



The Henry Cort Community College

Principal's Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our Year 10 English workshop last week, and the Parent and Student Revision workshop with Lorraine Lee this week. Both these events have provided us with opportunities to work together with you to support the students and there will be more coming up during the year.

This week has been our annual charity week, with proceeds this year going to Macmillan Cancer Support. At the time of writing, I don't know the final total raised yet – but it's definitely looking promising if the number of cakes sold this week is anything to go by, and the keen voting for dunk the teacher! Thank you for all your support, and well done to the students who have shown real kindness and commitment to charity this week.

Finally, we have again had some very positive feedback from our Leadership and Learning Partner Review (LLPR), a visit from senior colleagues from the local authority. Our annual visit was in October and last week we had a review visit to monitor our progress.

The review highlighted positive developments in the culture of the school, with positive relationships between students and staff across the college. Our work on developing feedback in the classroom continues to be a strength, and we continue to make steady progress towards the targets set by Ofsted.

We continue to be ambitious for further improvement, but I'm pleased to note the progress the college is making. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Rice
Principal

Fareham Park

Fareham Borough Council have recently completed a new play facility in Fareham Park, located just outside the college. It is a public facility, outside of our site, but we have been made aware of some anti-social behaviour. We will be talking to students about appropriate use of community facilities and ask all parents and carers to do the same. We would also recommend that younger children are supervised.

Year 9 Option Choices and Subject Consultation Meetings

A reminder that the Year 9 Option Choices and Subject Consultation evening is on Tuesday 11 March. The meetings in the Sports Hall, as with other year groups, will provide an important opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress together, with the student present.

In addition, there will be an option choice information briefing led by Mr Walker in the Cort Theatre. The briefing will take place three times – at 16:30, 17:30 and 18:30 – to fit around your appointments. Mr Walker will explain the variety of qualifications offered, and how the curriculum and qualifications are structured. Further information is in the Year 9 option booklet and tutors will support students through the process. If they have any questions, please encourage them to ask!