



## Celebrations of Autumn Term 1

As we conclude the first half term, we would like to share with you some of the many achievements from the past eight weeks. We are very proud of our students and it has been a pleasure to see so many taking part and excelling in the opportunities on offer to them. I would like to thank parents and carers for your support so far this academic year. I was pleased to be able to meet many of you on the Meet the Tutor evening and look forward to working positively together this academic year. Finally, after a very busy half term, I would like to wish all staff, students and parents a relaxing and safe half term break.

Mr C Rice  
Principal

## Year 5/6 Open Evening

We are excited to share the positive feedback we have received from our Open Evening and Open Day Tours. Prospective parents have shared *"the pupils that took us on our tour were honest, informative and positive about the school. The teaching looked good and the overall look of the school has improved. I was very impressed by the hard work and changes"* and another parent has said *"the head girl did a very good presentation, she is really welcoming and proactive. Two year 8 boys did really well also and they shared good experiences of transition. They did it very well."* We are very proud of our students for taking part and welcoming our future year 7's.

## School Sports Partnership

This term the PE department have had their School Games Audit and have been awarded the Gold Award. This is a fantastic achievement, as we are the only secondary school in our district to receive a School Games Award. Our PE Lead Mr Plomer is proud of all the hardwork the department has put into this with a special shout out to Mr Latter for all his support.



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## Williams F1 HQ Enrichment Opportunity

On October 9, Mrs Hills was given the exciting opportunity to take a group of Year 9 students to the Williams F1 headquarters in the hope this would spark an interest in STEM. Mrs Hills and the students had a fantastic day, Damon Hill was even there! Both the Williams staff and the bus driver have passed on fantastic positive feedback about the conduct of our students. Well done Year 9!

## Geography Field Trip

At the beginning of the school term Ms Gudgeon took our Year 11 Geography students to visit Southsea, allowing them to collect relevant research data to successfully complete their fieldwork.

Students conducted a range of primary data collection including sediment studies, bipolar surveys, land use surveys and questionnaires. The results were processed and analysed in class in readiness for their paper 3 exam.



## Dracula Trip

On October 24, Miss Wallis took our Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students to watch Dracula at the Haymarket in Basingstoke. This was preparation for their GCSE written exam. The performance was an adaptation of Bram Stoker's 1897 gothic novel by the world renowned 'Black Eyed Theatre Company'. Using a range of Brechtian techniques, the company brought the traditional novel to life with a contemporary twist. This is the first time some students have seen a theatrical play and this experience will have a positive impact on their drama work moving forward. Everyone had a great time and we're looking forward to seeing a wider range of plays in the future to expand our knowledge of modern theatre.



## Meet the Tutor Evening and Careers Fair

It was so lovely to see so many students and parents/carers at the Meet the Tutor event on Tuesday 22 October. Running alongside the meetings was a Careers Fayre held in the Sports Hall organised by Mrs Hills. This was our first Careers Fair for several years and it was a great success. We had 25 exhibitors in the Sports Hall and it was very well attended with a buzz all evening.

We would like to say a special thank you to:

- BAE
- Barton Peveril
- Andrew Simpson
- Carnival UK
- Churchers Solicitors
- Community First
- Itchen College
- Mildren Construction
- Military Mentors
- NATs
- PETA
- Peter Symonds
- RAF
- Showcase Training
- South Hampshire College Group
- Spars holt College
- Steve Willis Training
- St Vincent College
- SUN
- The Mulberry Bush
- UTC Portsmouth
- Zurich
- Army



We have received some fantastic feedback on the evening and this includes:

- *My son came away from the careers fayre buzzing, thank you for organising.*
- *The attentiveness of staff and tutor, allowing time for parents and students to discuss through progress and making helpful suggestions for success.*
- *The careers fair was very useful as there was a good variety of stalls meaning we could gather initial information without visiting all those separate places & it was good to speak to them, rather than just looking online.*
- *Being able to speak directly to the Tutors, clearly they were prepared with the pack provided and very open to understanding and resolving any issues identified. Equally open to maintaining lines of communication during the year and not just confining engagement to the Meet the Tutor evening. Very proactive and supportive.*



## Sporting Highlights from Our Fixtures

Our PE lead Mr Plomer and his team are eager to share how fantastic the students who have taken part in the fixtures this term have done.

### Year 7

The boys football team has opened the term with a narrow defeat against Bay House. However this was a superb opening game for the team, with standout performances from Will H, Zac P and Franky W.

### Year 8

The year 8 boys football team got off to a strong start by earning a 3-3 draw against Bay House. Ethan N scored a brace and Nate O scored a goal. With James S taking man of the match, a fantastic game for all involved.

### Year 9

The Year 9 football team have had a superb contest so far. They have recently scored 6 goals against Brune Park, however 4 were flagged offside! These are currently being reviewed by VAR. The PE department would like to give a shout out for standout performances to; Blake B, Caelan C & Fintan G.

### Year 10/11 Basketball

Every Wednesday, at least 18 students from Years 10 and 11 turn up for practice. Their effort is incredible and their standard of play has improved considerably over the term. We are excited to see how well they will do in the interschool fixtures next month.

### Year 10/11 Netball team

The Henry Cort Netball team had a fantastic win against Brookfield and two close games against Portchester and Cams Hill this term. All players have made an excellent commitment to the team each week and it's shown in their play on the court. Poppy A, Sophie G and Olivia A have all received player of the match this term, well done!



The Henry Cort Girls Netball Team

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## Clubs

### Football Club

We have seen over 100 students across years 7, 8 and 9 attending football club on Thursday afternoons. Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you next time.

### Badminton Club

24 enthusiastic students regularly turn up every Tuesday to play Badminton. There is a great atmosphere and a level of competition to suit all abilities. We are planning to have a year/ house tournament in December to find our Henry Cort badminton champions. We wish all our students good luck.

### Dance Club

Dance club has seen a good turn out of enthusiastic dancers, that are all keen to learn new styles of dance. The PE team are excited to create new dance routines with them in the coming term.

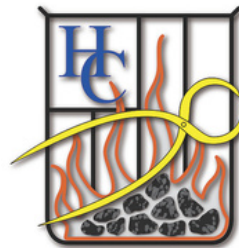
### Netball Club

Netball club has seen a fantastic turn out. We are so pleased to see so many Year 7 students getting stuck in and improving their Netball knowledge.

## Fareham Schools Hockey Competition

Fantastic work from the Henry Cort Sports Leaders this week at the Fareham Schools Hockey Competition. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Mayor of Fareham who was particularly impressed with the way they conducted themselves, their confidence and their leadership capabilities!





## Year Celebrations

This week in assembly we have been celebrating in year groups; student achievements and we are excited to share some of these with you. The focus of these assemblies are in line with our ethos ASPIRE, the top 5 students in each category were celebrated during these assemblies, we are sure your child has been excited to share this with you.



The following students have been awarded the most amount of golden tickets within this term for their year groups and should be immensely proud of themselves.

### Congratulations

**Year 7** – Edward G, Harry G, Joe S, Alex H and Poppy O.

**Year 8** – Finn M, Bradley E, Hayden W, Livy G and Jenny C.

**Year 9** – Jay T, Matt C, Olivia A, Jack C and Harrison C.

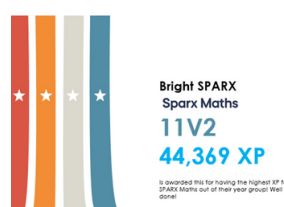
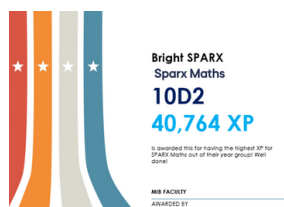
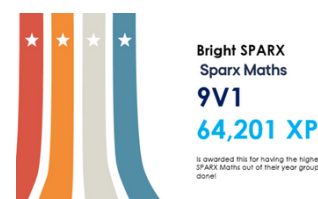
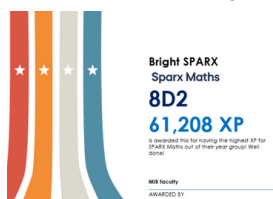
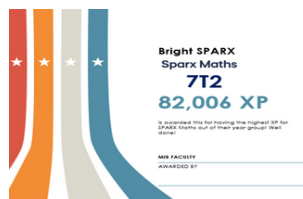
**Year 10** – Oliver R, Jamie P, Emmanuel O, Milo H and Munachi U.

**Year 11** – Megan G, Harry D, Leya B, Jack M and Kyle B.



### Bright Sparx Leader Board

We would like to congratulate all our students on their efforts in taking part in sparx Maths. The below tutors groups have the highest XP for there Year group. We hope you are as excited as we are to celebrate with your child.



## Key Dates

4 November – First Day of Term  
15 November – Inset Day  
2 December – Flu Immunisations

3 December – Year 10 Consultation Evening  
12 December – Christmas Jumper Day  
20 December – Last Day of Term