 8) Winner - Dylan Cowley (Year 12).





Y6 Open Evening

What an extraordinary evening we had during our Open Evening at the school! The event's overwhelming success was a true testament to the dedication and hard work of our incredible volunteers, students, teachers, and staff.

The enthusiasm and energy were palpable, with over a thousand visitors. Our volunteers went above and beyond to ensure everyone felt welcomed and had a memorable experience. Their commitment to showcasing the best of our school shone through.

The classrooms buzzed with excitement as visitors engaged in various enriching activities. From interactive demonstrations to captivating presentations, every corner of the school was alive with the spirit of learning and discovery. Witnessing the passion and creativity displayed by our students and teachers was heartening.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended and those who took the time to send us lovely messages of appreciation. Your kind words reflect the collective effort that went into organizing such a successful event. Thank you for recognizing the quality and impeccable organization that our team worked tirelessly to achieve. This Open Evening was not just an event but a celebration of our school community coming together and showcasing the excellence that defines us.

We look forward to welcoming the new Year 7 cohort from next September.





“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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Christmas Concert



Haydon's annual Christmas Concert was held on the 15th December. The concert, hosted brilliantly by Isaac Algar (Yr 13) and Eloise Adams (Yr 12), included a range of performances from the orchestra, to the choir, to student-led bands. Soloists sang beautifully and pianists played exquisitely. Thank you to all those who took part in the concert including guest performers such as Ms Collier and Ms Hunt. Thank you to the PAMMs Faculty and in particular Mr Bowman, Ms Hunt and Mr Warak from the music department.



Politics Trip to the Welsh Assembly

Students from Year 11 and Year 12 travelled to the Welsh Assembly for an educational visit on 7th December 2023. 25 committed students woke up early to get a 6am coach to Wales! They took part in debates about compulsory voting and learned about the Welsh experience of devolution. Students were given a tour of the Welsh Parliament's debating chamber and learned about the symbolism of the building and how different electoral systems produce different forms of government.



Trip to Silverstone

We're thrilled to announce that our Year 9 mathematics trip to the Silverstone Museum and Racing Track was a roaring success! Our students embraced the world of numbers amidst the excitement of engines and the rush of speed, exploring the thrilling connections between mathematics and motorsport. Not only did our students have an incredible time, but they also exhibited EXEMPLARY behaviour throughout the trip, making us immensely proud! They represented our school with the utmost respect and enthusiasm, showcasing their dedication to learning and exemplary conduct. Congratulations to all our students for their outstanding perfor-

mance and for being fantastic ambassadors of our school! We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.



Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

	Freya Thorpe Head Girl		Thomas Lawrence Head Boy
Adam Norquoy Deputy Head Boy		Coco Mirza Deputy Head Girl	
	Molly Dorricott Deputy Head Girl		Yashveer Dhanjal Deputy Head Boy
Lead Prefects			
	Manya Chowdhury	Isaac Algar	
		Emily Broderick	Matthew Schettino


Meet Haydon School’s Sixth Form Leadership Team. A selection of students committed to contributing to the school community that are taking part in Haydon’s Student Leadership programme.



We are excited to share news about our ongoing STEM exchange program with Shiv Nadar School in India. As part of this enriching collaboration, our computer science students have been engaging in a cross-cultural learning experience that transcends borders and fosters a global perspective. The vision is to acquire skills and participate in global competitions together as a team.

used to design games, detect sounds and respond. Haydon students also delivered a wonderful session on Python coding which was very well received.

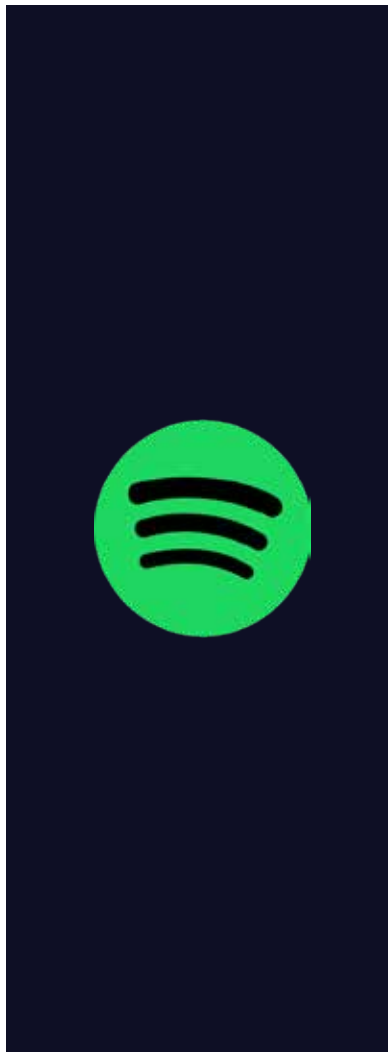
Through virtual classrooms and collaborative projects, students have not only expanded their knowledge but also developed crucial skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and intercultural communication. The exchange program provides a unique opportunity for our students to gain insights into diverse approaches to computer science education and witness the innovation happening on the other side of the globe. It goes beyond traditional learning, offering a broader understanding of how STEM fields impact our interconnected world.





Computing Q&A session with Spotify

Haydon Computer Science students from Year 13 and Year 11 recently engaged in a dynamic Q&A session with Spotify, the popular music streaming platform. Mr. Gupta, an AI professional at Spotify, graciously gave his time to enlighten our students about the cutting-edge technology that drives the platform. The session was centred around the fascinating world of AI and its integral role in shaping the user experience at Spotify. Our students demonstrated their enthusiasm and curiosity by asking a multitude of questions, sparking a vibrant and engaging discussion. The exchange of ideas and insights was truly inspiring, showcasing the depth of knowledge and inquisitiveness of our students. We are pleased to report that Mr. Gupta was thoroughly impressed with the thoughtful questions and genuine interest shown by Haydon students. This session not only provided a unique learning opportunity for our students but also served as a testament to the exceptional talent and potential within our school community. The department of Computing would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Gupta for his time and expertise, and we look forward to more such enriching experiences for our students in the future.



Humanities Trips

The History department took students in Years 10 and 11 to the Tower of London. The students received special access to closed-off sections of the White Tower and an in-depth talk that deepened their understanding of their GCSE Normans paper. The students also enjoyed seeing the Crown Jewels, and it sparked discussions on the origins of the jewels in the crowns and whether Britain should still have them. I want to thank Mr Tsakiridis for organising the trip. The Year 13 historians also went to the National Archives to access some original documents written by the Tudor monarchs.

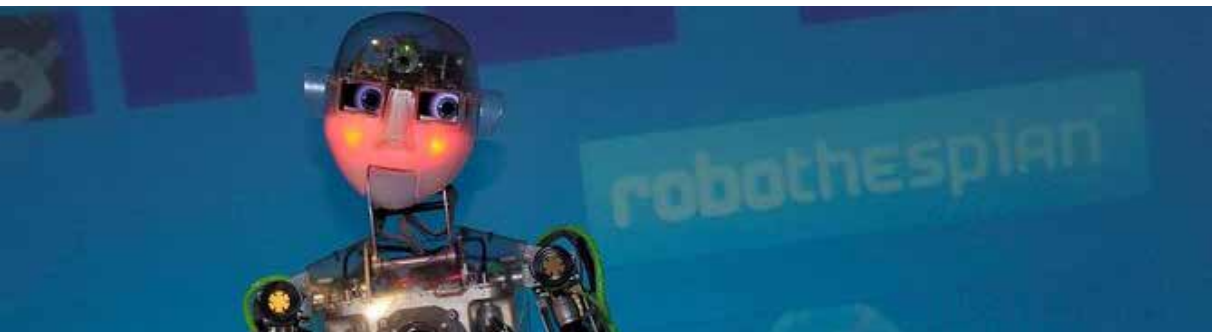
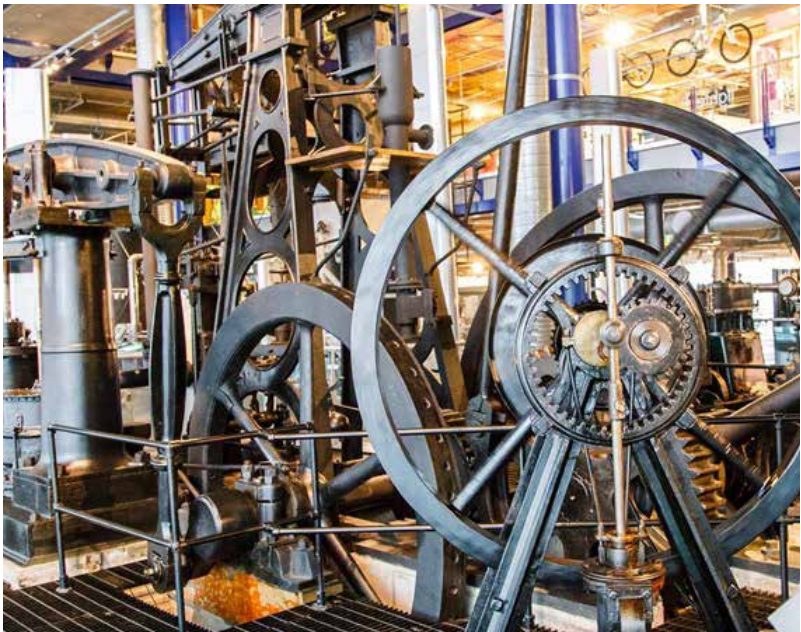
After initially struggling to decipher Tudor handwriting and spelling, the students were able to pick out key features of all the sources they were investigating. These helped plot the alleged crisis of Mary I's reign, and the Year 13's could form their own judgements based on actual primary sources. The Year 13 students gained an insight into the role of historians beyond university. One of the highlights was viewing a letter written by Queen Elizabeth I herself. Thank you to Mr Cooper for organising and assisting.





**D&T trip
ThinkTank
Science Museum**

A group of 43 Year 10 DT design students were taken to ThinkTank Science Museum in Birmingham. Being a heart-land 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.



Our Safeguarding Week promotion of 'good enough', offered many enriching coaching approach, courage over perfection and 're-cluding webinars and guest speakers. Silent Mind mental health reviewed performances by 'Theatre for Life' with a main focus on shared experiences and improved physical and mental health. Dr Kathy Weston's session included the

promotion of 'good enough', coaching approach, courage over perfection and 'resilience raincoats', all shown through the Raising Resilient Children webinar. The domestic abuse lead from Hillingdon Borough, Laura Clarke, held a productive session with our Year 13 students who were especially engaged and confi-

dent. We also had a visit from the Metropolitan Police who delivered sessions around Cyber Choices, upskilling our students safety online. There were a range of workshops delivered to students focusing on Hate Crime, Tackling Misogyny and Active Bystander. We also held assemblies for all students to mark our Anti-Bullying week.





Sixth Form Open Evening

I'd like to thank Mr Gosling, the Sixth Form pastoral team and all the teaching staff involved for making the Open Evening such an informative evening. It was a pleasure speaking to so many students about their aspirations and the opportunities that are available to them in Sixth Form. We have had lots of positive feedback including this email "I would like to say thank you to the teachers that attended the Sixth Form Open Evening as they were very engaging, enthusiastic and inspiring".



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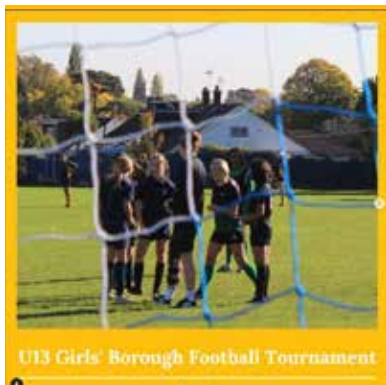
We have great facilities for dance and the performing arts including rooms for rehearsal space or for larger events.

Conference Facilities



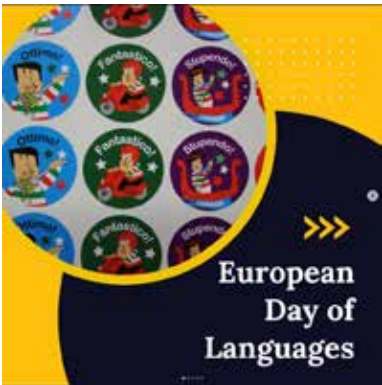
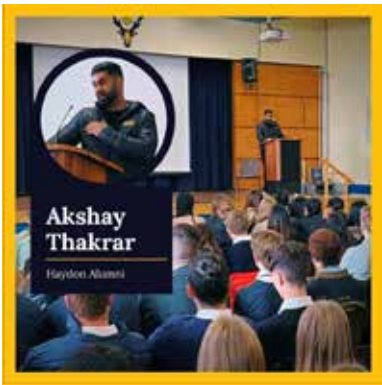
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Science Club Winter activities

Students participating in Junior Science Club have created fantastic winter and Christmas fun by using simple Science processes: cristallisation to make Borax Candy Canes, benzoic acid solubility and dissolving properties to make Snow Globe and using sodium polyacrylate to make fake snow. What a blast it was!



Jeishal Vijayarajah won the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for November for being conscientious in his quest to help others. He participated in the Edinburgh Marathon to raise funds for Drug Awareness. Isaac Kotze won the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for September for his excellence in sports at Haydon. He represents Haydon school on several teams, including football, rugby, ath-

letics and cricket. Our Year 10 student, Aishani Goel, represented Haydon School at the Hillingdon Regional Final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, presenting a speech entitled “The Power of Patriarchy. Aishani’s riveting performance showcased her confidence, eloquence and passion for her chosen topic. Loud cheers and applause echoed through the hall as the audience admired

Aishani’s delivery, some even commenting that she was among the favourites. A job well done, Aishani. We are so proud of you!



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