



THE HENRY CORT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Friday, 18 September
2026

WELCOME

Now that we are a couple of weeks into the Autumn Term, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all students and families, particularly those who are new to us. I have been incredibly impressed by how well our new Year 7 students have settled into college life. They have made a positive start, approached their new lessons with enthusiasm and quickly become an important part of our community.

Across the college, lessons have started the year with real purpose and focus. It has been a pleasure to visit classrooms and see students engaged in their learning, working hard and responding positively to the high expectations set by staff. The calm and productive atmosphere around the site has been a credit to our students.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the college's expectations regarding attendance, punctuality, uniform and equipment. These routines play an important role in helping students to start each day successfully and make the most of their learning opportunities.

Earlier this week, I wrote to families regarding our planned move to the new Whiteley Secondary School in September 2027.

We appreciate the many supportive comments we have received and will continue to keep families informed as plans progress. In the meantime, our focus remains firmly on delivering for the students currently at Henry Cort and ensuring they benefit from the widest possible range of opportunities during their time with us.

I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year and will continue to write regularly with updates from the college.

Mr C Rice
Principal

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Achievement * **S**upport * **P**erseverance * **I**ndividuality * **R**espect * **E**xcellence

ATTENDANCE

As we start a new academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to share a few reminders. Establishing strong attendance from the beginning of the year will help all students to:

- Keep up with their learning and achieve their full academic potential.
- Build positive relationships with peers and staff.
- Develop confidence and resilience.
- Support their overall wellbeing.

We understand that there can be genuine challenges which affect attendance, and we are here to help.

If there are any barriers preventing any student from attending school regularly — whether these relate to health, wellbeing, or other circumstances. please do not hesitate to contact us.

We can offer guidance and support to ensure all students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

If a student is going to be absent, please let us know via an Edulink message as early as possible and then each day of subsequent absence.

If a student needs a medical or dental appointment please try and book these out of school hours. Where this is not possible, please either book an appointment first thing, so that an afternoon attendance mark is possible or an appointment after 12:05 so that a morning attendance mark is possible.

By working together, we can ensure that all students have the best possible start to the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 22 September - Year 5 and 6 Open Evening 6:00pm-8:00pm*

Tuesday 29 September - Open Day Tours (Main-Round Admissions) 9:30am and 12:00pm*

Tuesday 29 September - Year 11 Parent and Carer Workshop 6:00pm-7:30pm

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October - Year 11 Art Mock Exam

Friday 23 October - College closed to students - INSET day

Monday 26 to Friday 30 October - Half Term, return on a Week A

***To register your attendance, visit our website: www.henry-cort.hants.sch.uk/admissions** 