



The Henry Cort Community College

Principal's Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you know, we welcomed Ofsted into the college recently. While we are not yet able to share the formal report, I am pleased to let you know that the inspection was positive overall. Inspectors commented on our inclusive ethos, the calm and purposeful atmosphere around the college, our curriculum development and work on attendance, and recognised the significant improvement we have made since the last inspection.

I would like to recognise how well our students presented themselves during the inspection, in classes and in meetings or when talking to inspectors. We are very proud of them. I would also like to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your feedback to inspectors was overwhelmingly positive, and there has been a significant rise in the number of families who say they would recommend the college. Thank you – your support means a great deal to us. We will of course share the full report with you once it is published.

This term, we have continued working in college on this year's teaching and learning priorities. We are continuing to work on our 'adaptive teaching' strategies to support all students in the classroom, and our teachers also worked collaboratively with colleagues across Fareham and Gosport on the INSET day last week to develop subject knowledge and pedagogy in their different disciplines.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to next week's school production of *Bugsy Malone*. At the time of writing, some performances are sold out and tickets are going fast! To everyone involved — *break a leg!*

Mr C Rice
Principal

Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN support

Hampshire's Local Area Partnership has developed some guidance for parents and carers about our local offer around Ordinarily Available Provision in the classroom and SEN support.

Ordinarily available provision refers to the support that every school and college provides to help all children and young people learn. This should include high-quality, inclusive teaching, ensuring every child feels welcome and can succeed, no matter their background or abilities. Schools and colleges provide a wide range of support to help all children and young people succeed. At Henry Cort, we aim to support all children through our 'adaptive teaching' approach.

As a mainstream setting, we also take a graduated approach to SEN support. If extra help is needed, we will work closely with parents and carers to put a plan in place. Further information can be found using the links below.

[Parent Guide OAP](#)

[Parent Guide SEN Support](#)