



Spring 2024
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Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of term, there are a number of recent school events that have made me extremely proud. The school show, Legally Blonde, was a fantastic production and I must single out Freya Thorpe who played the lead! The whole cast was superb and this will be an experience long remembered by all! I would like to thank all of the Performing Arts Department for supporting the event and particularly, Ms Heathcote and Miss Thompson, who directed the show, supported by Miss Orton as Choreographer and Assistant Director, and Mr Bowman as Musical Director.

Following that, the Spring Concert took place last night and was a delightful end to the term. I always find the Concert to be a fantastic evening, allowing a large number of students to showcase their music. My particular favourite was Bo-Bo Ohene Adu's performance of Lost Boy. I would like to show my appreciation for the following Year 13 students who have been a great asset to our Music Department: Emily Choy, Savi Vigneswaran, Benedict Courtney and Isaac Algar. I wish them every success with their future performing endeavours!

On Monday this week, I accompanied Mr Addison, Ms Tansley and the Year 11 Basketball team to the finals of the London Basketball competition. After winning the semi-final by 2 points, Haydon School's team was narrowly beaten in the final. Whilst disappointing to lose, finishing second in the whole of London's 32 Boroughs is a superb achievement! I would like to thank Mr Addison for his dedication to coaching the team for the last three years. His passion and enthusiasm came across on the sidelines as he threw every ball! It is a shame that we didn't have an "Addison Cam"!

Our Duke of Edinburgh programme is back and all cohorts of students have their practice and final expeditions over the next few months. Following this weekend's expedition, I received the following card through the post..

I met a group of boys who said they were doing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze. I am involved in local scouting so was interested in hearing how they managed. The way they spoke about "their trek", their manners, appearance etc made me think that if I was looking for a good school I would put Haydon on the top of my list. They were a credit to themselves and their school. Well done!

I would like to thank Ms Maisuria and Mr Toland for supporting the students.

At the end of term we say farewell to a few members of staff. Ms Stark is moving to be a SENCO at a local school. I would like to thank her for her 18 years of service to the school and wish her well in her new position. Ms Chenery is leaving after 17 years at the school. I would like to thank her for her work as librarian and working in the administrative team. Mr Prashard, Mr Farrow and Ms Kansara are also leaving us. I would like to thank them and wish them well for the future.

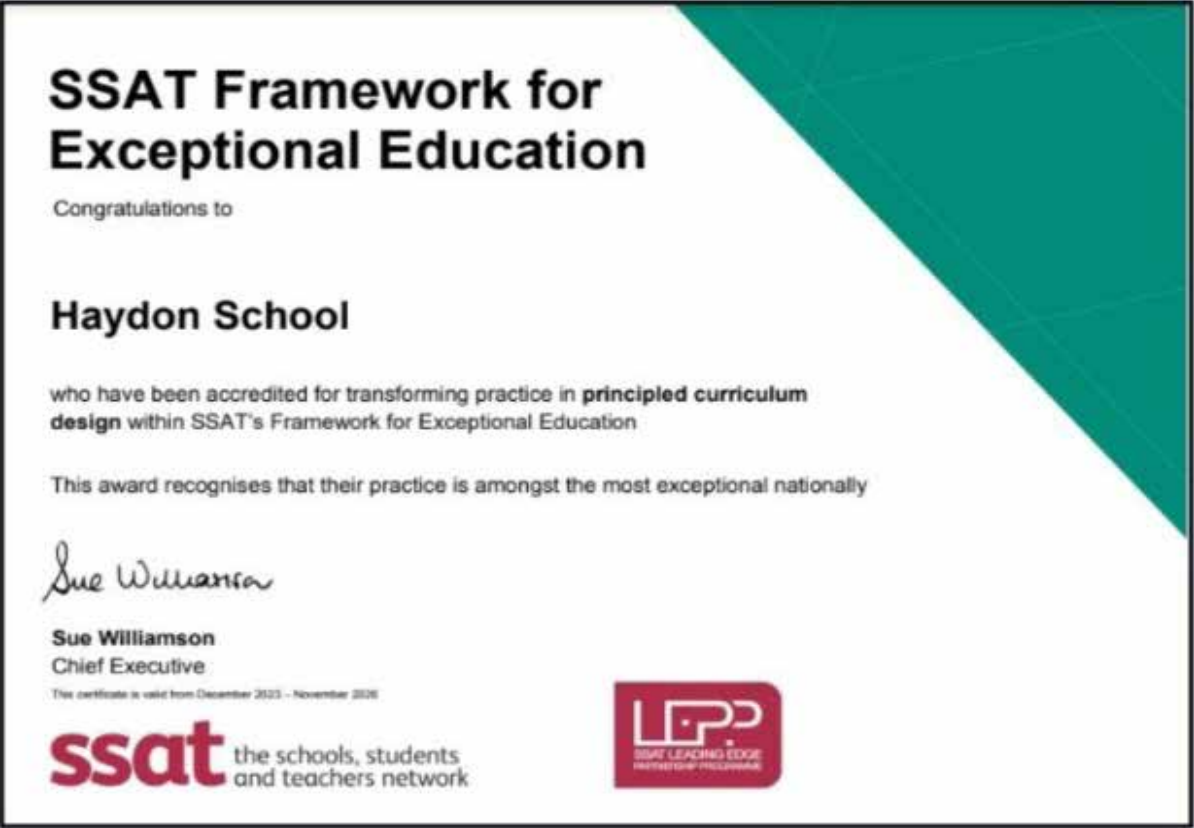
I would like to wish our skiers an enjoyable and safe trip to Italy and would like to thank the large number of staff who are giving up some of their holidays to provide revision for Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

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




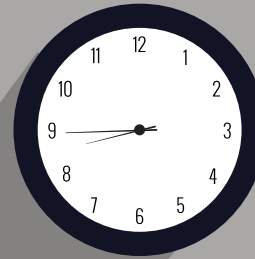
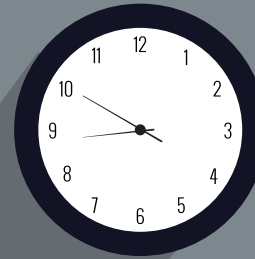
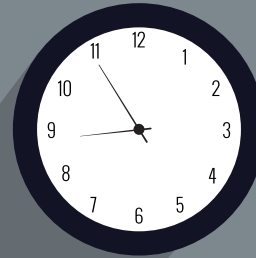
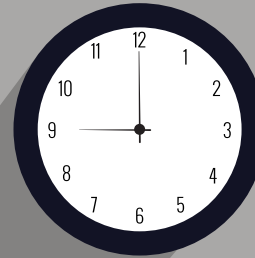
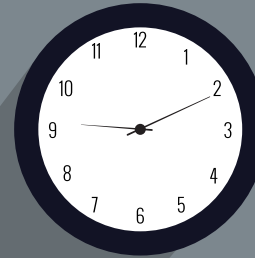
We have been accredited for transforming practice in Principled Curriculum Design with the Specialist Schools and Academy Trusts framework for exceptional education. This award recognises that our practice is amongst the most exceptional nationally.





Every minute counts

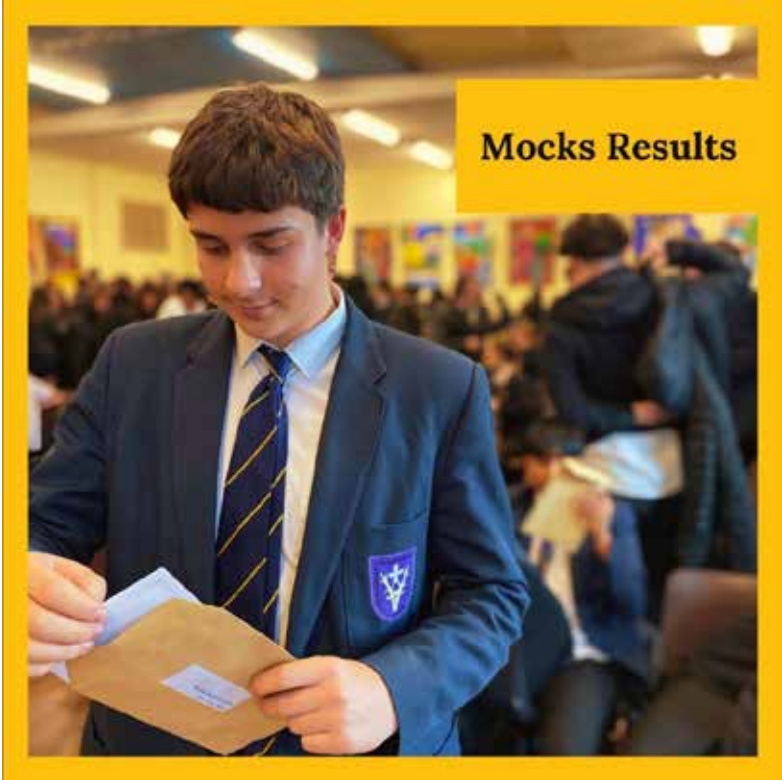
See what happens over the course of one year when you are a little late every day

<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!



Today marked a milestone for our Year eleven students as they received their mock exam results during form time. Mrs. Hansora, our inspiring Year Leader, delivered a motivating speech, setting the tone for the journey ahead. The joy and smiles were infectious as envelopes were opened, marking the end of the trial phase. Now, armed with determination and excitement, they're ready to conquer the real deal! Good luck on your upcoming Exams!





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We are delighted that 6 Year 13 students have been offered places at Oxford or Cambridge University. A further 5 offers have been made to students applying to medicine or veterinary courses. 97% of our students received an offer. We are very proud of all of you! #Thinkbig #WeareHaydon

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Year 12 Careers Workshop

We had an exceptionally engaging and fulfilling day at our Year 12 Careers Workshop! Gratitude is owed to Future First and our remarkable Alumni for generously imparting their invaluable insights and expertise on skills development. Their contributions were not only enlightening but also deeply inspiring, setting a high standard for the next generation to aspire to. That exemplifies our commitment to nurturing talent and fostering a culture of excellence at Haydon School. #Thinkbig #Wearehaydon





Exploring the Future of Technology: Insights from the AI and Machine Learning, Guest Speaker Session from a Meta Employee at Haydon School

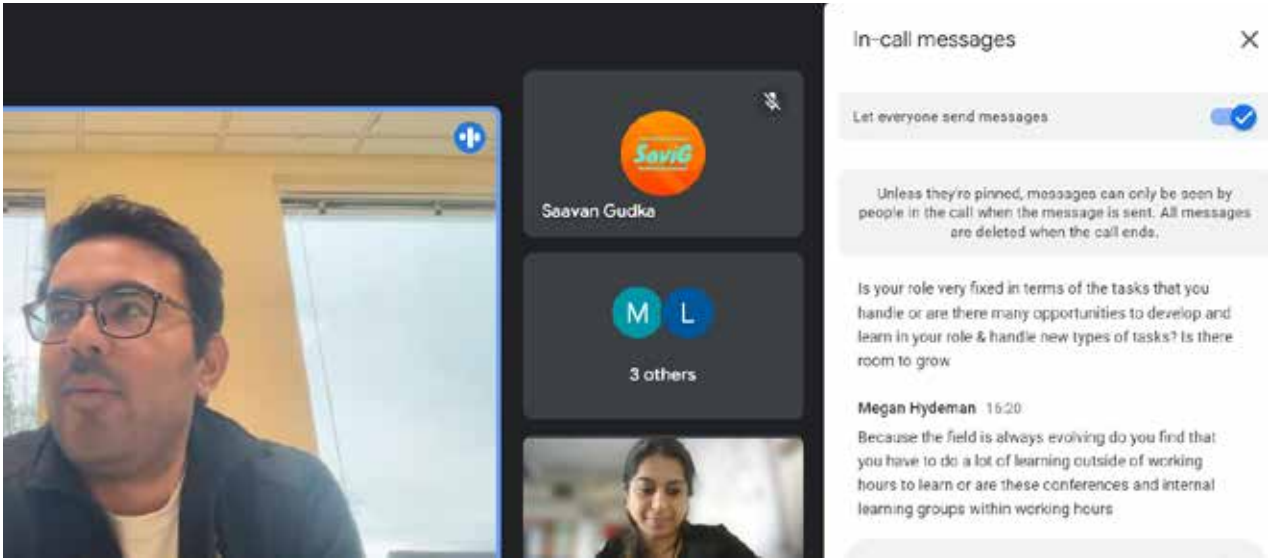
Recently, students at Haydon School were treated to an enlightening guest speaker session from Mr. Aditya Guglani, a Meta (formerly Facebook) employee on the fascinating realms of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). The session proved to be an interactive and thought-provoking experience for all attendees.

During the session, students eagerly engaged with Mr.Gugalni, posing a myriad of insightful questions that delved into both the profes-

sional and technological aspects of the field. Some of the questions included inquiries about work-life balance, technology choices, career paths in computing, future technological trends, and Meta's hiring criteria. One of the most intriguing aspects of the session was the discussion surrounding work-life balance. Mr.Guglani emphasised the importance of maintaining a healthy equilibrium between professional commitments and personal well-being. He shared valuable insights on how individ-

uals can cultivate a fulfilling career while also prioritising their mental and physical health. Students got to know about Silicon Valley work culture.

Moreover, students were keen to gain insights into the evolving landscape of technology and how they could carve out their paths within it. Mr.Guglani encouraged them to stay abreast of emerging technologies, such as AI and ML, while also honing their foundational computing skills. He stressed upon the significance of continuous learning and adaptability in navigating the ever-changing tech landscape.



Looking towards the future, students eagerly sought predictions about the trajectory of technology in the coming years. While acknowledging the rapid pace of innovation, Mr.Guglani highlighted the transformative potential of AI, ML, and related technologies in reshaping various industries.

Lastly, students were intrigued to learn about Meta's hiring process and the qualities the company seeks in potential candidates. Mr.Guglani shared insightful information on Meta's commitment to diversity, innovation, and a growth mindset. He encouraged students to cultivate strong problem-solving skills, a passion for learning, and the ability to collaborate effectively within teams.

Overall, the session proved to be an enriching experience, providing students with valuable insights into the dynamic world of technology and the diverse career opportunities it offers.

The session was truly inspiring and we learnt about the possibilities of innovation and the power of knowledge to shape a brighter future.



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

Haydon Library

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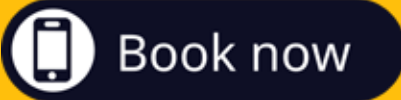


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Now, you can book a visit at your convenience, ensuring you have the time and attention you deserve. Explore our facilities, meet our dedicated staff, and witness how we foster individual excellence in a caring community. We are looking forward to meeting you!



Share with friends and family!



Year 5 Big Summer Camp Day 26 July

This fantastic opportunity allows your child to have the entire school to themselves, engaging in a day filled with exciting challenges, team-building activities, sports, and creative games. This summer camp day is offered to you entirely for free!



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Politics & Citizenship School Trip

It was a day of profound enlightenment and inspiration for our Year 10 Citizenship and Year 12 Politics students as they embarked on a transformative journey to the heart of democracy – the Westminster Parliament and Supreme Court. This immersive experience provided a rare opportunity for our young learners to witness firsthand the inner workings of our nation’s governance systems, igniting a passion for politics and civic engagement.

As they walked through the hallowed halls of Westminster, our students were captivated by the rich history and tradition that permeates every corner of the parliamentary buildings. From ob-

serving lively debates in the House of Commons to gaining insights into the legislative process in the House of Lords, they were able to grasp the complexities of our democratic institutions in action.

At the Supreme Court, they were greeted with the solemnity of the judicial process and the importance of upholding the rule of law. Through engaging discussions and interactive sessions, our students delved into landmark cases and learned about the vital role of the judiciary in safeguarding our rights and freedoms. This eye-opening excursion not only broadened their understanding of the political landscape but also empowered them to be-

come informed and active citizens. As they returned to school, their minds buzzing with newfound knowledge and perspectives, it was evident that this experience had left an indelible mark on their intellectual and personal growth. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff and officials who facilitated this enlightening trip, as well as to our students for their enthusiasm and curiosity. Together, we are nurturing the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow, equipped with the knowledge and passion to shape a brighter future for our society.



Post Sixth Form Information Evening

A massive thank you to all who joined our Post Sixth Form Info Evening! □ Over 400 visitors, incredible presentations, and meaningful conversations with teachers, student leaders, and 20+ universities/apprenticeship providers. We are here to support you every step of the way!



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.



Unleashing Creativity at Haydon School through AI and ML

Excitement filled the air in computing lessons as students delved into the captivating world of Artificial Intelligence (AI). In a hands-on and immersive experience, students embarked on a journey to create their own AI-powered games, with the classic game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. Students embraced the challenge of designing and implementing algorithms that would enable their games to intelligently respond to player inputs. As they dove into the intricacies of AI programming, creativity flourished, and problem-solving skills were put to the test. Throughout the development process, students grappled with various concepts and techniques, from teaching their machine how to learn and then implementing algorithms for the machine to make decisions. The project not only provided students with practical experience in coding and AI development but also fostered critical thinking skills. Waste segregation using AI was the next project which sparked discussions about the broader implications of AI in society. They learnt how waste segregation is done using AI and made a similar project during the lesson time. Through this immersive learning experience, students not only honed their coding skills but also gained a deeper appreciation for the limitless possibilities of AI technology. They discovered that AI is not just a tool for solving problems but also a canvas for self-expression and innovation. As we reflect on this enriching journey, let us celebrate the achievements of our students and the boundless potential of AI to inspire creativity, foster collaboration, and ignite a passion for learning. Together, let us continue to empower the next generation of innovators and creators, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to shape a brighter future.



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Congratulations

Year 13 EPQ Students



EPQ

75% achieved either an A or an A grade.*



Your life You Choose

Raising awareness among Year 7 students of the consequences of their choices and empowering them to make good decisions and keep themselves safe.

On Wed 21st Feb, Haydon transformed into a hub of inspiration for Year 7 with 'Your Life You Choose'. A day filled with empowering workshops aimed at helping students make informed choices, understand consequences, and embrace the power of positive decisions.




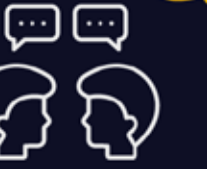






School Show
Legally Blond



On 13th and 14th March 2024, students performed the production of Legally Blonde that we have been working on since September! After a successful dress rehearsal performed to our Arts Alliance winners (7MSM and 7SEP), our cast and crew were prepared to put on a show for staff, students and the wider school community who showed up to support their friends and

family. All students involved worked incredibly hard to bring this show together, as well as the Drama, Music and Media staff who collaborated to make the show a success. We are all incredibly proud to have produced such an excellent show and are so glad those who came enjoyed it so much. We'll see you again next year!





Haydon Alumni

ADHD Talk for Year 13 Students

Providing valuable insights into the intricacies of ADHD, leaving all students enriched with a deeper understanding of neurodiversity.

Kira Baker, a specialist working with children with ADHD and ASC, came to talk with our year 13 students who are going into medicine or speech therapy, are interested in Psychology, will be in a public-facing role in their career, or have a general interest in Neurodiversity. The talk was a great success, and all students enjoyed learning more about the complexity of the condition. Thank you to all involved.




Arts Alliance

On 0th of February, we celebrated our Year 7 Arts Alliance! A dynamic cross-curricular project exploring diverse cultures, creativity, research, public speaking, and performance. Massive applause to all Year 7 forms for their outstanding contributions!




Sixth Form at Haydon School



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Get used to doors opening for you



95% of our students secured their first choice university

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Extensive track record in securing Higher Level and Degree Apprenticeships

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different indoor and outdoor sports activities. Our facilities are suitable for Football, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Badminton, Martial Arts, Fitness, Dance and Yoga classes. **Dance Studios & Performance Space** -

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London Youth Games

We are very proud to announce that the Haydon School U16 Boys Basketball team is London's second-best Basketball school team. Good job, boys! Your group incorporates our school values of respect, community, excellence, perseverance and kindness; this achievement is an excellent reward for your commitment. Keep up with the good work.



Congratulations to the year 8 Boys and Girls who competed in the Indoor Athletics final. This competition had the top 8 schools in LondonCompte. well done to the Girls who are the 8th best team in London and the Boys who are the 6th best team in London.



Congratulations to our Under 15 Girls football team for securing second place in the county cup final! Your dedication and teamwork have been exceptional, making us incredibly proud. Well done on your impressive achievement!



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