

**07 June, 2024**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**School Review - 16th & 17th May**

For two days of the penultimate week of the last half term, we commissioned a team of local school leaders, led by a current Ofsted inspector, into Haydon to inspect the quality of education in Maths, English, and Science. The team included local deputy headteachers, and together with their Ofsted inspector leading the review, they visited a substantial number of lessons across Key Stages 3 and 4, interviewed students from every year group, and met with groups of staff to discuss the curriculum. The team were extremely positive about everything they saw. They reported back that all students were seen making progress in lessons, they saw no disruption in any of the visited lessons and were very complimentary about the quality of teaching. The randomly selected students reported to the inspectors that they felt safe and happy at Haydon, and would recommend the school to others. The purpose of the review was to explore further areas for development, which we asked the inspectors to identify, and we were given ideas about how to improve formative assessment in lessons. This will inform our teaching and learning improvement plans for next year.

**Year 9 Camp**

On Saturday 18th May, 69 students and 7 staff headed off to the Costa Brava in Spain. We spent Sunday in a lovely southern French town called Orange after a delay in the trip due to an accident on the ferry. The students had a great time exploring this town and enjoyed the 55 pizzas ordered to finish off the day! After a late-night journey to Spain, we woke on Monday to glorious sunshine in our 4-star beachfront hotel. The students completed different sea-based activities, including sailing, snorkelling, windsurfing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding which they really enjoyed. There was also a whole day at a waterpark where students got to enjoy all of the slides and wave pool. The students had a great time, and the staff received several compliments on their excellent behaviour, particularly how good their dancing was in the disco at the hotel! We hope the year 8 students are looking forward to this opportunity next year! I would like to thank Ms Egan for organising the trip.



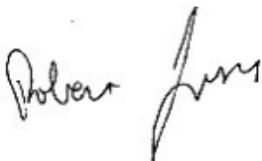
### Year 5 Big Experience Summer Camp Day

If you have a child currently in Year 5, book them in for a memorable day at our upcoming 'Year 5 Big Experience Summer Camp day' on Friday 26th July. Follow [this link](#) to book your free place. Feel free to share [this link](#) with friends, neighbours and family who have Year 5 children.

### Attendance

Mr Kidd recently wrote to all parents regarding school attendance, and attached to his letter 3 diaries written by students, documenting their day at school. They are worth reading, and there is a link to the letter below. With approximately 7 weeks of school remaining this year, it is very important that all students attend as much as they can, and make full use of the (approximately) 175 hours of learning available to them before the Summer holiday! Click [here](#) to view the letter.

Yours sincerely,



**Robert Jones**  
**Headteacher**

### Key Dates

Year 7 Parents' Evening- Wednesday 12th June 2024  
Year 8 Camp - Wednesday 26th June - Friday 28th June 2024  
Year 11 Prom - Wednesday 26th June 2024  
Year 12 Open Morning - Thursday 27th June 2024  
Year 7 Camp - Wednesday 10th July - Friday 12th July 2024  
Year 13 Prom - Thursday 11th July 2024  
Summer Concert - Wednesday 17th July 2024

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