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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sixth Form Meetings

Following the successful Year 11 mock examinations, the Sixth Form team and various Senior Leaders have begun interviewing over 230 students for places in Sixth Form for the next academic year. Our staff have been incredibly impressed with the maturity and focus of our Year 11 students in these interviews. We are excited that we will be welcoming so many of our Year 11 students back for Sixth Form after what I'm sure will be a successful summer examination period.

University & Apprenticeship applications

We are delighted that 160 of our Year 13 students have applied to University or Degree Level apprenticeships. Students are becoming excited as they have started receiving their offers of places for next year. We also have a large number of students who have been called for interviews at Oxford, Cambridge, Veterinary and Medical schools. I am delighted that five of our students have been offered a place at Cambridge and one at Oxford. We also have another student who has been offered a place at medical school with a number of others called awaiting an interview. I would like to thank Ms Baker-Perkins and Ms McAviley who have worked extremely hard supporting our students with their applications.

Careers Fair - 6th March

As part of our plans for Careers Week, we will be running a traditional Careers Fair in the main hall on 6th March from 8.40am-2.40pm. It is always a challenge to get a wide range of employers, businesses and providers to attend such events and make the sessions as valuable as possible. We'd like to appeal to any parents/carers who would like to represent their chosen career or who have contacts for any employers that would be interested in attending. Please contact Mr Gosling directly if you can support in any way dgosling@haydonschool.com.

Careers Advice

If your son or daughter is stuck on their next step and would like a 1:1 careers appointment to look at their options, you can contact our onsite Careers Adviser, Jeenal Shah, using the email address careers@haydonschool.com. Appointments are held every Wednesday and Friday and whilst Year 11 and Year 13 receive priority, appointments can be made for students of any age. A really useful website for online career advice and education is www.careerpilot.org.uk The website has extensive resources to guide students to career paths of their choice.

Alumni Network Careers Event - 25th February

On Thursday we were delighted to host a Careers Alumni meeting for our Year 12 students. We had a range of past Haydon students who gave up their time to speak to our students about their experience at Haydon and how it helped them on their onward career paths. Our sixth form students found the event inspiring and I'd like to thank all of our ex-students for giving up their time to support.

Absence from school

As we near the halfway point in the year, it is important to keep attendance to school near the top of our agenda. Like most other secondary schools nationally, our attendance has not yet returned to pre-covid levels, as attitudes towards missing school have, understandably, changed. It is very important that both students and parents understand that every day matters. Over the course of a school day, students learn and consolidate hundreds of new skills, both academically and socially. Ad-hoc absence from schools prevents this from happening. Please ensure you have used the satchel parent app to look at your child's current attendance, or contact us and we will support you with finding this.

Uniform Policy Update

We are now two weeks into the implementation of our new uniform policy and I'm pleased to say that standards of uniform have improved significantly. Students look smart, well presented and are wearing their uniform with pride. Wearing the correct uniform is also linked with good behaviour in schools and I'm pleased to say that behaviour points across the entire school are down 6.2% over the last two weeks compared to the two weeks prior to the new uniform policy starting. I'd like to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring their child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. Please be reminded that if students come to a school with an item of uniform missing but bring a note, they will not receive a sanction but will still be expected to get changed into the correct uniform. If you require any support with obtaining any uniform items, please get in contact with your child's form tutor.

Open Mornings for prospective families

Starting from Tuesday 20th February, we are launching year-round Open Mornings. Prospective families can book a personalised time slot to meet our admissions and senior leadership teams, explore the school during regular hours, and get their questions answered. We invite you to spread the word! If you know someone seeking a school that thinks big and prepares students for the vast world, let them know they can book a visit with us. Thank you for helping us share the Haydon experience! The booking link is available on our website. [Click here to book.](#)

Year 9 Holocaust Educational Talk

Year 9 received an exceptional talk from Generation to Generation on the Holocaust, an area that students had studied at the end of Year 8. The speaker spoke about their mother's experience living in Poland before Nazi occupation and then how she was transferred to the ghetto, then to Auschwitz and finally to a labour camp in Berlin before being rescued by the Swedish government in 1945. The speaker highlighted the importance of respect and understanding between people of different backgrounds and was able to bring her mother's testimony alive through videos and images of her experience. We thoroughly enjoy working with Generation to Generation and I heard lots of positive feedback from the students in the assembly. Students now have the opportunity to build on this knowledge by taking the History GCSE. Mr Cooper is also in the process of planning a trip to Berlin for GCSE History students to help really cement students' understanding of this topic.

Safer Internet Day

On 6th February, it is Safer Internet Day. This is an annual event. 2024 sees the theme: 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Pupils across the school who study Computing will have lessons delivered focusing on this topic. Year 8 will have an assembly presented to them that focuses on risks and tips for how to stay safe online. All year groups will have resources delivered within form time that will allow them to explore and discuss age-specific risks. Please explore the link below for ideas that can be used at home to support the safety of young people on the Internet.
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Student Robotics - Southampton University

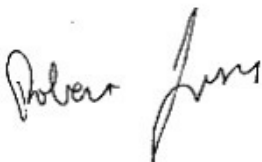
On Saturday 20th January 2024, our talented 6th Form students participated in a competition hosted by Student Robotics, based at Southampton University. The students, along with Ms Dale and Ms Bedi, travelled to Horley for an interim Tech Day, a crucial pit stop on their robotics adventure. The event served as a platform for them to connect with fellow competitors, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. It was a great opportunity for our students to showcase their budding robotic creations and glean technical advice from seasoned experts.

As our students continue to fine-tune their robotic creations, the entire school community eagerly anticipates their journey towards success in the upcoming competition. We applaud their dedication, teamwork, and passion for robotics, and we look forward to cheering them on as they represent Haydon school at the ultimate stage of the Student Robotics program. I would like to thank Ms Dale and Ms Bedi for supporting the team.

Year 10 and Year 12 Parliament and Supreme Court Trip

On Thursday, 25 January, Year 12 Politics students and Year 10 Citizenship students travelled to Parliament and the Supreme Court to learn more about Britain's political system and careers in Politics and the law. Students listened to presentations from local MP David Simmonds and member of the House of Lords Baroness Blower. They heard from parliamentary researchers and political advisers about their route into political jobs, as well as the kind of duties they perform as part of their jobs. Students also saw a case in session in the Supreme Court, had a short tour of the different courtrooms, and role-played a human rights case before travelling back to Haydon - tired and a little more knowledgeable about the British political and legal systems. I would like to thank Mr Tear and Mr Farrow for leading the trip.

Yours sincerely



Robert Jones
Headteacher

Key Dates

Year 12 Futures Evening: Wednesday 7th February 2024

Year 13 Parents Evening: Thursday 8th February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Year 11 Mocks: Monday 19th February 2024 - Friday 1st March 2024

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