

# Haywire

*The information bulletin for the community of the Hayfield School*

## Record Breaking Results!

Once again Hayfield had a record breaking set of results in the summer. Over 82% of our students achieved the national benchmark of 5+ A\*-C GCSE passes (including English and Mathematics). Results at A level were also impressive with the vast majority of students securing a place at university or employment.

This is a phenomenal achievement and these results are the best in the school's history and also in the history of Doncaster as a whole. We are immensely proud of our students and wish to congratulate them on their successes. Their hard work, together with the dedication and commitment of staff, has led to this fantastic outcome.

The results are yet to be validated by the Department for Education but we remain quietly confident that this will put Hayfield in the top 6% or 7% of schools (somewhere in the top 250 schools out of over 3000 in the country).

## Sponsored Walk

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October the school had its annual Sponsored Walk. The route followed the same of that as last year and in total it was just over 13 miles in length. With the exception of a small handful of students with medical issues, all of our students successfully completed the walk. We were blessed with perfect weather for walking and the students were a real credit to the school in their behaviour and conduct in the local community.

Last year we raised £8,000 and this year we are hoping to exceed that amount. As is always the case, the monies raised will be spent on the students directly. This will be directed by the students themselves through the Student Council and normally is decided upon once we know how much money has been raised. A proportion of the money raised by Year 11 will be used to subsidise the Year 11 Prom. We will report on how the money was spent throughout the year.

## Personal Appearance

As ever we still find ourselves having to challenge students about aspects of their appearance or uniform. We will be amending the uniform policy to remove any ambiguity but to

clarify the school's position: "unnatural hair colours" will not be tolerated and in a similar vein tattoos and body piercings are against the rules of the school. Full details of our uniform policy are available on our website.

These rules exist for health and safety reasons, to maintain high standards at the school and to keep the focus on learning. We understand that many teenagers have a desire to express their individuality but this (by definition) is at odds with the notion of a uniform. All too often, too much time and energy is wasted on getting the uniform correct and we would rather avoid the situation from the outset. The school is completely within the law to send students home for an infringement of the school uniform. Thank you for your support on this matter.

## Christmas Fayre 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm-8pm

The school's annual Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011. Last year due to the inclement weather we were forced to cancel this event and so this year's Fayre should be even more special. We would encourage all members of our community to come along to the evening and if you have any items suitable for raffle prizes, these would be gratefully received by the school. These can be left at Reception.

## If it snows.....

We are hoping to avoid disruption due to poor weather this year. Last year's weather was unprecedented and the school did have to close for four days. Closing the school is only ever a last resort and snow does not automatically mean a school closure!

If however we do see heavy snowfall in the coming months, then parents and carers should look on our website for updates and/or the Trax FM website and announcements on Trax FM itself.

It should be noted however that our buses which bring in nearly half of our students are based in Aston near Sheffield and sometimes the weather there can be different to that here.

## Meet the Head

There will be another surgery held by the headteacher on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 between 3.30pm and 5pm. 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.

## Children in Need

Children in Need will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – 'Show your Spots – Let's Raise Lots'. Students are asked to attend school in spotty fancy dress and we ask for a £1 donation from students for this. Those students who do not participate in the fancy dress must attend in full school uniform. The students will also be raising money for Children in Need through tutor group activities.

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## Key Dates for the Autumn Term

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half Term : Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Monday	October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Training Day: School Closed for Students
Monday	November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Parents' Evening : Group Tutors only
Monday	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Information Evening
Wednesday	November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y7 Learning Support Open Evening
Tuesday	November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Friday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Fayre
Monday	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Parents' Evening : Group Tutors only
Monday	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 German and French Speaking Tests (5 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> December)
Tuesday	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert
Wednesday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert
Wednesday	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y7 and Y8 Christmas Disco
Monday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Holidays : Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January inclusive</b>