



The Henry Cort Community College

Principal's Newsletter
Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We held our Parent Forum this week, and I would like to thank all who attended. It was a valuable and constructive conversation. We have prioritised more opportunities to meet with parents this year, as well as a more communication through these regular newsletters.

As ever, the last few weeks have been busy in the college, and this regular communication is one opportunity to update you on our progress.

This term, we have continued working as a college on our teaching and learning priorities. On the INSET day last week, staff worked collaboratively with colleagues across Fareham and Gosport to further develop subject knowledge and pedagogy in their different disciplines.

In college, we have focused on pace and challenge in lessons. We regularly review the progress we are making and I am pleased that students report to us that they feel the pace of lessons is appropriate and they feel appropriately challenged. Across the college, I have experienced many challenging and engaging lessons. However, we continue to be ambitious and all faculties have action plans following the review so we can make even more progress.

Across Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 8 students visited the Tech Truck, a mobile education and technology roadshow. The Tech Truck aims to help engage and inspire children and young adults into the world of tech and showcase the range of career opportunities open to them across the maritime, logistics, health & social care and creative arts sectors. The various technologies were new and challenged the students at first but were certainly inspiring and fun! It was fantastic to hear such high praise from the Tech Truck Team about the level of engagement from our students.

Mr C Rice
Principal

Re-Craft & Grow

A new after school club will be starting after half term on Wednesdays from 14:35 to 15:35. The idea is to turn items that would otherwise be thrown away into something else!

We are therefore sending a plea out to parents for any of the following: old t shirts, broken or unusable CDs, clean plastic bottles (the 2-litre kind or milk bottles), yogurt pots, old magazines, old tyres, outdoor paint (masonry or fence), acrylic paints, spare soil or seeds, old trowels / spades.

The club's first mission will be to transform the small outdoor area within the Creative & Technical block. Students can sign up at the student reception. If any parents or friends of Henry Cort can support with materials, please contact Mrs Beynon or Mrs Brown at reception. We will be very grateful!