

Haywire

The information bulletin for the community of the Hayfield School

We're an Academy!

We are delighted to announce that as of 1st April 2011 The Hayfield School became a 'converter' Academy. This will bring the school greater autonomy, independence and increased funding.

As I am sure everyone will have noticed, this change of status will not change the character and practice of Hayfield. We are still called 'The Hayfield School' and all aspects of the school have remained the same throughout the transition period.

The change of status marks another chapter in the history of the school and provides stability in a rapidly changing educational landscape.

Meet the Head

There will be another surgery held by the Headteacher on Thursday 12th May 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.

Uniform

For a minority of our students, uniform continues to be an issue. Of particular concern are hair styles, piercings and skirts. To be clear:

Boys: Shoes should be black, and not of a trainer or canvas style. Trousers should not be of a denim style cut i.e. they should not have stitched back pockets and the front pockets should be akin to those found on suit trousers, as opposed to those found on jeans etc. Short-sleeved shirts are permitted, rolled up sleeves are not.

Girls: Skirts should be worn from the waist to the knee. Belts are not permitted and **the skirt should be of a**

standard cut i.e. gypsy / rah rah / high-waisted / stretch-pencil skirts are not allowed. Similarly trousers should be standard school trousers – stretch / boot leg / hipster / casual linen / leggings are not allowed. Shoes should be full shoes – sandals and backless shoes will not be allowed and neither are trainers or boots permitted around school. A minority of girls are arriving at school in shoes which are so flimsy that they offer no protection and quite simply disintegrate in wet weather. Canvas shoes and stiletto or high heels are also not permitted.

For both boys and girls excessive hair styles are not permitted – and by this we mean **no shaved / grade ones / patterns / stripes / beaded styles etc.** Similarly, **"unnatural" colours will not be permitted.**

We believe that the uniform plays a vital role in setting the standards and ethos of the school. Some might view this as perhaps old-fashioned, but we remain resolute in our belief that the correct uniform sets the foundation for the rest of school life. Furthermore, in the world of work uniform is prevalent and part of our role is to prepare students for life. We would value your support on this issue.

School closure 29th April 2011

Please note that to mark the occasion of the royal wedding the school will be closed on Friday 29th April.

Litter on the School Fields

The school currently has a problem with litter that is being left on the playing fields during the lunchtime period.

The excessive litter is mainly due to students eating their packed lunches in un-designated areas. We do provide a 'sandwich room' and tables outside for students to eat their packed lunches and ample litter bins are provided in this area.

Students have been warned that if the problem continues the school will be forced to close the playing fields during the lunchtime period.

Top 10 Tips for Revision

1. Eat a healthy breakfast either at home or at school breakfast club.
2. Arrive at school by 8.30am everyday.
3. Come well equipped: pens, pencils, coloured felt tips, ruler, calculator, text/ revision/ exercise books.
4. Bring bottled water.
5. Stay focused, motivated and determined all day.
6. Eat a balanced diet and find time to exercise – healthy body = healthy mind.
7. Revise each evening for 2 / 3 hours but find some time to...
8. Relax and reflect.
9. Check exam and study timetable for the following day.
10. Get a good night's sleep. Go to bed no later than 10pm.

Key Dates for the Spring Term

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| Monday | April 25 th | Year 12 Geography Field Trip : Monday 25 th April to Thursday 28 th April |
| Tuesday | April 26 th | First Day of Term for students |
| Friday | April 29th | Royal Wedding : School Closed |
| Monday | May 2nd | May Day : School Closed |
| Friday | May 6 th | Enhancement Day |
| Monday | May 30th | May Half Term : Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June |
| Wednesday | June 15 th | Enhancement Day |
| Monday | June 20 th | Year 12 Return to school after Study Leave |
| Monday | June 20 th | Year 12 Berlin Trip : Monday 20 th June to Friday 24 th June |
| Monday | June 27 th | Year 12 Biology Field Trip : Monday 27 th to Wednesday 29 th June |
| Monday | June 27 th | Year 12 Paris Trip : Monday 27 th June to Friday 1 st July |
| Monday | July 4 th | Year 7 Rhine Trip : Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th July |
| Tuesday | July 5 th | New Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday | July 6th | Training Day : School Closed for Students |
| Thursday | July 7 th | Enhancement Day |
| Friday | July 8 th | Enhancement Day |
| Monday | July 11 th | UCAS Parents' Evening |
| Friday | July 22 nd | Last day of term |