



The Henry Cort Community College

Principal's Newsletter

Friday 27 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Autumn Term well and truly started, it is fantastic to see that our Year 7 students have settled well, and all year groups are working well in the new year group tutor system. Thank you to all those parents who have ensured that their child is arriving to college in full uniform and with equipment. Please do get in touch with your child's tutor if there are any issues that you feel we should know about so that we can work with you to support this.

On Tuesday this week, we hosted our Open Evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students and families to the college. It was also lovely to see so many students offering to support the college during the evening by running activities in faculties, alongside staff, to showcase the college. Next week, we open the doors during the day for our Open Days from Monday 30 September to Wednesday 2 October. All the sign-up details are on the college website if you would like to visit with your Year 5 or 6 student.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all this year and will write to you regularly with updates.

Mr C Rice
Principal

Parent feedback

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the parent survey towards the end of last term. It was great to see more responses than previous years. We are also really pleased to read the positive comments sent by so many parents. It is always great to hear where we are getting things right for you and the students. Please be assured that this feedback has been shared with staff.

We also thank you for the honest comments on areas you feel we could improve as a college. One area mentioned was communications and the vast majority of parents are now using our new communications platform, Edulink. Edulink is used in many schools and we believe that its functionality will enable us to have more efficient communication with you over the year.

Another area highlighted in the survey was the cost of uniform. We continue to offer access to pre-loved uniform and have made some small changes to the PE kit in our uniform policy to enable students to wear non-Henry Cort branded sports jogging bottoms or sports leggings.

Finally, parents also raised wanting more opportunity to discuss issues with the college. In response to this, please look out for further information on new parent forum events which will run throughout the year.

Meet the Tutor Evening

We very much look forward to the opportunity to meet you on our Meet the Tutor Evening on Tuesday 22 October. The sign-up form for this event will be sent via Edulink in the next couple of weeks.