

**03 September, 2024**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and that your child is looking forward to the start of a new school year. I would like to offer a warm welcome to our students who are joining us this term. As it is the start of a new term, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update of news from Haydon School.

It was lovely to welcome the new Year 7 students to school this morning. Their uniform was immaculate and the new school skirt is extremely smart. I wish them the best of luck as they start their Haydon journey with us. It was also delightful greeting so many of our Year 11 students back to school following their successes this summer and also welcoming many new students to our sixth form.

On Wednesday 4th September, all students return to school and will return to a one hour form period from 8.40 to 9.40am. Students should go to their form rooms. There is a list of form rooms and form tutors at the bottom of this letter. Please share this with your son or daughter. They can also view their form groups and timetable through satchel.

**Roadworks on Wiltshire Lane - please do not use Wiltshire Lane!**

The council is repairing the footpath that runs by the school on Wiltshire Lane. The work started during the summer holidays and will continue for the next 6 weeks. The work has made the road much narrower at various points and I would strongly advise you not to drop your child off on Wiltshire Lane. Please drop your child some distance from the school and allow them to walk the last half mile.

**Examination Results**

I was delighted with this summer's examination results and I would like to congratulate all of the students in last year's Year 11 and 13. It gives me a real sense of pride seeing the youngsters rewarded for their hard work.

I will provide more detailed analysis in a future update later but I am delighted that 130 of our Year 13 students have been placed at University with 38 getting Russell Group University offers as well as 4 getting into Cambridge University, 4 have been offered places at medical school and one on veterinary science. Other Year 13 students have gone straight into work and have taken some excellent higher and degree apprenticeship posts including with the Metropolitan Police.

### Attendance

With all students returning to school tomorrow, it is important that they begin the year with a positive mindset regarding regular school attendance. The single biggest factor affecting student achievement is their school attendance. Put simply, if they are not here, our teachers cannot teach them. The next few months are particularly important, and we have found in previous years that attendance in the first 4 weeks of the school year is often a significant predictor of outcomes later in the year. Of course students become ill, as we all do at times, but if it is at all possible for a student to attend school then they should do. A day at home means missing 5 hours of teaching plus all the other opportunities students are given in a day to develop socially.

If you do need to report student absence, we would ask that this is done through the absence reporting form on our website. This can be found here:

[Absence Reporting Form](#)

### Uniform and Equipment

It is very important that students arrive in school each day in full uniform, with the equipment they need for their lessons. One of the best ways you can support your children with achieving at school is by checking this from home. If they are in full uniform with full equipment, it removes the need for us to have unnecessarily negative conversations, rather than discussing learning and achievement with them. Students will be issued with sanctions from their form tutors if they are missing crucial parts of their equipment, or have incorrect or missing uniform, but we would far rather students turned up prepared and we can engage with them on matters related to learning in lessons!

### Timing of the School Day

Just a reminder to all the timings of the school day

8:40-9:40 - Period 1

9:40-10:40 - Period 2

10:40-11:00 - Breaktime

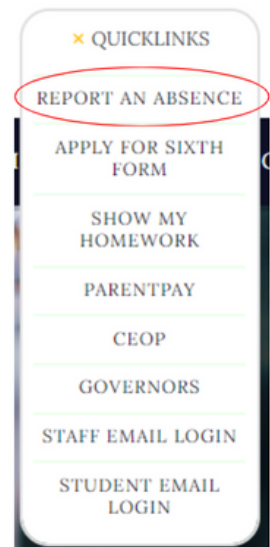
11:00-12:00 - Period 3

12:00-13:00 - Period 4

13:00-13:40 - Lunchtime

13:40-14:40 - Period 5

14:40-15:10 - Form Time.

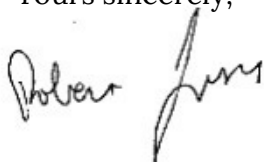


### Flying Start Evenings

We would like to welcome all parents to a Flying Start evening led by your child's Year Leader, during this evening they will go over how you can support your child in the coming year both in terms of the academic development and their wellbeing as well as reviewing key dates and expectations. After the presentation there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's form tutor and socialise with other parents with refreshments being provided. The dates for the evenings are:

- Monday 9th September - Year 11 - [Click here to book](#)
- Tuesday 10th September - Year 13 - [Click here to book](#)
- Wednesday 11th September - Year 8 - [Click here to book](#)
- Thursday 12th September - Year 9 - [Click here to book](#)
- Monday 23rd September - Year 7 - [Click here to book](#)
- Thursday 24th September - Year 12 - [Click here to book](#)
- Wednesday 25th September - Year 10 - [Click here to book](#)

Yours sincerely,



**Robert Jones**  
**Headteacher**

### Key Dates

Monday 16th September    Year 7 / 12 Individual School Photos  
Thursday 19th September    School Open Evening - Year 6 (Early Closure)  
Monday 23rd September    Year 7 CATS Testing Week  
Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November (2 weeks) - HALF TERM



[Click here for the 2024/25 forms list](#)

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