

Haywire

The information bulletin for the community of the Hayfield School

We are in the Top 10%!

In January the Department for Education published the "School League Tables" and we are delighted to say that on the key measure of 5A*-C grades, including English and Mathematics, we are in the top 10% of schools nationally (excluding the independent sector). Information was also published in the tables on the new English Baccalaureate measure. This reports on students who gained a GCSE in English, Mathematics, Science, a language and either History or Geography, and the national figure for this was 15%. Again we were delighted with our figure of 35% which again places us in the Top 10% of schools nationally.

Uniform Issues

In recent months we have noticed a significant number of students who are breaking the school rules on uniform. To be clear female students are allowed to wear one pair of studded earrings in the lobe of their ear. Earrings in other parts of the ear are not permitted. Furthermore, piercings and associated appendages in eyebrows, wrists, etc are also not permitted. Ear stretchers etc are also not permitted.

Rather disconcertingly we have also noticed a number of our students coming to school with tattoos. It should be noted that it is illegal for any person under the age of 18 to obtain a tattoo either with, or without parental consent. The business responsible for at least some of the tattoos is currently being investigated by the police and Trading Standards. The

school's stance on this matter is that any visible tattoos will need to be covered up on a daily basis. We in no way condone this culture with our students, and we would value your support on this matter.

Finally, we would like to remind all parents and students of the school's policy on hairstyles which are clearly stated in our uniform policy (available on our website): excessive hairstyles are unacceptable as is unnatural coloured hair or a combination of colours, heads must not be shaved - no 'grade 1's' or patterns / stripes / platted / beaded styles.

It should be noted that under current guidance from the Department for Education the school is within its rights to send home a student for infringement of uniform policy.

Meet the Head

There will be another surgery held by the headteacher on Tuesday 29th March 2011 between 3.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. If you intend to attend a surgery, please could you inform the school and, wherever possible, provide details of your concerns, thus allowing us time to investigate. Of course, should you have a pressing matter then please telephone the school to make an appointment either with the headteacher or another member of the Leadership Team in the usual way. Please note, however, that due to other commitments we may be unable to meet with you on the same day. Further details about the school's complaints policy are available on our website or upon request.

Key Dates for the Spring Term

Monday	February 21st	Spring Half Term: Monday 21st to Friday 25th February
Tuesday	March 8th	Enhancement Day
Wednesday	March 16th	Year 8 Options Evening
Monday	March 21st	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday	March 28th	Year 12 Geography Field Trip : Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April
Monday	April 4th	Year 10 Parents Evening
Monday	April 11th	Easter Holidays : Monday 11th April to Monday 25th April inclusive
Friday	April 29th	The Royal Wedding: School Closed