

The Henry Cort Community College

Principal's Newsletter Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks in college. Year 11 students have completed their mock exams and are beginning to reflect at their performance, looking at where they might have gaps in knowledge, and planning their revision for next term. We were also pleased to welcome parents and carers of Year 10 students to our subject consultation evening this week. Thank you to all who attended. Your engagement and the many productive and positive conversations made the evening a real success.

We know being in school every day has a significant impact on outcomes at GCSE and is also important to children's wellbeing and wider development. Thank you for continuing to support your student's regular attendance – let's keep up the great attendance right through to the end of term so they can make the most of all the activities over the next couple of weeks.

Mr C Rice Principal

Christmas Concert

The Creative and Technical Faculty will be hosting the Henry Cort Christmas Concert on Tuesday 16th December at 6:00pm in the Cort Theatre. Tickets are £2.50 for adults or £1.50 for concessions (children/OAP) and entry for under 2s is free. Tickets can be purchased on SCOPAY. Festive refreshments will be available to purchase at 50p and £1 with the correct change.

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 11th December, we will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch. Please note: as communicated previously, the deadline for ordering was last week. There will be limited availability of other menu choices at lunch time on this day in the 'Shack' as normal. At break time, the canteen will be open for hot dogs or waffles.

Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that, as part of the Christmas celebrations at the end of term, we will be joining thousands of people up and down the UK by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause – to help create a brighter future for children. Students can wear their Christmas jumper for the day in addition to their college uniform. Please note – it is not a non-uniform day. Students should wear their shirt and tie and can replace their blazer or jumper with a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 11th December in return for a £1.00 donation, via SCOPAY, for Save the Children Fund.

Home Learning

In order to allow all students to enjoy a well-deserved break over the festive holiday, no home learning will be set during this period. Year 11 students are encouraged to continue with independent revision; however, no formal home learning will be assigned. Accordingly, no home learning will be set for Key Stage 4 during the final week of term, and no home learning will be set for Key Stage 3 during the final two weeks of term. Home learning will resume as normal during the first week back in January.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all students for their hard work and commitment to home learning throughout this term. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We hope everyone enjoys a restful and happy holiday season!