

29 November, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding Week

Haydon's three central themes for Safeguarding Week 2024 have been - Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), Online Safety and Knife Crime. Every lesson in school across the week has started with a Safeguarding related question. The answers for these have been covered in form times at the end of the day and any relevant discussion held. Several form groups took part in 'everyone has the right to feel safe' colouring competition and end of week safeguarding quiz. Assemblies across the week were delivered by the Safeguarding Team with an anti-drugs focus. Year 7 had a special assembly on Monday from the Safer Schools Officer. This is in anticipation of the March 2025 Your Life You Choose event for this year group. A core part of the school calendar and more information to follow at a later date. Year 8 experienced classroom workshop sessions focusing on Violence Against Women and Girls on Monday. These were led by a London wide organisation called Ascent who support women affected by domestic abuse and/or violence of any kind. Pupils were mature in these sessions and entered discussions with curiosity and respect. On Tuesday KISS were welcomed to Haydon. This is a confidential Sexual Health and Well-Being service that provides advice and information to young people aged 13-19 who go to school or live in London Borough of Hillingdon. Year 8 had a Safer Internet assembly; Years 8 & 9 a Child Sexual Exploitation awareness assembly and Years 10 & 11 were in a Sexual Harassment Awareness Assembly.

We were fortunate to host Talk Consent at the school on Wednesday. They provide specialist education around Consent for schools. Haydon has a history of successfully partnering with this organisation to help educate students across the school of the aim to end sexual violence in society. Talk Consent created safe spaces for pupils to engage and discuss these vital topics. The specific focuses included: Year 9 classroom based workshops and Years 10, 11 and 12 hall based assemblies. See the organisation's website for further information: <https://talkconsent.org/>

Our Safer Schools Officer delivered assemblies across the day on Thursday. For Years 8, 9 and 10 the focus was on Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). Years 11 and 12 had assemblies focusing on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). The week has been closed with Online Safety learning co-ordinated by Ms Bedi (Head of Computing) and mental health sessions delivered by senior leaders in the school. Students were presented with a range of support and contact points should they be affected by any topics covered in the week. I would like to thank Mr Brinnand, Miss Sams and Ms Wyatt for organising the week. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Mr Brinnand (Designated Safeguarding Lead) on sbrinnand1@haydonschool.com

Amnesty International Visit

Students from the Haydon Amnesty International Youth Group attended the Amnesty International UK's Youth Conference on Friday 22nd November. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to hear about the experiences of current young activists and campaigners fighting for human rights and get involved in a practical skills workshop exploring youth activism and the power young people have to make change. Students chose and were actively involved in workshops on refugee rights and women's rights and took part in active letter writing to an activist in Angola who had been imprisoned for expressing her political views on Tik-Tok. Haydon pupils were a credit to the school and were fearless in expressing their views, including an excellent poetry performance, in a space which included many 6th form students from across the country. I would like to thank Mr Tear for leading the event.

Rewards:

We would like to congratulate Rehanya Fernando, Antonia-Elia Chirila and Brooke West of Year 10 who have received the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for this term. These three students demonstrated excellent community values by sacrificing a week of their Summer holiday to volunteer to support the students at Haydon's Transition Summer School 2024. During the period, they assisted the year 6 students with a range of activities, showing much kindness, patience and skill in helping the little ones navigate their first week of secondary school. They helped to make the programme exciting and fun for the new students by taking on the roles of teaching assistants in various lessons. They were perfect role models for the little ones and fully demonstrated Haydon's values of kindness, community, excellence and respect. We are proud to celebrate their community spirit and dedication to their school.

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Over the last few weeks, 50 Year 10 students have taken part in the Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge. The students spent the day developing their public speaking skills with the help of an expert from The Jack Petchey Foundation. From these workshops, 3 students were shortlisted to deliver their speech in Year 10 assembly, with the overall winner progressing to represent the School at the Borough final next week on Wednesday 4th December, at Vyners.

The 3 finalists; Jai Nagra, Oishi Sen and Jeishal Vijayarajah were warmly welcomed to the stage and enthusiastically cheered following their speeches covering the topics of 'Everyday heroes', 'History Can be Fun' and 'The effects of Verbal bullying'. Following the speeches the students and teachers were invited to complete the challenging task of voting for the winner. All 3 speeches were of an extremely high quality and after the votes were counted Jeishal was announced the overall winner, with his speech on 'The effects of Verbal bullying'. This was a thoroughly enjoyable event positively supported by all the students present. We wish Jeishal good luck and look forward to seeing him represent the school at the Borough final next week.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 12th December we will be participating in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. All students are encouraged to wear their favourite Christmas Jumper and donate via our [JustGiving page](#) to avoid bringing cash into school.

[Hillingdon Hospital Bumblebee Ward Donations](#)

This year we are working with our local community to raise funds to buy gifts for children in need at Hillingdon Hospital's Bumblebee Children's ward, where they care for newborns all the way up to 17 year olds. We are asking for students to donate anything they can from as little as 10p via ParentPay to help their form groups raise money. The deadline for these donations is Friday 6th December. Once the donations have been received, the students will pick the bundles they wish to purchase within their form groups, and we will update all families with the amount raised before the end of our winter term. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Munns on cmunns3@haydonschool.com.

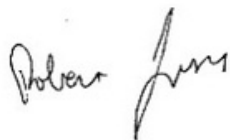
Food Bank Donations

As we approach the festive season, we are reminded of the importance of supporting those in our community who may be struggling financially. The Haydon community has always shown incredible generosity, and we are once again asking for your help. We will be collecting donations to support a local foodbank, and any contributions, big or small, will make a significant difference to those in need. Urgently needed items include: noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll, and puddings. Please note that the foodbank currently has plenty of pasta, baked beans, and cereal, so these items are not required at this time. If you are able to donate, please bring items to school and give to your Year Office on Friday 13th December. Together, we can help ensure that no one in our community goes without. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm in St Mary's Hall. Tickets are £5 per person and are available to purchase on ParentPay.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Jones Headteacher

Key Dates

Year 11 Mock Exams: Monday 2nd December - Friday 13th December
Year 13 Parents Evening: Thursday 5th December
Christmas Concert: Wednesday 11th December
Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 12th December
Prize Giving Ceremony: Thursday 19th December
Last day of term: Friday 20th December

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