

Haydock Sports College



Newsletter December 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move ever closer to the end of another busy term, I wish to remind you of important dates which are before us and to ask for your full support over a uniform issue which is causing us great concern.

Friday 9th December:

Own Clothes Day for Hampers for Senior Citizens in Our Local Community. All students will have been asked to commit to one food item and 50p to be brought into College in exchange for them coming into College in their own clothes. These contributions will be used to assemble Christmas Hampers for a large number of Senior Citizens in our local community. Please accept our sincere thanks in anticipation of this traditional successful event.

Tuesday 13th December

Academic Review Day: Parents will make an appointment to come into school to meet their mentor/teacher to discuss their child's progress.

Wednesday 14th December:

Christmas Concert – tickets on sale £3.50 – 6.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Friday 16th December:

Final day of term. The morning will be utilised for tutor groups, activities and a Carol Concert at Christ Church. Lunch will be taken at 12.30 pm with a music concert in the Sports Hall at 12.45 and pupils dismissed at 1.30 pm. Buses have been organised to come early but for other pupils, please ensure that they have a safe journey from College.

Tuesday 3rd January 2012:

College re-opens. Option books to be given out this half term.

Tuesday 10th January:

GCSEs begin. Please be reminded that any pupils who are absent from any exam will be recharged the exam entry fee of £25 per exam. **Please note that examination dates are not flexible. They must go ahead on the date stated.**

- Thursday 10th January English Exam (Year 11)
- Thursday 12th January Science Exam (Year 10)
- Friday 13th January English Literature Exam (Year 10 and Year 11)
- Tuesday 17th January History Exam (Year 11)

- Friday 20th January Geography Exam (Year 10)
- Tuesday 24th January Science Exam (Year 11)
- Thursday 26th January Science Exam (Year 11)
- Monday 30th January Science Exam (Year 11)
- Friday 2nd March Maths Exam (Year 10 and Year 11)
- Monday 5th March Maths Exam (Year 10 and Year 11)
- Wednesday 7th March Maths Exam (Year 10 and Year 11)

Wednesday 25th January:

Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Thursday 9th February:

Year 9 Parents' Evening/Option Evening

Tuesday 13th March:

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 28th March:

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Monday 14th May – GCSE exams begin

Wednesday 27th June – GCSE exams end

Wednesday 13th June:

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday August 23rd:

GCSE results published for pupils.

Holidays during term time

Please be aware that we currently restrict the authorisation of holidays in school time in line with 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. We do not 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

Jewellery

It has long been accepted that for health and safety reasons jewellery must not be worn in College, this includes piercing of any kind whether or not it is covered by a plaster. Please do not allow your child to have piercing in the Christmas holidays as there is insufficient recovery time for it to be removed when we return to school in January.

Appearance

As we move towards the end of term some students are becoming very sloppy in the way that they dress and some are not following uniform rules. This is unacceptable. I have attached a copy of the College uniform requirements below and would appreciate your support to ensure that all

pupils adhere to it. From January, any child who persistently flouts uniform rules will be sent home to change with an expectation of return within the hour.

Common problems are:

- Collars unfastened and ties worn incorrectly; shirts hanging out
- Black cardigans worn instead of navy blue ones
- Make-up worn or put on in school
- Nail polish worn in school
- Hair cut in an extreme style and dyed an unnatural colour
- Hair not tied back
- Students wearing a variety of scarves or coloured hair bands
- Students who wear trainers or pumps instead of shoes. Pumps are wholly inappropriate in winter.
- Students who wear boots instead of shoes. Boots can be worn to school but must be changed for shoes when they arrive.
- Students who wear hoodies either underneath or instead of blazers. Blazers must be worn at all times.

Uniform

Please find below a further reminder of our College uniform in order that all parents, guardians and pupils are aware of this and our expectations for how it is worn!

Boys

*Navy blue blazer with *embroidered college badge £25

Plain white shirt, long or short sleeves, with collar, fastened

*College clip on tie £5

Black trousers with/without turn-ups, no jeans, studs or patch pockets

Plain dark socks, **plain black low cut shoes; not trainers or boots**

*Navy blue waist length V-necked sweater/cardigan (optional) £5

Girls

*Navy blue blazer with *embroidered college badge £25

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

Plain white shirt, long or short sleeves, with collar that buttons to the top

*College clip on tie £5

Plain navy knee length 'A' line skirt

Plain white socks or plain *navy ribbed tights, **plain black shoes with low heels (no boots, sling backs or mules)**

*Navy blue waist length V-necked sweater/cardigan (optional) £5

Hair bands should be plain dark coloured – navy or black with only one flower

Jewellery should not be worn

New In:

College are now selling navy blue V-necked sweaters for £5.

In inclement weather students may wear boots to school but MUST change into their shoes when they arrive.

Attendance

As you are fully aware, attendance and attainment are closely linked and, as such, we continue to request that all students maintain a minimum of **95%** attendance. There remain some absences which can only be authorised with the support of medical certification. Please be aware that holidays in term time are discouraged and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Request for consideration with accompanying evidence must be submitted 4 weeks prior to the event.

Student Absence

Should your child be unable to attend school due to illness could you please telephone school on **01744 678396** on the first day of illness.

Anti-Bully Week

Our annual anti-bully awareness week took place this term and we were delighted by the large numbers of pupils from different year groups who engaged with this strategy. We encourage our children to “**TELL, TELL, TELL**” and remain confident in the support of our SHARP system which can be assessed through the college website on:

www.haydock.sthelens.sch.uk/pupils

An anti-bully advice booklet has been circulated to Years 7 and 8 further copies are available on request. This gives access to our school based Police Officer, PC Wendy Kindness. We continue to encourage you to contact us by any of the traditional methods if you feel that your child has any difficulties. We must stand and work together to wipe out this antisocial act.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor daily: 1.15 to 2.15. Flexibility will be considered regarding the number of days per week a candidate will be required to work. Please contact Julie Tinsley on 01744 678833 for further details.

Archery Club – Saturday afternoons

We offer an Archery Club for children and adults. £5 per 2 hour session, Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. The activity is taken by fully qualified staff.

Climbing and Trampolining Club – Saturday mornings

We offer a Climbing and Trampolining Club on Saturday mornings at the Leisure Centre for all children age 8 years to 16 years, at £5 a session from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00. To take advantage of this opportunity please enrol on the Saturday morning or telephone 01744 677505 after 5.00 p.m. weekdays for further information. Our Fitness Suite is also available for teenagers and parents during evenings and weekends.

Fitness Suite

The Fitness Suite has recently been extended and upgraded. Additional exercise equipment has been installed. The facility is open Monday to Friday from 5.00 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00. £2.15 for adults and £1.02 for juniors.

Birthday Parties and Corporate Events – Leisure Centre

Please contact Karl Singleton (Leisure Centre Manager) on 01744 677505 after 5.00p.m.for further details.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support on behalf of everyone associated with Haydock Sports College, please accept our sincere best wishes for a peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Pollard,
Headteacher.



Holiday Dates 2011 – 2012

Close

Christmas holidays:

Friday 16th December, 2011

February half term:

Thursday 9th February, 2012

Spring Break:

Friday 30th March, 2012

Good Friday Bank Holiday:

6th April, 2012

Easter Monday Bank Holiday:

9th April, 2012

May Day:

Monday 7th May, 2012

Whitsun holidays:

Friday 1st June, 2012

Reopen

Tuesday 3rd January, 2012

Monday 20th February, 2012

Monday 16th April, 2012

Monday 11th June, 2012

Closed: Friday 29th June and Monday 2nd July

Close for summer holidays:

Friday 20th July, 2012

Training Days

Friday 10th February, 2012

Friday 29th June, 2012

Monday 2nd July, 2012



Holiday Dates 2012 – 2013

Close for the summer holiday:	Friday 20 th July 2012
One day Training Day:	Monday 3 rd September, 2012
Reopen after summer holiday:	Tuesday 4 th September, 2012
<u>Close</u>	<u>Reopen</u>
<u>October half term:</u> Friday 19 th October, 2012	Monday 29 th October, 2012
<u>Closed: Friday 30th November</u>	
<u>Christmas holidays:</u> Thursday 20 th December, 2012	Monday 7 th January, 2013
<u>February half term:</u> Friday 15 th February, 2013	Monday 25 th February, 2013
<u>Spring Break:</u> Thursday 28 th March, 2013 Good Friday 29 th March, 2013 Easter Monday 1 st April, 2013	Monday 15 th April, 2013
<u>May Day:</u> Monday 6 th May, 2013	
<u>Whitsun holidays:</u> Friday 24 th May, 2013	Monday 3 rd June, 2013
<u>Closed Friday 28th June and Monday 1st July</u>	
<u>Close for summer holidays:</u> Tuesday 23 rd July, 2013	
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**STATE OF THE ART CLIMBING WALL
AT HAYDOCK LEISURE CENTRE
(behind the Spar in Haydock)**

The Climbing Wall can accommodate all abilities and has a number of challenging routes. Climbing Wall sessions include all safety instruction and coaching on how to climb.



- **Saturday Morning Climbing Club
from 10am to 12pm**
- **Tuesday evening sessions from 6pm
to 9.30pm**



No experience needed and all abilities catered for.
Fully qualified staff and all equipment provided. (*Minimum age 8 years*)
£5.20 for each session with all equipment supplied.

**Have you thought about having a Climbing Wall birthday party?
Ask for details!**



**MULTI USE GAMES AREA
AT HAYDOCK SPORTS COLLEGE**



This outdoor floodlit games area is available for hire to members of the public for evenings and weekends.

If you would like to book any of these facilities,
or require further details, please telephone
01744 678833 or 677505 (after 5pm)

