



## Celebrations of Autumn Term 2

This term has been long and busy, and it can be easy to forget quite how much has happened. It's important that we don't because our students have achieved in so many ways inside and outside the classroom. We are very proud of our them. We are also pleased with the progress we are making as a college, with continuing developments in teaching and learning which ultimately translate into progress and outcomes for our learners. This is down to a lot of hard work from students and staff.

As this term ends, we say goodbye to some colleagues who will be moving on to new opportunities. Thank you and best wishes to Mrs Newcombe and Mr Snell, Maths Teachers; and Mrs Ajisafe, who has been with us this term in Science.

I would like to thank parents and carers for your support too. I hope that all students and families have a great Christmas break and a healthy and happy New Year.

Mr C Rice  
Principal





## Henry Cort Celebrates Class of 2024 Success

It was lovely to welcome back the Class of 2024 on Wednesday 27 November to celebrate their GCSE successes. During the evening the former House Progress Leaders addressed their Houses with an update on what students are doing now, followed by the presentation of their House award.

In addition, there were a host of awards linked with our ASPIRE ethos, attainment and progress. Two subject awards were presented for each subject based on attainment and progress by the Senior Leadership Team. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated and won subject awards.

The evening closed with the presentation of the ASPIRE awards. A huge congratulations to the following alumni who won an ASPIRE award:

Award	Winner	Reason
<b>Achievement</b>	Carlson L	Highest attainment overall
<b>Support</b>	Oscar S	For being an excellent ambassador for the college and part of the student leadership team as Head Boy.
	Leila A	For being an excellent ambassador for the college and part of the student leadership team as Head Girl.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Rae I	Nominated by the House Progress Leaders for overcoming a number of challenges, stayed strong and achieved some great results.
<b>Individuality</b>	Carla L G	Made the most progress overall
<b>Respect</b>	Ella T	Respect in the community – Ella was a member of the school council and delivered a number of assemblies on well-being and inclusion.
<b>Excellence</b>	Chloe T	Sporting Excellence
	Thomas D	Sporting Excellence

We are very proud of the Class of 2024 and we hope they continue to succeed in the future.

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## Faculty Focus

### PE Department

Our Head of PE Mr Plomer and the PE team have been busy entering strong teams from Henry Cort across the Fareham and Gosport Schools League and have lots of wonderful achievements to share from within the department.

#### Year 7 Girls Basketball

The team worked hard to earn an 18-18 draw with Bay House in their first game with Arielle C scoring a number of points. The last quarter saw the team battle back from 2 points behind.

#### Year 7 Football

A great start to the season for Year 7 who currently sit 5th in the table with one game in hand. A strong victory over Crofton and a couple of tight games have left the squad with it all to play for after Christmas.

#### Year 8 Boys Football

A strong start to the league sees us currently second in the table on 7 points with 2 wins and a draw. James S has been outstanding in central midfield, along with Ethan N on the wing. All of the boys have been excellent and are growing as a team. In the new year we look to kick on and secure a top 2 finish to compete in the Gold medal match this Summer.

#### Year 8/9 Basketball

The team have got off to a flying start with a superb 24-20 win in their first match against Bay House. With star performances from Harrison B, James L and Ben M helped us clinch victory.

#### Year 9,10,11 Football

The teams have had a strong start to the season, with fantastic wins over Bay house and Crofton. Millie gave a stand out performance, scoring some amazing goals across both games.

#### Year 10/11 Netball

The netball team have made great efforts in recent matches, with a very close score line against Portchester and Cams. They are strongest team we have had in recent years.

#### Year 11 Footballers

Our footballers have had a mixed season, more downs than ups, however it has been very enjoyable taking the boys through their final year. Liam B has been brilliant throughout, showing that he is one of the best youth players in the area. Many thanks to the rest of the team who have also displayed high levels of skill and competitiveness.

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## **Year 11 Boys Basketball**

It has been great working with this group over the last few months. They turn up and play every week without fail, they unfortunately lost their opening game but have 6 or 7 games to play after Christmas. They are a fantastic group of boys, well done.

## **Football club (Thursdays)**

We have seen a huge number of students attend our football club on a Thursday afternoon. With over 100 students attending each session we were forced to split the club over 2 weeks. This has allowed us to have a better working environment and we continue to see high turnout from students. Due to its popularity, this club will continue throughout the year. Thank you to all students that have attended and we look forward to seeing you develop your football skills as the year goes on.

## **Badminton Club & Table Tennis Club**

Badminton Club (in the 1st half-term) and the Table Tennis club (2nd half-term) both have been very well attended with approx. 20- 25 students each week. It's a fantastic inclusive atmosphere, a mixed range of ages and abilities. Everyone gets as much playing time as they like. Well done to all involved.

## **English Highlights**

In September, Year 7 studied "Lightning Strike" by Tanya Landman, focusing on the Match Girls' Strike of 1888, followed by "Frankenstein: The Play." Year 8 explored "Voices for Change," analysing significant speeches, including Martin Luther King's and Winston Churchill's, and writing their own on important topics. Year 9 read "Cane Warriors" by Alex Wheatle, engaging with non-fiction texts and creating letters and speeches related to its themes. Year 10 studied "An Inspector Calls" and "A Christmas Carol," while Year 11 completed the "Power & Conflict" poetry anthology and began studying symbolism in literature for revision.

Mrs J Howes  
Head of Communications

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## Maths Highlights

Mr Smith head of Maths has been impressed by the superb attitude our Year 11's showed in their Maths PPE's this term, they have achieved a promising set of results.

The department has also seen some amazing work on Sparx Maths with some great Achievements.

### Students have been working hard on their homework:

Students in your school have completed

**6,215 hours**

of personalised learning  
on Sparx Maths this year!

**630,078**

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far  
this year

### As a result they are making rapid progress:

**255 students**

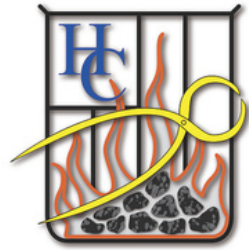
have already improved at their times  
tables this year. Great job!

Reached a new XP Level:

**321 students**

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## Humanities

### History

In Year 7, students studied medieval worldviews, early Britain, the Roman invasion, Anglo-Saxons, and Vikings. In Year 8, they explored Ming China, comparing it to England, and then studied the English Civil War and King Charles I's demise. Year 9 focused on the suffrage movement and the causes of WW2, including Hitler's rise. At GCSE, Year 10 completed a unit on the Cold War and began Medieval medicine. Year 11 worked on their Elizabeth paper and achieved excellent grades in their PPEs.

### Geography

In Year 7, students explored the amazing world we live in with lessons on the Grand Canyon, Great Barrier Reef, and Mount Everest, while developing map skills. Year 8 focused on Global Environmental Impacts, including ocean plastics and climate change. Year 9 examined geography's role in conflict, studying topics like migration and resources, and now they are learning about tectonic hazards. Year 10 has begun their GCSE with a unit on Hot Deserts and is studying Urbanisation, using Lagos and Portsmouth as examples. Year 11 completed fieldwork in Portsmouth and performed well in recent exams, showing dedication as they prepare for final assessments.

### RE

This term, in Year 7, students have 'designed their religion' whereby they looked at different aspects of religion to create their own. For example, they looked at what Holy Books, pilgrimage and festivals looked like in different religions. In Year 8, students had an in-depth look at Islam focusing on the key practices and beliefs. In Year 9, students studied Sikhism, something different and new to the students which opened their eyes to different cultures. In the short course GCSE, all Year 10 students explored the theme of relationships and looked at the changing role of women, and the role of the family along with views of divorce within England and Christianity and Hinduism. For the long course, GCSE students explored Christian practices, thinking about what Christians do and why they do it.

### Citizenship

Year 10 began the Citizenship course looking at the five British values of tolerance, rule of law, democracy, liberty and equality and trying to understand how they pertain to our lives in Britain today. We then looked at statistics to show just how our country is made up in terms of population, religion, politics, etc. We now move on to looking at the media and the idea of bias. Where do we get our information from today and can we trust it?

Year 11 began the year looking at the court system in Britain and how it manifests itself in the legal system. We looked at Britain's role in the world today and the organizations' that we are a part of, like N.A.T.O. and the United Nations. We have also spent a good deal of time revising for the PPEs and the results show just how well they did. Some very impressive results.

Mr M Currie  
Head of Humanities

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## Careers

Mrs S Hills our Transition Manager has had the opportunity this term to take students on trips to inspire them to think about what careers path they would like to take in the future.

### Lockheed Martin - 12 November

Lockheed Martin, an organisation that looks at keeping us all safe, invited a group of Year 7 students to visit their state of the art facilities at Havant.

Students were divided into teams and competed with each other to design and build a Lego town, ensuring that they met specific criteria and following a decision-making process. The town met the brief by the end of the day and the students improved many of their employability skills.

### MTCP Careers Day - 13 November

The Marine and Transport Careers Partnership, Careers Day was held at the cruise terminal in Southampton. Focusing on Maritime and transport, the exhibitors came from cruise companies, engineering companies and haulage companies. Students had the opportunity to climb onboard the trucks, take part in activities laid on by the companies and spend time in the Tech Truck which incidentally, is going to us in February for Year 8 to visit.

Some of our students were filmed for BBC South at the event but unfortunately it never made the news broadcast.

## Future Events

Next term we have already secured the following career activities and this is just the start:

- Get Inspired at Portsmouth Guildhall - All Year 7
- Tech Truck visit to the college - All Year 8
- Construction taster sessions - Year 11
- National Careers Week Game Show - Year 9

If you would like to get involved with our careers education, please get in touch with Mrs S Hills via email - [sac@henrycort.org](mailto:sac@henrycort.org)

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## 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 – Penny R, Jessica-Rose W, Adam T, Edward T and Harry G

Year 8 – Sienna D., Bonnie N, Bradley E, Emily R and James D

Year 9 – Jack H, Virtue J, Maximillian A, Abigail C and William T

Year 10 – Harry S, Theo B, Jamie P, Luke J and Tyla L-T

Year 11 – Jack M, Kyle B, Bethany W, Bradley W and Chandler C-N



Mr Carroll, Assistant Principal has awarded the below tutor groups from each year group for achieving the highest points for their year group. Well done to our winners.



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## House Assemblies

This week we have also held our house assemblies to celebrate the achievements of each house, each led by the house SLT link.



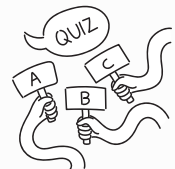
## Attendance

We have been celebrating the tutor group with the highest attendance for each house, congratulations to our winners - **7D1, 9I2, 7T2 and 7V1**.



## Weekly Quiz Results

During tutor time every Friday, Mr Carroll holds a weekly quiz for fun, our students take part as a group against each other and the winners for each house are - **10D2, 8I2, 10T2 and 10V2**.



## ASPIRE

Over the course of the term, students have also been awarded points in relation to our ethos ASPIRE. We have celebrated each house with the most amount of points for -

Achievement - We aim high - **TRIUMPH**

Support - We target support and support each other - **TRIUMPH**

Perseverance - We value effort, every lesson, every day - **VICTORIOUS**

Individuality - We celebrate our difference - **DARING**

Respect - We respect each other - **DARING**

Excellence - We can all excel - **TRIUMPH**



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## The Christmas Concert

The Christmas spirit was alive and well at the Henry Cort Community College on Tuesday 10 December as students, families and staff came together to celebrate the season with a spectacular Christmas concert! The evening featured a variety of performances, showcasing the musical talents of our students across different year groups.

With festive choirs, rock bands, instrumental and vocalist contributions, the concert was a true reflection of the creativity and hard work of our school community. A big thank you to everyone involved in making this festive event so memorable!

Miss A Wallis  
Head of Creative & Technical Arts



## Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day

On Thursday 12 December the college enjoyed the festivities of Christmas, with students and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers and eating a Christmas dinner. We all had a wonderful time sharing our exciting, looking forward to the big day next week.

We would like to take the opportunity to say a special thank you to our fantastic catering team who made a huge effort in delivering a tasty Christmas dinner!



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## Forest School

Mrs H McVeigh and the forest school crew have had a great term in the woods. We have welcomed some Year 8 students to become young leaders of the Year 7 groups. They have done a fantastic job of supporting our newest members of the community!

We have been busy on Tuesdays learning lots of new skills such as knot tying, shelter building, fire lighting, campfire cooking, team building, developing nature knowledge, learning new tool work skills and just being free in a beautiful natural space. We're so lucky at Henry Cort to have stunning oak and hazel trees in the ancient woodland on site, we often use the hazel wood in our tool work projects.

Forest school is a student led intervention, lasting half a term, that focuses on improving wellbeing by connecting with the nature around us, and pursuing the activities that interest them most. Students love being in the woods, are always keen to attend and are sad when their sessions come to an end.



Some students are getting serious about forest school, buying outdoor kit of their own, learning about bush craft outside of school and considering it as a potential future career plan.

To celebrate mid winter and Christmas, we will be making some simple foraged decorations, talking about sustainable Christmas and maybe even enjoying s'mores on the campfire!



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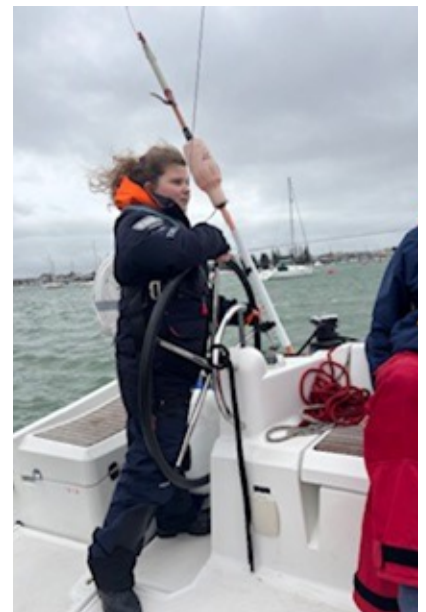
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## Sailing

Mrs Thomas and a small group of students attend The Andrew Simpson Water sports Centre in Portsmouth to go Sailing every Tuesday afternoon. The afternoon is run by the Portsmouth Sail Training Trust (PSTT) who provide the scheme for school children to gain experience on the water and land. The PSTT team is passionate about empowering young individuals through sail training and providing them with opportunities for personal growth and success, raising their aspirations by motivating and supporting them to reach their full potential through maritime training.



So far we have attended The Premier Trafalgar Wharf in Portchester, learning about dry stack and ship yards. We have visited Lockheed Martin and learnt about careers, as well as a visit to Haslar Marina where we got to sail on a yacht and take a ride on the power boats. Even I had a go at sailing the yacht, it really was great fun!

The students have learnt first aid skills and are in the process of doing a Diesel Engine Course. They will be working towards a Youth Sailing Scheme and a Powerboat Level 1 course.

The PSTT run a Regatta in the Summer for our students and their families to attend for free.

I have enjoyed watching our students grow in confidence and look forward what the coming months have to offer us as a team.

**Mrs S Thomas**  
**Trip Lead**

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## House Competitions

Mrs Beynon our house activity co-ordinator has ran some fantastic competitions this half term with many students taking part.

Over the October half term students were able to take part in a Halloween house competition. Students who had carved or decorated a pumpkin were able to share photos of their creations via the email above. On return to college, staff voted on an overall winner, congratulations to Amalia L.



During the last session of PDL all of the tutor groups took part in a Christmas village building competition and we have all been impressed by the level of effort that has been put into these. It was decided there would be a winner from the creative and technical department and a winner from all the other entries. Our winning tutor groups are 7D1 and 11V1, thank you to all the tutor groups for taking part and making so much effort.

With the college Christmas trees arriving at the beginning of the month, students were able to take part in a competition to design and make their own Christmas tree decoration in their house colours. All decorations are displayed on the tree in reception, with 3 winners being picked overall. Congratulations to Bonnie 1st place, Jessica-Rose 2nd place and Lydia 3rd place, well done everyone!

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## FOHC

The Friends of Henry Cort (FOHC) are busy with our Christmas raffle. In total we have sold an amazing £1100 worth of tickets. Thank you to everyone who has made the effort to support the raffle by buying tickets, donating prizes or selling tickets to others.

This term we have funded the Christmas House Competition, the Christmas Crackers for the student Christmas dinner, the weekly quiz and some games for the Library. We couldn't do that without your support.

Sadly, we said goodbye to two of our long-serving committee members – Corin and Nicola. They held the fort throughout Covid, when the Chairperson left and when there was no other support. We are extremely grateful to them both and wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Joining myself and Tracy are Anne and Arlene. Both enthusiastic new committee members who have lots of ideas for fundraising activities so watch this space!

If you would like to get involved with FOHC, please email [fohc@henrycort.org](mailto:fohc@henrycort.org) and we will get in touch



Mrs S Hills  
Chair of FOHC



## Donation Drive for the Salvation Army

We would like to thank all students and parents for their generous contributions of; food, toiletries and gifts for the Salvation Army. These have been collected this morning and will have a huge impact on those in need over the festive period.

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## Christmas Pantomimes

We would like to wish students Lucas and Maisie (Year 8) a successful run in Cinderella at Fareham Live and students. Also Poppy (Year 10) and Skyla (Year 7) in 'The Snow Queen' at Portsmouth Guildhall after successfully auditioning for these professional pantomimes which run throughout the Christmas break.

Break a Leg!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# 2025

### Key Dates for Next Term.

- 6 January - First Day of Term, returning on week B
- 14 January - Year 11 Consultation Meetings
- 29 January - Year 7 & 11 Year Group Photos
- 31 January - Inset Day
- 7 February - Teenager Booster Immunisations
- 14 February - Last Day of Half Term.

For all other dates in the school calendar please see our website -  
<https://www.henry-cort.hants.sch.uk/>

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