

# Haydock Sports College



## Newsletter July 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to be able to confirm the following arrangements for the end of this term and for the beginning of our new term in September.

College will operate lessons as normal up to and including Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** we have arranged for all pupils to be involved in our Activity Day programme and Mr Rollinson has written to you confirming more detailed information.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** will be a normal full day in College for all with the exception of Mrs Parry's group: again, information has been given to those particular pupils.

On our final day of this term, **20<sup>th</sup> July**, we expect all pupils to arrive promptly for an 8.40 am start. Various activities have been planned for the morning including our annual final assembly with lunch being taken at 12.30 pm and pupils being dismissed at **1.00 pm** from their form groups. Buses have been rescheduled.

Please support us by insisting on full attendance up to and over these final days.

On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, we have invited our new Year 7 pupils to arrive for **8.40 am**. **All other pupils should arrive at 11.00 am**. Years 10 and 11 pupils will be directed to the Sports Hall, Year 9 to the Junior Canteen and Year 8 to the Drama Theatre. Once personalised timetables and other administrative tasks have been completed we will move quickly into our academic teaching groups.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September will see all pupils arriving promptly for an 8.40 am start.

Additionally, I would like to offer you the following information.

Please find below a copy of Holiday dates from September 2010:

**Close for the summer holiday:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Reopen after summer holiday:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 (all years)

**One day Training Day** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010

### Close

### Reopen

#### October half term:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010

#### Christmas holidays:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011

#### February half term:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2011

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011

#### Spring Break:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Good Friday Bank Holiday:**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011

**Easter Monday Bank Holiday:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**May Day:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011

**Whitsun holidays:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Closed: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011

**Close for summer holidays:**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011

**Training Days**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011

**Holidays during term time**

You may be aware that we currently restrict the authorisation of holidays in school time. Next year we plan to alter this ruling to be in line with some other St. Helens secondary schools.

We recognise that holidays are far more affordable during term time but we cannot condone the detrimental effect that these absences have on children's progress. As a result we have agreed that from Sept 2009 we will no longer authorise any holidays in school time. In the event that there are very exceptional circumstances e.g. a parent cannot take a holiday at any other time due to work commitments, an application for authorisation should be made and evidenced appropriately.

May I remind you that any unauthorised absence is subject to the scrutiny of EWS and is liable to a fixed penalty fine or prosecution.

**Absence from College**

In the event that your child is too ill to attend, please contact College on our dedicated absence line 01744 678396 to inform us of reasons for absence.

Should your child fail to arrive at College and no reason has been received we will arrange to contact you that same day using an automated system that requires a response from you. This is designed as a feature to ensure your child's safety when coming to College.

This term we have noted, with growing concern, the number of pupils who appear "unable" to meet our 8.40 am start time. Please reinforce the need for this as sanctions will be in force for those who are unable to comply.

**Absence from external exams**

Please be aware that students who are absent from any external exams will be recharged the entry fee at an approximate cost of £25 per exam.

**College Newspaper**

We hope that you have enjoyed reading our regular publication "News from Haydock Sports College", which keeps you informed about the many successes and activities taking place within and beyond College. I want to thank all staff involved in these valuable forms of enrichment and to our pupils for responding so well to them.

## Mobile Phones

Although acknowledging the need for some students to carry mobile 'phones for emergency reasons, we do ask you to discourage your son/daughter from bringing a mobile phone into College. It is totally unacceptable for 'phones to be switched on between 8.40 am and 3.00 pm. Any breach of this will result in confiscation and parents will be invited to collect 'phones from the Headteacher after College

## Lunch Arrangements

Staff and students work very closely together at Haydock Sports College and likewise we feel that it is important for them to eat together. Consequently, we encourage our students to remain on site for their lunch and take advantage of extra curricular activities.

We operate a successful cashless canteen system which closely monitors what is consumed by students. They can bring packed lunches, to be eaten in the Canteen. However, others will be given a swipe-card which can be topped-up by cash or cheques (made payable to Haydock Sports College). Cards are not replaced annually and if a replacement is required then this will cost £2.

Students who wish to go offsite can apply for a lunch pass which determines that **they will go home to a parent** whose address is within close proximity of College and that they will return punctually for the afternoon lesson. **Applications can only be made by parents bringing a passport type photograph into College in the mornings of the first and last weeks of the holidays.**

## School Meal Charges

In setting the budget for 2010/11 the Council made a commitment to increase charges at least in line with inflation. This will result in increased charges for meals in order to ensure that budgeted levels of income are achieved. The new charges, which are to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010, will be set to achieve an overall increase in income of 2.5%, though individual cafeteria items will be subject to different levels of increase depending on how demand for those items is likely to be affected. From the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 a pupil meal will now cost £1.95 per meal.

## Rules for Behaviour on the Buses

There have been increasing concerns about the behaviour of a small minority of students on the school and Public Service buses.

Please discuss the following rules with your child carefully. Should there be any further identified misbehaviour from students which puts the safety and well being of others at risk we will support the bus companies in preventing these miscreants from travelling on their buses.

1. Students should board the bus in an orderly fashion after any passengers who wish to get off have done so. Wherever possible students should tender the exact fare and retain their tickets. Anyone without a valid ticket can be escorted off the bus.
2. For safety reasons students should sit properly on a seat wherever possible. Standing should only be allowed if all seats are taken. Should adults get onto the bus, students should give up their seat to them as necessary. Standing is only allowed away from the driver.
3. Students must not be abusive to the driver or any other passenger.
4. The fabric and fittings of the bus should be respected i.e. no graffiti or damage to seats.
5. Emergency exit doors must not be used except in an emergency.
6. Smoking is absolutely forbidden, as is the use of any lighter or matches.

## Parents dropping students off at College

We would like to ask parents to refrain from entering the College gates to drop students off and collect them in cars. The entrances are used for pedestrians and there is insufficient room for 2 way traffic (staff coming into work and parents driving off and vice versa at home time). Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

## **Governor Vacancy**

We are currently seeking the support of a parent who would be prepared to act as a Governor and support the College's decision making. Any interested parents please contact Mr Pollard through the College.

## **Summer Activity Event**

A Summer Activity Event will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August. Children in Years, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are welcome to join in our exciting programme. The cost is £15 for the 2 day event which includes: archery, indoor rowing, trampolining, rounders, quick cricket and football. Please ring 01744 677505 during the evenings or in the day time at weekends for more information.

## **Friends of Haydock Sports College**

Any parents wishing to be involved with the Friends of Haydock Sports College please contact Lesley Rowe or Sandra Taylor at College during College hours. This is a recently formed committee and is open to anyone who can spare some time and ideas. Last year we raised in excess of £1,000 and we would welcome any ideas from parents to fund raise.

## **Uniform and PE Kit**

### **Boys**

\*Plain white shirt, long or short sleeves, with collar and \*clip-on college tie

Black trousers with/without turnups with no studs or patch pockets, no jeans, tracksuits or combat trousers

Navy blue, 'V' necked sweater - optional

\*Navy blue blazer with \*college badge

Plain dark socks

Plain black low cut shoes; not trainers or boots

### **Girls**

\*College white blouse, long or short sleeves, with \*clip-on college tie

Plain navy knee length 'A' line skirt

Plain navy or black trousers with no studs or patch pockets, no jeans, tracksuits or combat trousers

Navy blue, 'V' necked, waist length cardigan or sweater - optional

\*Navy blue blazer with \*college badge

Plain white, black or navy socks or beige, black or navy tights

Plain black shoes with low heels (no boots, sling backs or mules)

**Uniform should be worn correctly. Shirts must be tucked in and collar fastened. Please note that only clip-on ties should be worn.**

### **P.E. Kit and Equipment**

PE Kit with the College Logo is **only** available through Haydock Sports College.

### **Girls**

\*Navy polo shirt with college logo

\*Navy sweatshirt with college logo

\*Navy shorts with college logo

\*Navy socks with logo

Navy trackpants

White trainers (can have coloured flashes/logo)

### **Boys**

\*Navy football shorts with logo

\*Navy polo shirt with college logo

\*Navy sweatshirt with college logo

\*Navy socks with logo

Navy trackpants

\*Navy Rugby shirt

Trainers

Soccer or Rugby boots

*We would advise all pupils to provide a gum shield and shin pads for Hockey.*

**All PE kit must be clearly marked with the student's name.  
Make-up and jewellery must NOT be worn by students at any time.**

Hair colour and style must be appropriate for college.

Piercings cannot be worn under any circumstances. If you decide to have any piercing it can only be done at the start of the Summer holiday to allow sufficient time for healing.

*\*All the above uniform and all PE kit is sold through the College*

Uniform is available for purchase at all times from 8.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. during term time. The College Shop is open during the mornings (9.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.) during the summer holidays **except for the two weeks beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

Standards of dress and behaviour support us to create a successful learning environment and offer us the opportunity to market College in a positive way. We very much appreciate your co-operation in providing full correct uniform. Please note that the wearing of make-up and extreme hairstyles is not appropriate. These children who persistently flout uniform rules or make up will be sent home to remove it at the start of the day.

Uniform and kit can be purchased at a very competitive price from College **throughout the holidays between 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.**

### **Jewellery and Piercing**

To support our standards we insist that no jewellery is worn in College time otherwise it will be confiscated. This includes earrings or piercing of any type. **If a parent plans to allow his/her child to have pierced ears please allow sufficient time for them to heal so to allow for removal in September.**

Please accept my sincere thanks offered to all parents and guardians who have consistently supported our boys and girls. Some of the clear examples of this were evidenced in our excellent Celebration Evenings. Hopefully, further evidence will be found in the end of year reports which will be given to pupils on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.**

Finally, my sincere thanks go to all staff who have contributed so significantly once again to Haydock's progress. Additionally, my very best wishes go to Ms Hyland, Mrs Love, Mrs Rowlands, Mr Winstanley, Mrs Scott, Mrs Duncan and Mr Crook who are all leaving us at the end of this term. My best wishes also go to all parents and pupils for a safe and relaxing Summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

S Fullerton,  
Headteacher.