



# HAYES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and your child is ready for a well needed half term break. I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you and students of upcoming events next half term as well as some key messages to support students moving towards their final year with us at Hayes.

Firstly I want to remind students of the UCAS Discovery Event taking place on Thursday 5th June 2025, with a number of universities and apprenticeship providers showcasing at the London South Bank University. We have secured tickets for the event for all students within the year group – they have been sent a link to book one of these and I would strongly urge them all to take up this opportunity. This is not a trip, and students will need to make their own way to the venue, but we will authorise their non-attendance on this day. However, if students elect not to attend the event they should be in school as normal.

The next phase of our next steps process is work experience which runs w/c 30th June 2025. I know lots of student have secured some excellent placements, but some still have to finalise details of where they will be. If students need support in finding placements, please ask them to speak to Mrs Stewart our in school careers lead who can help them. For students who have been unable to find a placement we will be running in school provision linked to their next steps throughout the week and therefore students should be in school. We will confirm what this provision is in due course after half term.

In preparation for next year, we are moving Year 12 study periods from the 6th Form Centre to the Silent Study area. The Silent Study is the base for Year 13 study and as such we want to use the summer term to build positive habits ready for September so we can hit the ground running in the final run in to the Summer 2026 exam series. A large part of this work will be helping students establish positive independent habits to ongoing lesson review and revision. Targeting knowledge gaps to ensure complete acquisition of core knowledge for their chosen subjects. Alongside this departments will be setting students summer work to complete which helps to bridge the gap between Years 12 and 13 which will take a step up in terms of complexity.

Finally, we know that the summer term brings along the good weather, but I want to remind students of our dress code policy which can be found here: <https://www.hayes.bromley.sch.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-life/dress-code/>. Whilst I appreciate that the summer months are warmer, I want to remind students that we are a blazer wearing school and we expect all students to wear a blazer on and around the school site at all times. They are permitted to take them off in study areas, and in lessons, but should put these back on when moving between lessons.



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Alongside this students need to ensure that they are wearing their school issued lanyard at all times. This is an important safeguarding measure and highlights that they are a member of the school community and have the right to be on site. Being in pockets or bags is not wearing the lanyard and it should be worn around necks at all times on school site.

In addition, those students who elect to wear skirts and dresses to school should be reminded that these should be no shorter than 'mid-thigh' and should be appropriate for a school/business environment.

We still hold a small stock of dress code items which can be issued to students to wear on any given day should they need it, but also reserve the right to send students home who do not conform to the dress code policy. I ask that you help us to ensure a high standard of dress by enforcing these rules with your child when they are at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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