

13 March, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

School show

I am writing the Headteacher's Update letter for this week having watched a fantastic school production last night of the Wizard of Oz. The Drama department has always produced fine shows and last night's was exceptional. I would like to congratulate Guiliana Schettino who gave a superb performance as Dorothy. Lotty Beever (Scarecrow), Kim Valentim (Cowardly Lion) and Arthur Hutchinson (Tin Man) were superb! The value of school productions is that they bring together students from all year groups to produce such a wonderful production. This year over 75 students have contributed to the performance. I would like to thank Naomi Heathcote and Alice Thompson for Directing the show and a significant number of other staff who have supported choreography, sound and lighting and set design.

There are still a small number of tickets left for tonight's performance which starts at 6.30pm. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/haydonschool>

London Youth Games Futsal - Wednesday 4th March

On Wednesday 4th March, a small group of Haydon students represented the borough of Hillingdon, at the London Youth Games, at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. The boys qualified for the event after winning the borough qualifier earlier this academic year. The boys represented the borough impeccably well against some very tough opposition from other boroughs - coming 5th overall in the whole of London (narrowly missing out on qualification for the semi finals by just one place)! All of the students were a real credit to the school in the respect and effort they put into the tournament and they have a lot to be proud of themselves for, especially as futsal is not a regular sport for many of them. The whole squad of players were excellent throughout but a special mention needs to go to Harry and Olly (both year 9 students) who didn't look at all out of place despite playing up an age group - well done boys!



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Oxford Maths Teams Competition

Last Friday, we took 8 of our top Mathematics from Years 11 and 12 to University of Oxford to compete in the Oxford Maths Team Competition, and although we did not place in the top 5, the students all had a fun and challenging day out. Alongside competing in challenging questions and topics against 62 other teams, they were given the opportunity to take a tour of one of the Universities many colleges and speak to current students about life as an Oxford student and also listen to an informative lecture on "Eulers' Formula and the types of numbers that make it" by guest speaker Mathematician and published author Professor Robin Willson of the Open University, an alumni of University of Oxford. Overall, the trip was a wonderful and inspirational experience for the students who attended and we look forward to attending again next year.



Year 12 Law Conference

On a wet and dismal Friday 6th March 2026, an enthusiastic group of 28 Year 12 A level Law students travelled to the Guildhall in the City of London for the Young Professional Year 12 Law Spring Conference. The students gained valuable networking experience and opportunities to hear from legal professionals, including apprentices and degree apprentices across the spectrum about career pathways and key tips in getting their foot through the door. The main speaker was from the University of Law and the students gained deeper insight into the different types of Law degrees and the realities of reading Law at University. Potential employers and degree apprenticeship organisations were out in force to offer their expertise and insight - including top firms like Slaughter & May and Pinsent Masons. Students were encouraged to use social media responsibly by taking part in a competition posting about the conference - the prize being a paid summer work experience with Brown Jacobson.

Year 7 Football

On Monday 9th March, thirty-three of our Year 7 students went over to Northwood School to play a round-robin football tournament. It enabled us to give all the students who have been attending our football club throughout the year an opportunity to represent the school football team. All of our teams performed well and played to a high standard.



Oxbridge Evening

Our Oxbridge Evening took place on 2nd March in the Sixth Form Centre. The process for applying to Oxford and Cambridge is different and we offer a bespoke package to support our students who are considering making applications. Students and parents from Year 12 and 11 were invited to the event as well, as Year 12 students local Sixth Forms. Our keynote speakers from both Oxford and Cambridge university gave a presentation to students and parents about the universities, the process, making competitive applications and the support they can offer students to make strong applications. There was also an opportunity for a questions and answer session specific to chosen areas of study.



Year 11 Revision Evening

Thank you to all parents and pupils who attended the revision support evening. The PowerPoint slides have been sent out via Bromcom. Please have a look at these for details regarding revision techniques, exam stress, creating timetables, and subject-specific details. As mentioned during the support evening, pupils will have a specialist speaker talking to them during an upcoming assembly on how to cope with exam stress. There is also a free 45-minute webinar from Kooth's community engagement team and clinicians being held to guide parents around their child's exam stress. The sign-up link is here if you wish to attend:

16th March 7pm

<https://kooth.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d59bd9b5bcf63d9845647aa1f&id=70a206db90&e=559bcf024c>

Careers Fair - Wednesday 18th March

We are delighted that 20+ providers will be joining us for our Careers Fair on Wednesday 18th March. The providers are a range of employers and further education institutes such as the Royal Navy, NHS, Bank of America and Brunel University. Each year group from Year 7-11 has been assigned a 40 minute slot for the day with Year 12 & 13 also allowed to visit in any free period that they have on their timetable. We look forward to growing this event each year to ensure all of our students have a taste of what their future could look like. Students will register with their timetabled teacher, complete a 10 minute Careers Fair presentation and then be led down to the Careers Fair for their Year group's 40 minute slot.

Period 1 (9.00-9.40)	9
Period 2 (10.00-10.40)	8
Period 3 (11.20-12.00)	7
Period 4 (12.20-1.00)	11
Period 5 (2.00-2.40)	10

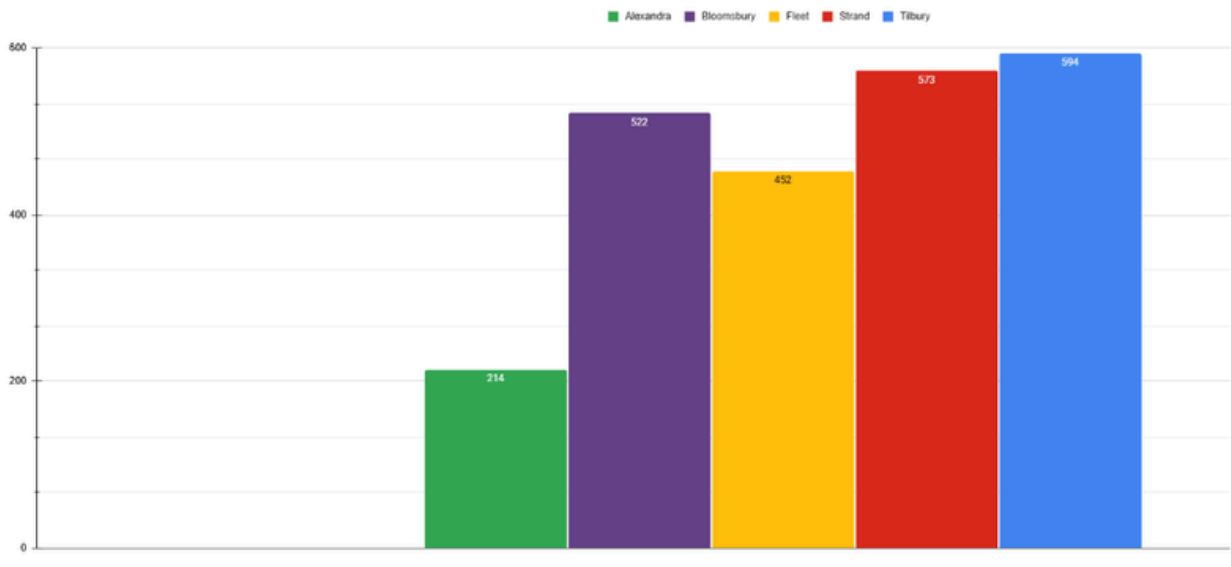
Year 9 Options Evening

We were pleased to see so many of our parents last week attend school for our options evening. Following a short presentation in the hall with Mr Kidd, they were able to speak with subject leaders from all of the GCSE subject options, to start thinking about what they will select. I know students find it exciting being able to pick up new subjects that they haven't studied before, so I hope that they found the evening useful and informative.

Spring Concert

As the flowers begin to bloom, so does the incredible talent of our students! We are delighted to invite all parents, families, and friends to an evening dedicated to celebrating a year of hard work, harmony, and creative spirit. This particular performance holds a special place in our hearts. For our A Level students and GCSE students, this concert marks their final appearance on our school stage before they head into their exams and onward to new adventures. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their dedication to the music department over the years and the perfect send-off! The concert will take place Thursday 26th March at 6:30pm in St Marys Hall. Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased via Bromcom or on the doors on the day.

House update



Thank you to all pupils who were involved in the last half term house events. We have been having amazing turnouts since September, and it would be fantastic for the numbers to keep growing, so please support by encouraging your child to attend an event and participate in the school community. There have also been two events held so far this year, which have been money-raising events for charity, and in total, these two house events have raised £183.65! If you or your child is unsure of what events are being held or what position their house is in, please save the link to the house bulletin: [House Bulletin 2025-26](#)

This has a half-termly rota, house points, winners of competitions and weekly updates regarding the house system. As always, the house system is free and open to all kids in every year group. Finally, congratulations to Tilbury House who is this term's winner of the house dinner and just managed to over take Strand! For all those who have been involved, keep on coming to events, the most recent event had 106 students show up which is the most successful to date.



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OFSTED Parentview

I am currently working with Mrs De Jong, my successor, on shaping the priorities for the next academic year. She has been into school on several occasions to meet with staff and she also attended the school show last night. It would be very helpful if we had parental input into developing those priorities and I would be grateful if you could complete the OFSTED Parentview about Haydon School. The link is [here](#). You need to register but the survey is very short, consisting of 10 questions. Thank you to those who have completed the survey already. We appreciate your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Jones
Headteacher

Key Dates

Wednesday 18th March 2026 - Careers Fair
Thursday 26th March 2026 - Spring concert
Thursday 26th March 2026- World Book Day
Half Term - Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

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