

**20 November, 2025**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Sixth Form Open Evening tonight - 6-8pm**

This evening (Thursday) we have our annual Sixth Form Open Evening as both existing students and student visitors from other schools begin to decide their onward Post16 studies after the GCSE summer examinations. We are delighted that over 500 people will be joining us for the evening. Talks will be in St. Mary's Hall at 6.15 and 7.00. A small number of tickets are still available, so if you have not booked yet please use the link below. Students and their families will have the opportunity to tour sixth form facilities, meet subject departments, and explore what makes Haydon Sixth Form special. The evening is primarily aimed at Year 11 families but may also appeal to Year 10 families wanting to get a step ahead when considering Post16 opportunities.

**Click the link below to book:-**

[Book here for the Sixth Form Open Evening](#)

**Year 13 Mock Examinations**

I'd like to wish Year 13 the very best of luck with their upcoming mock examinations which begin on Monday. These exams serve as an excellent check on progress and allow students to replicate the revision techniques, organisation and preparation that they will need to replicate in the summer external exams. Many of our Year 13 students are beginning to get University offers and interviews and these examinations really do feel like the beginning of preparation for some outstanding outcomes next summer. The full time table for the mock exams can be found on the school website.

**Year 11 Mock Examinations**

The year 11s will begin their mock examination period on Monday 8th December. I wish the students good luck and hope they can improve upon their previous set of mock exams back in April. Mr Wake will be sending out some useful information around mock examinations as well as the year 11 intervention programme that we encourage all students to engage with. The full time table for the mock exams can be found on the school website.

### **Uniform**

As we enter the colder months, we appreciate your continued support with our uniform policy. Please ensure students wear their official school jumper and/or blazer—hoodies, fleece tops, sports jumpers are not allowed to be worn in school, even as an outside jacket and will be confiscated until the end of the day. Students may wear an appropriate outdoor coat to school. Regarding footwear, black leather or leather-look school shoes must be worn; canvas trainers or boots are not permitted. For hosiery, tights must be free of holes/ladders when students arrive at school. If tights become damaged during the school day, students can receive a replacement from the medical room. If socks are worn over tights, they must be plain black ankle socks only; white socks and leg warmers are not allowed.. If you have any uniform concerns, please contact your child's Year Team directly.

### **Guest Speakers**

#### ***Year 10 Presentation from Paralympic Athlete - Ryan Raghoo***

Last week, on Tuesday 11th November, our year 10s were fortunate enough to have a presentation delivered to them by Ryan Raghoo on behalf of Athletes in Schools. Ryan is a two-time long jump world champion and is a wheelchair rugby hopeful for the next Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. Ryan's presentation centred around his story, the challenges he has faced as a Paralympic athlete and the core attributes needed to succeed such as perseverance, resilience and self-belief. Students also had the opportunity to hold a Q & A session with Ryan after the presentation; this was an opportunity that students really made the most of with many asking excellent, thought-provoking questions. Students were highly engaged throughout and hopefully have taken some inspiration from the presentation for them to use throughout their GCSE studies and activities out of school.

#### **UK Parliament Week - David Simmonds MP and Lord Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE.**

Next week is UK Parliament week. We have several form time activities planned for students and we will be welcoming our local MP, David Simmonds and Lord Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE to Haydon School. They will be delivering a short talk to students about their roles in Parliament and the House of Lords, as well as an overview of their experiences and respective careers, followed by a brief question-and-answer session. These events will provide our students with a valuable opportunity to engage directly with a serving Member of Parliament and the House of Lords and gain insight into public service, leadership, and the work of government. Experiences like this can also support students in developing wider aspirations and enhance future CVs, personal statements, apprenticeship applications, and interviews, particularly for those interested in politics, law, public policy, social sciences or civil service careers. Students in Year 10-Year 13 have been invited to attend this and will be informed if they have been selected.

### Prize Giving

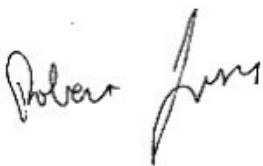
We are delighted to invite you to our Annual Prize Giving on 16th December, where we will once again welcome Baroness Christine Blower as our keynote speaker following her excellent presentation last year. This special occasion offers us the opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students—both in their academic studies and in living out our school values. We look forward to sharing this memorable evening with parents and our wider school community.

### [Safeguarding Update - Screening Arches & Specialist Detection Dogs](#)

### Christmas Jumper Day Important Update

After much consideration, we have decided to move our Christmas Jumper day from the 11th December 2025 to Friday 5th December 2025. This is to avoid any disruption to our Year 11 Mock Examinations taking place from Monday 8th December 2025.

Yours sincerely,



**Robert Jones**  
**Headteacher**

### Important dates for Term 2 2025

Thursday 20th November - Sixth Form Open Evening

Monday 24th November to Wednesday 3rd December - Year 13 Mock Exams

Monday 8th December to Friday 19th December - Year 11 Mock Exams

Tuesday 9th December - Christmas Concert [click here for more information](#)

Tuesday 16th December - Prize Giving Award Ceremony

**Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January Christmas Break**

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