

**28 June, 2024**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Oxford Symposium at St Helens School**

On Tuesday 11th June Mr Gosling had the pleasure of taking 15 of our Year 12 students to the inaugural Oxbridge Symposium at St. Helens School alongside students from St. Helens and Merchant Taylors. Our students had the opportunity to take part in tutorial discussions and challenge tasks in their chosen subjects that closely mirror the rigours of the application and interview process for the very best Universities in the country. It is a testament to the burgeoning reputation of our Sixth Form that we were invited to the event. Our students really enjoyed the chance to mix with their peers from other high achieving Sixth Forms and now enter the application process with real enthusiasm and knowledge.

**Sixth Form Foundation Day - Friday 28th June**

Mr Gosling has written to all Year 11 students and their families regarding Sixth Form Foundation Day for our Year 11 students remaining at Sixth Form for their Post16 studies. The taster day event will be on Friday 28th June from 8am and students should wear business dress. It is an exciting time to be part of our Sixth Form and I'm delighted so many of our young people will be remaining with us. Exam season is coming to an end and I'm sure students will be looking forward excitedly to results day on Thursday 22nd August where they can enrol to Sixth Form immediately on the same day.

**Cyber Women Warwick at National Centre for Computing Education**

Ms Bedi took 14 of our most enthusiastic girls in Computing from years 8,9 and 10 to the Degree Apprenticeship Centre (DAC) at Warwick University to take part in an exciting event aimed at encouraging more girls to explore the fascinating world of Computing.

Students took part in an engaging and interactive mystery challenge. The first challenge was Code Quest: In this cryptic challenge, students worked together to crack codes and unravel hidden messages. The aim of this challenge was to hone their problem-solving and logical thinking skills. The second challenge was Data Detective: In this task, students scoured the web for clues and pieced together evidence to crack the case.

Our girls worked together fantastically to combine critical thinking and teamwork. It was also for most of the girls, their first experience of visiting a University campus and engaging in University life.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering**

I would like to thank our Duke of Edinburgh students who have completed 2743 hours of volunteering between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024. Volunteering is a key component of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and I hope that students have enjoyed the experience.

### **Big Bang Trip**

On Thursday 85 year 7 and 8 students went on a trip to The BIG BANG Fair Birmingham. They had a wonderful time and students had a great opportunity to experience how tech is used in a number of big companies. All the students got to walk around the fair and speak to industry experts to find out more about what they do and how maths and science are involved in their job roles. Quite a few even had the chance to try out the different jobs using VR goggles and small workshops, and overall the students had a wonderful experience. Well done to those students who did attend, behaviour was amazing the whole day and we all had a lot of fun.

### **Year 11 Prom**

On the 26 June 2024, we saw the Year 11's commemorate their last hurrah at Haydon School by attending their prom, which was a lovely farewell to the students, to each other and the staff. The theme was Under The Stars and the students shined very brightly all night! The event started at 7pm and the students were immediately on the dancefloor, played DJ, took lots of pictures with the selfie mirror, and enjoyed the casino tables. The students even strutted the red carpet and voted on their Prom King and Queen! We are very glad to hear the students had an amazing time and were able to celebrate their achievements and hard work at the prom. We wish them every success and luck in their future endeavours.



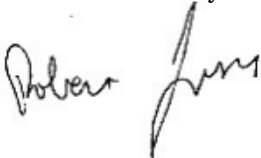
### Uniform Update

As the weather forecast for the coming week indicates that temperatures will be in the low 20's we are returning to full school uniform from Monday. Form tutors are communicating this to students today. However, we would appreciate it if you could also discuss this with your child at home and ensure they are dressed in full school uniform from Monday in order to avoid a negative sanction.

This is a [link](#) to our school uniform, which includes permitted and non permitted items. As a reminder we are in the process of changing the school skirt from a black A line skirt to a Haydon School Tartan Skirt this will be the compulsory skirt option from September. However, it can be worn this term if a student chose to.

If you have any questions regarding uniform can you please contact your child's year team.

Yours sincerely



**Robert Jones**  
**Headteacher**

### Key Dates

Year 7 Camp - Wednesday 10th July - Friday 12th July 2024

Year 13 Prom - Thursday 11th July 2024

Summer Concert - Wednesday 17th July 2024

Sports Days - Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th July 2024

Early Closure 1pm - Wednesday 24th July 2024

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