

**16 January, 2026**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

### **Donations**

Over the last year, we have been working hard to help our local community and raise money for a number of charities. Thanks to your efforts and support, we have managed to donate a total of £3861 to the following Charities: £779 to Hillingdon Hospital Children's ward, £225 for Cancer Research, £269 for Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support, £438 for Michael Sobell Hospice and £2150 for Save the Children. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are grateful to everybody who has been able to donate towards each cause.

### **EPQ**

On behalf of our school community, I am delighted to congratulate a group of Year 13 students who have recently received the results of an additional qualification they have pursued with commitment and intellectual curiosity, alongside their A-level studies since Year 12. Fourteen students successfully completed the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), under the leadership of Mrs Foxon and with the dedicated guidance of an outstanding team of supervisors. Their results are truly exceptional: eleven students achieved A star grades, including five who were awarded full marks, alongside two A grades and one B grade. These outcomes place our school firmly among the very highest-performing EPQ centres in the country and are a real testament to the quality of teaching, support, and—most importantly—the dedication of our students. Throughout their EPQ journey, students demonstrated resilience and a genuine enthusiasm for independent learning and research, and their projects were highly praised by the exam board. We are immensely proud of their achievements and are delighted to celebrate this success with our wider school community.

### **Sixth Form Interviews**

We are delighted that the vast majority of Year 11 have applied to Sixth Form. The next stage of the enrolment process is that the students will be called to a short 'Futures Interview' to discuss their subject choices and aspirations with Sixth Form Leaders. The interviews will begin on Monday. The interview process will take 3-4 weeks to complete, so please do not worry if your child is not called for their interview straight away. We are excited that so many of our Year 11 students will be continuing their Post16 studies with us after the GCSE summer examinations.



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### **Health Questionnaire**

North Hillingdon School Nursing Team is available to support the health and well-being of our students, ensuring the school community remains healthy and receives the right support when it is needed. In order to identify any child health needs, they are requesting for students in Year 9 and Year 12 to please complete the questionnaires linked below by Friday 30th January.

[Year 12 Questionnaire](#)

[Year 9 Questionnaire](#)

### **Safeguarding**

SORTED Team -Hillingdon Substance Misuse Programme are running a session 'Let's Talk About: Cannabis and Young People' open for all parents/guardians to attend on Tuesday, 20th January from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Please follow [this link](#) to view further details of the evening.

While we trust in your ability to monitor and manage your child's online activity, we believe sharing these resources with you can help support your efforts. Please follow the [link](#) for more information on AI and Nude Images Advice for Parents.

### **Attendance**

At the end of last term, we celebrated over 500 students who received HERO awards for excellent attendance and punctuality (Here Every day, Ready and On time). This represents more than a third of our school population and we are very proud of these students for demonstrating such positive habits. We would love to celebrate all pupils in the same way and ask for your support in encouraging your children to become Attendance HEROes.

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for learning and well-being. As such, time off taken unnecessarily can quickly lead to patterns of absence, making it harder for children to keep up with their learning and can be quite challenging for parents to manage. To avoid issues such as these, we encourage you to be firm with children who may be reluctant to attend school. Unless your child is genuinely unwell and unable to take part in the school day, they should be sent to school. Minor illnesses such as tiredness, mild coughs, or general reluctance are not reasons to stay at home. Arriving on time is just as important. Lateness at the start of the day means missing key learning and it can be unsettling and disruptive for both the child and the class. Please therefore, assist your child to be on time for school daily. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality, please get in touch with their Head of Year, who will be happy to assist.

### Careers Education - Sector Spotlight Series

Our next Careers Sector Spotlight Series session for all interested students is for Creative Industries (TV, Media, Film, Art). These informative sessions are conducted by our experienced Careers Advisor, Mrs Jeenal Shah ([jshah63@haydonschool.com](mailto:jshah63@haydonschool.com))

The session will include exploring career pathways, entry routes, and essential skills across key sectors.

The following sessions have been scheduled with more to follow:

- Creative Industries - 30th January
- Tech & Digital - 20th March
- Retail and Logistics - 1st May

Students can register their interest here: <https://forms.gle/c2BcnpwNeBaEEZGJ6>

### Drama GCSE Trip to the National Theatre

Our KS4 and 5 Drama students were given the opportunity to attend the award winning production of Ballet Shoes at the National Theatre as part of their GCSE and A Level courses. As always, students represented the school phenomenally and the theatre staff commented to Mrs Heathcote how nice it was to see students excited about going to the theatre. Students were even treated to a pre-show ballet lesson from some of the ensemble cast, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Students loved the production, in particular the beautiful set and costume, as well as the brilliant performances from the whole cast. Mrs Heathcote was notably impressed with the students' resilience when an actor was taken ill mid-scene and had to be replaced with an understudy who was making her debut in the role that evening. Students gave her a warm welcome on to the stage and a big round of applause at the end to show their appreciation. Thank you to all students who attended for making the trip so enjoyable!

### A Level Conference at UCL

Last week, our A-level Sociology students attended an inspiring A-level Conference at University College London (UCL). The students had the opportunity to hear from a range of world-leading Sociologists including Stephen Ball and Louise Archer, engaging with contemporary issues such as artificial intelligence and smartphones, global warming, and migration. The conference encouraged students to deepen their understanding of sociological theory in real-world contexts and broaden their perspectives on some of the most significant social challenges facing society today.



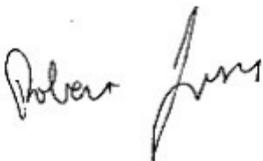
### A Christmas Carol

Miss Gibbons recently took her English class to the Old Vic to see a live production of A Christmas Carol. The trip was partially funded by prize money awarded to Amber K through her Jack Petchey Award, and we are extremely grateful for her contribution.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly the interactive elements of the performance, which included throwing sprouts from the balcony and enjoying festive mince pies. The production itself was outstanding and brought the text vividly to life.

Student behaviour throughout the trip was exemplary, with members of the public even taking the time to congratulate staff on what fantastic ambassadors the pupils were for the school.

Yours sincerely



**Robert Jones**  
Headteacher

