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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Show Next Week

Over 60 students have been working incredibly hard to bring you this year's musical Legally Blonde. We are so excited to share this show with you next week on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March.Staff and students have been in school the past two Sundays to make sure everything is ready so we would love to have an audience full of friendly faces to come and support our on stage and backstage students in their excellent work. Tickets are available on ParentPay. See you there!

Year 9 Options

It was fantastic to hear so many families and students were present for our Year 9 Options Evening yesterday. This event marks the start of an exciting journey for students into Key stage 4 as they make their first decisions about their education. This is a <u>link</u> to the presentation for the evening, which contains the information regarding the options process and key dates. Students have been sent their option form today to their @haydonsschool.com email address to complete.

If you have any questions regarding the options process or that relate to subjects can I please ask that you use complete the <u>enquiry form</u>, in the <u>Options section</u> of the website. Mr Wake and Ms Appleby will be monitoring any queries regularly and this will be the most effective way to receive a response.

PE Success

Haydon students, once again, have showcased some excellent sporting performances this term. The year 8 boys' and girls' indoor athletics teams have, for the second year in a row, made it through to the London Youth games finals where they will now be representing the West of London. This is an amazing achievement and means we are in the top 8 schools in London for indoor athletics. The year 8 girls' football team narrowly lost in the final of the borough schools competition showing some great perseverance against a strong opponent. They only conceded 2 goals in 6 games! Our U15 girls' football team have made it through to the semi-finals of the county cup against Elthorne Park High School. This talented group of girls made it all the way to the final last year so we hope they can make it two years in a row. This term we have had a great turn out at our badminton and table tennis clubs meaning we could take strong KS3 and KS4 teams to the borough competitions. In all competitions, Haydon brought home 14 medals after some close games and excellent performances.





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Finally our year 11 boys' basketball team have made Haydon History after becoming borough champions. They are now through to the third round of the London Youth Games meaning once more Haydon are in the top 8 schools in London. We wish them all the best in the next round! I would like to thank all of the staff who give up their time to support our students.

Oxbridge Evening

Following the fantastic news of six Oxbridge offers and five Medicine/Veterinary offers for our current Year 13 cohort we held our annual Oxbridge evening last week for around 50 of our high achieving Year 11 and 12 students as they begin their journey of applying to the very best Universities. We were delighted to welcome representatives from Oxford and Cambridge University who took our students through the application and interview process as well as a wider look at the enrichment opportunities available to our young people in further education at the very best institutes. We look forward to the continued success of our students in being placed at the very best Universities and Degree apprenticeships. Our Sixth Form continues to show that it is unrivalled in ensuring the best further education routes once their time at Haydon comes to an end.

Uniform Policy

The implementation of the Uniform Policy last term has fully taken effect as we are now experiencing less instances of students arriving at school wearing incorrect items of uniform. Thanks to your donations to our uniform room, these students are quickly able to make the necessary changes to their uniform and return to lessons looking smartly dressed and ready for the school day. We also thank those parents who are quickly able to take in correct uniform items for their children when they try to push boundaries and wear unsuitable items to school. Because of your support, over 99% of our students are compliant and are smartly attired for school daily.

As we continue to maintain high standards, we would like to remind you that if your child needs to wear an item that is not the requisite uniform for whatever reason, please ensure they are given a note outlining the circumstances and the date by which this is expected to be rectified. This will ensure that your child does not receive a sanction for uniform infringement. However, please note that once your child arrives at school, where available, we will provide the correct item of clothing for the student to wear for the day. This allows us to have consistency of dress across the school community and prevent any issues that may arise from unsuitable attire at school. Please continue to support our efforts by ensuring that your child has all the correct items needed for school and wear them daily.





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World Book Day

Haydon celebrated World Book Day this week and embraced reading with passion! It was fantastic to see so many Year 7s and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. We had a bake sale, a genre treasure hunt, poetry and design competitions, a book swap and a short gothic story which students heard in parts throughout the day. There was a veritable buzz around the school and it was lovely to see everyone talking about reading. Thank you to all students and staff for helping to make World Book Day such a success. We can't wait for next year!



Yours sincerely,

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Robert Jones Headteacher

Key Dates Year 10 Work Experience : Wednesday 13th March - Friday 15th March 2024 School Show: Wednesday 13th March & Thursday 14th March 2024 Year 11 Parents Evening : Wednesday 20th March 2024 Year 9 Work Experience Day : Friday 22nd March 2024 End of Term : Thursday 28th March 2024

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