

5 December, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

University Applications including Oxbridge

Year 13 are currently completing UCAS applications and December is used to ensure applications and references from the school are uploaded to the UCAS website by the pastoral team, ready to receive those all important offers. Around 170 students in Year 13 are applying to University. Students applying for Oxbridge or Medicine courses must apply early and we are delighted that so many have been called for interviews by such world renowned Universities. Below are the subjects where students have been successful in securing an interview:-

1	Archaeology
2	Chemical Engineering
3	English Literature
4	History & Politics
5	HSPS, Anthropology
6	Land Economy
7	Maths
8	Medicine
9	Medicine
10	Natural Sciences
11	Natural Sciences (Physical Science route)

I wish them all every success with their interviews.

Careers Fair - Wednesday 18th March 2026

The school will be holding a Careers Fair on Wednesday 18th March 2026. We are appealing to our parents and wider community who know of any organisations or individuals who would be willing to have a stall at the fair to please contact our Careers Advisor Jeenal Shah jshah63@haydonschool.com. The Fair will run from 9am -2.30pm and we would love a whole range of careers, sectors and organisations to be present to help our students see the wide range of opportunities available to them.

Year 8 and 9 Trip - Youth Healthcare Champions

On the 2nd December and 3rd December 2025, a small group of Year 8 and 9 students put themselves forward to train to be Youth Healthcare Champions for Haydon School. This is an incredible opportunity for the students as not only do they gain a RSPH qualification in Public Health, but they have the opportunity to work with Hillingdon Council, and more specifically to be peer mentors to the student body, creating campaigns to empower the students and assist in making a difference.

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The two-day training consisted of students learning about all the different types of health and listening to a number of outside companies who work with the youth today such as Kooth, The Molly Rose Foundation and the Director of Public Health for Hillingdon. The students also took an exam to gain their Level 1 qualification in the course. The students came back with an invigorated sense of wanting to help and support the student body at Haydon School, and getting ready to deliver their campaigns to promote a positive well-being.



Basketball Academy

The Haydon school Basketball academy has been very successful so far this academic year. Coach Aiden has been brilliant in committing to four days a week (morning and afternoon) training the students. There are currently between 10-15 boys that come to training on a weekly basis, the students are mainly Year 11 and Sixth Form. So far they have played three national league matches which have gone well. Unfortunately, all three were a loss, however, they were great opportunities for the team to develop and experience the level of the national league. This is our first year in the league and I am sure after a few years building the academy we will start to beat other teams. I would like to thank Aiden and coach Deane for all their hard work and commitment to the programme. Further information about the basketball academy can be found [here](#).

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Parliament Week

As part of UK Parliament Week, we were delighted to host our local MP, David Simmonds, and Lord Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE at Haydon School. The event was a huge success, offering students a rare opportunity to engage directly with two influential political figures. Both guests delivered an insightful overview of their roles in Parliament, drawing on their extensive careers and experiences in public service. Students were exemplary throughout and demonstrated exceptional curiosity. They asked a series of thoughtful and challenging questions on topics including foreign policy, employment rights, mental health support for young people, school funding, and investment in the local community. The session provided meaningful enrichment for students, broadening their understanding of leadership, governance, and civic responsibility. Encounters of this nature also help strengthen future applications- whether for university, apprenticeships, or employment- particularly for those interested in politics, law, public policy, social sciences, or the civil service. Students in Years 9-13 who attended represented the school with maturity and professionalism, and we are proud of the calibre of engagement they demonstrated.



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Exams Stress

Exams can be a stressful time, and both Year 11 and Year 13 students may feel pressure as they prepare. Parents can help by encouraging regular breaks, healthy meals, and good sleep routines, as well as listening and offering reassurance. The NHS has clear advice on spotting signs of stress and supporting young people through exams, which you can read here: [Help your child beat exam stress.](#)

Christmas at Haydon

We would like to sincerely thank those who have already contributed to the Bumblebee Ward fund for children in need this Christmas. We have extended our final donation deadline to Friday 12th December. All collected donations will be delivered to the ward on Friday 19th December. Donations can be made via My Child at School under 'Bumblebee Donations 2025', and every contribution, even as little as £1, will make a difference. This poster gives an overview of the gift bundles [Bumblebee Children's Ward Hillingdon Hospital](#)

Helping the Haydon Community

Thank you to our parents for their donations to help support our own students in need this Christmas. Your contributions go beyond providing just a small gift, they will help relieve financial pressure from families during an often challenging time of year. If you are in any need of support for this Christmas, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Munns cmunns3@haydonschool.com.

Christmas Jumper Day

What a fantastic success our Christmas Jumper day has been again this year. It's been great to see the students in their best festive jumpers, getting everybody into the Christmas spirit! Thank you to everyone who has donated. So far, we have already raised over £800. If you have not yet donated but would like to, please click [here](#).

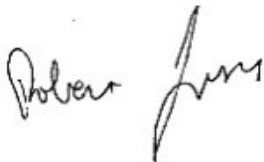


Haydon School: Teacher Thank Yous from Parents and Guardians

As it is coming up to the festive period I thought it would be appropriate to spread some cheer and kindness. Mr Cooper is putting together some 'Thank Yous' to the staff for their efforts with your children this term. I believe that messages from our students' parents and guardians will be really appreciated and lift the spirits of Haydon before the Holidays.

If you could please take a couple of minutes of your time to complete this very brief Google Form [here](#). Please state which member of staff at Haydon you would like to say some kind words towards and why. You can sign your name or leave them anonymous. Mr Cooper will distribute these to staff during the last week of term to pass on your thanks. You can also complete this multiple times if you want to say 'Thank you' to more than one member of staff. These will be distributed on the last day of term so the poll will be closing next Thursday (18th December).

Yours sincerely,



Robert Jones
Headteacher



Important dates for Term 2 2025

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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