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Autumn Term 2, 2025

Celebration of Autumn Term 2

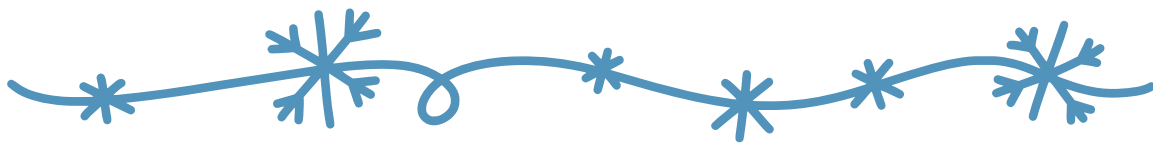
This term has been full and busy, and as we reach the end it is wonderful to reflect on how much our students have achieved.

From academic progress in the classroom to success in sport, the arts and wider enrichment activities, there is a great deal to celebrate.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of staff, the commitment and enthusiasm of our students, and the continued support of parents and carers, for which I am very grateful.

I hope everyone in our college community enjoys a restful Christmas break and a healthy, happy start to the New Year.

Mr C Rice
Principal



Key Dates for Next Half Term.

- 5th January – First day of Term, timetable Week B.
- 12th January – Year 11 English Parent Workshop.
- 13th January – Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening.
- 15th January – Year 7 Get Inspired Trip.
- 22nd January – Year 9 Discover Languages Taster Day
- 28th January – Year 7 & 11 Group Photos
- **30th January – Inset Day**
- 3 – 4th February Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Exam.
- 9th February – Production Dress & Tech Rehearsal.
- 11th – 12th February – Buggy Malone Production Performance
- 11th February – Year 10 Macbeth Kings Theatre Trip
- **13th February – Inset Day**

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Christmas Dinner

Last Thursday Christmas came early at Henry Cort!

The college Christmas dinner was fantastic festive event with students dressed in Christmas jumpers and party hats tucking into their roast dinner. With Christmas tunes playing and crackers being pulled it was great to see students socialising and enjoying their meal together.

There were two sittings to cover all the student orders and a massive thank you to all the kitchen and support staff who ensured that everyone had a good time.





Young Carers Christmas Party

We can never fully understand the challenges of being a Young Carer but this week at Henry Cort we wanted to show a little bit of appreciation for what they do. Thanks to The Rotary Club, a donation from an ex member of staff and money raised throughout the year, our Young Carers at Henry Cort were able to switch off for an hour and enjoy some games, eat pizza and leave with a selection box and chocolate Santa.



Christmas Craft Club

A group of very 'crafty' students spent an evening each week this half term creating exciting Christmas inspired pieces. They used their creative skills to produce lanterns, stockings, paper baubles, angels, gift bags and tags. Thank you to Friends of Henry Cort who supported this club by supplying the resources.



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Christmas Concert

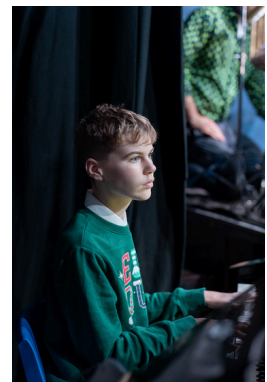
What an amazing evening! We had every year group represented, and everyone did a fantastic job last night.

Thank you to all the staff involved in the preparation, setting up, performance, and clearing down of the whole event – it was tremendous fun for both of us to be a part of, and we're so proud of the entire ensemble who performed, many for the first time.

Special well done to our Year 10s and 11s for the Last-Minute Christmas song, proving you can learn a song in next to no time if you have to! Also congratulations to HeCJO, the Henry Cort Jazz Orchestra for absolutely nailing it on every number – Uptown Funk sounded phenomenal from the trombone chair – soloists Thomas W, Finn M, Lucas B and Miss Morra all performed fantastically as well.

A special mention to Mr. Rice for also sitting in with the reeds on clarinet; thank you, sir!

Thank you again also goes to Matthew F for the lights, and Leo W for the sound on the evening, well done, gents!



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Extra-Curricular Activities

It has been another very busy term with students continuing to engage in a range of activities both after school and at lunchtime.

Crochet club has gone from strength to strength with many new members this half term and the school production, Bugsy Malone is in full swing with cast members rehearsing lines, staging and the all-important singing and dancing. We are currently looking for students to help create the set and props for the performance. If this is something that you might be interested in please get in touch with Mrs Owenson.

PE clubs continue to be popular among students with It has been lovely to see over 100 students attending the PE clubs. The creative clubs have also had some excellent attendance, especially those themed around Christmas. The musicians have also been working hard preparing for the school production, but also the much-anticipated Christmas concert.

A reminder that a new programme of clubs will be running after Christmas. There are some clubs that will continue to run, as well as some new clubs, so please do have a look. There will be an opportunity to sign up for these clubs during the first week back, with the clubs starting the week beginning 12th January.

If there is a club that isn't currently running and you have some ideas about a club that you would like to see, please do come and see me to discuss your ideas.

Have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year

Mrs S Warner
Assistant Principal

Sailing

Our sailing group have had a visit to Lockheed Martin learning how to construct and design. We have been sailing in the hawks (small sailing boats) going as far out of Langstone Marsh. Tackling the climbing wall as well as starting a First aid course, the sailing crew have been really busy over the last few weeks.

We have lots to look forward to including visiting the Dockyard, Gosport Marina, a swim safe course and a visit to the RLNI at Eastney.

As well as canoeing and paddle boarding coming up in the Spring/Summer

Mrs S Thomas
Sailing Group Lead

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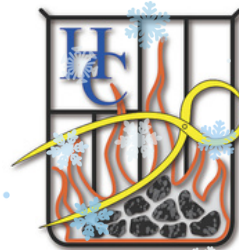


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Creative and Technical Arts

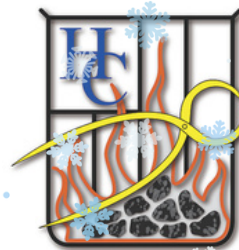
The Creative and Technical faculty have had an exciting half term with lots of vibrant projects running across departments.

It has been all go in the music department in the lead up to the Christmas concert. Ms Morra and Mr Chilcott have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure a great night is had by all. Musicians and singers alike have been busy rehearsing their performance pieces to bring the audience a night of festive musical wonder. Well done to everyone involved, we are lucky to have some amazing talent and committed students.

Year 11 Drama students have been busy completing GCSE components this term, students have completed their performances, portfolios and evaluations. They were fortunate to go to The Mayflower Studios to see a live performance of 'Lost Atoms' which was well received, and Ms Wallis was really impressed with their maturity they showed throughout the day. Key Stage 3 Drama and Theatre Club have used their time to explore the world of mime and mask in performance and the rehearsals for the college production of Bugsy Malone are now well and truly underway.

In Art, Year 10s have been deepening their understanding of colour and developing their acrylic paint skills to produce some excellent artist investigation sheets, Miss Greenstreet has been impressed with their focus and great work ethic. Special mentions to Year 7 artists Joel T, Logan M, Skye G and Holly Y for their marvellous crazy creatures.





Creative and Technical Arts

Textiles students in Year 7 have been dying and printing fabric, ahead of constructing 2 juggles. They are designing juggle 3 and will need to recall skills and knowledge ready to construct these in the spring term. Pupils have been busy on the machines building confidence, showing excellent resilience and supporting peers.

DT students in Year 9 have been designing a shelving unit based on the 1980s art and design movement Memphis, students will prototype their ideas before producing their products in the spring term. Excellent examples of work by Megan H and Massimo V. In photography Year 10 pupils have been producing work in response to the theme of 'identity' students have been developing technical skills using the DSLR cameras and editing work using both traditional and digital methods. Mrs Bimson is incredibly proud of all students in 10A/py1 and would like to give a special mention to Maisie K and Jack B.

Mrs Warner has been really impressed with the dedication and support seen with both her Year 10 and Year 11 Dance classes. They have shown excellent resilience and have been a real pleasure to teach.

There has been an exciting array of dishes cooked by pupils this term in the food room, with savoury dishes including garlic bread, pizza and jambalaya and sweet treats including gingerbread houses. Our star bakers this half term are Noah L and Maisy W.



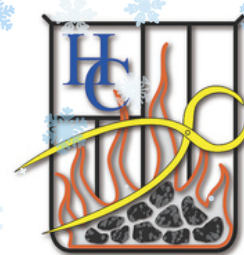
Miss S Greenstreet
Faculty Lead

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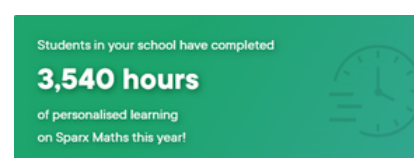
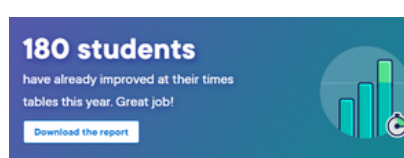
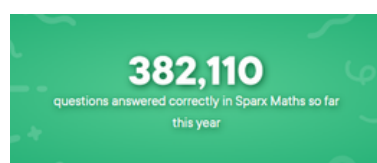


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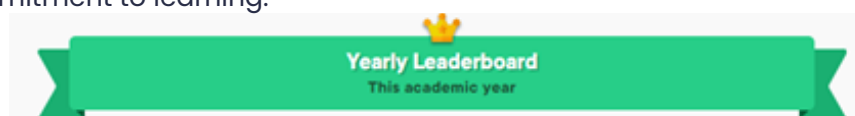
Maths, IT and Business Faculty Highlights

Maths

Sparx Maths Home Learning Headlines






A huge congratulations to the following students for their outstanding effort and achievement on Sparx Maths! These results reflect hours of independent study beyond the compulsory homework—an incredible commitment to learning:



Highest attainment level

			
Year 11	DS – Level 40	IK– Level 39	TB– Level 37
Year 10	AC – Level 77	ND – Level 58	ES – Level 56
Year 9	JO – Level 86	GN – Level 83	AG – Level 60
Year 8	SC – Level 49	AH – Level 48	ALD– Level 46
Year 7	GD – Level 14	ZR – Level 13	GH – Level 12

XP this Year

			
Year 11	ARM- 8568	HP- 7407	IK - 5378
Year 10	ML- 13407	AC- 11941	CW- 10260
Year 9	JO- 14736	GN- 13440	ZE- 9270
Year 8	TS- 12676	AD- 11757	SC- 9825
Year 7	GD- 14122	ZR- 13818	GH- 12650

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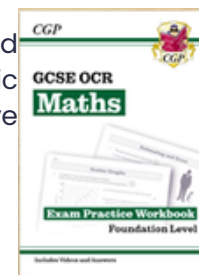
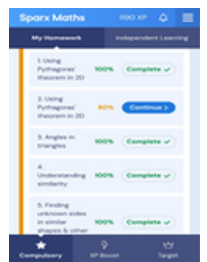
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Maths, IT and Business Faculty Highlights

Maths

Year 11 have now completed their first mock exams. Students will receive a detailed question-level analysis and a personalised learning checklist based on their exam paper. Moving forward revision should focus on identified areas using Sparx, revision guides, and past papers. In Year 10 students have been mastering quadratic expressions, equations, and percentage calculations.

In Key Stage Three Year 7 have explored expressions, equations, and calculations with decimals. Whilst Year 8 have completed algebraic manipulation, graphs, and preparation for the annual exam. Year 9 have been looking at area and volumes calculations for 2D and 3D shapes.



IT

KS3 Highlights

-Year 7: Have been developing programming skills through Scratch – creating games like Ping Pong and Dice

-Year 8: Have developed their programming skills with Microbits and using Python to display images and text.

-Year 9: Have been working on their collaborative project planning their own festival showing great teamwork and creativity.

KS4 Highlights

-Year 10 iMedia: This half term have completed their first practice assignment, building skills for Spring coursework.

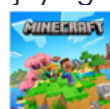
-Year 10 Computer Science: Have been focusing on strengthening theory and programming skills there are lots of budding programmers in Year 10!

-Year 11 Computer Science: Lesson time has been spent preparing for PPEs and focusing on key topics for the final term.

Extra-Curricular

Minecraft Club:

Every Tuesday in M08i at lunchtime. Students are enjoying teamwork and new controllers.



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Modern Foreign Languages

Across all year groups, pupils have been developing their linguistic skills, cultural awareness, and confidence in communication. Here's a snapshot of what each year group has been working on:

Year 7 Students have been introduced to both French and German this term. They have explored basic vocabulary, greetings, and everyday expressions. Students have been asked to make the choice of whether to continue with French or German as their main language of study.

Year 8 have focused on learning vocabulary related to school subjects. They have practiced describing their school day, timetable, and opinions about lessons. This has helped them build confidence in expressing personal views and experiences in another language.

Year 9 Students have explored the role of social media in everyday life. They have learned how to give their opinions of social media as well as describing how they use technology. They have also learned how to describe past events, such as what they did at the weekend or during holidays. This has strengthened their ability to use past tense structures and narrate their experiences.

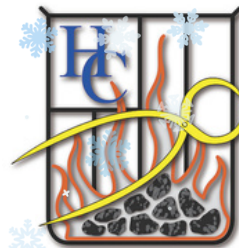
Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their GCSE MFL studies. They have revisited the topic of school, consolidating their vocabulary and grammar, and are now moving on to describing their future plans, ambitions, and career aspirations. This unit encourages them to think about how languages can support their future opportunities.

Year 11 have been honing their speaking and writing skills in preparation for their GCSE exams. They recently completed their mock exams, which provided valuable practice and feedback. We are proud of their dedication and look forward to supporting them through their final months of study.

Mrs J Wilks

Faculty Lead of MFL

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Faculty Highlights Science Highlights

This term has been packed with exciting learning across all year groups!

Key Stage 3

Year 7 have explored the building blocks of life and matter, diving into topics such as cells, particles, and forces. Year 8 have been busy investigating chemical reactions, ecosystems, electricity, and magnetism, developing a deeper understanding of the world around them. Year 9 have focused on honing their practical and mathematical skills, preparing for the challenges ahead.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 continued their journey through chemical changes, electricity, and infection and response, applying their knowledge to real-world contexts. Year 11 have shown fantastic effort in their mocks and are now receiving their results—well done to all for their hard work and dedication!

In the Gateway Room, students have enjoyed hands-on practicals, including flame tests and experiments on Hooke's Law, bringing science to life through investigation.

Science Club Fun

Science Club has been buzzing with creativity and discovery! They designed and built articulated hands using straws and strings to demonstrate how tendons work, extracted DNA from strawberries, and investigated the fascinating principles of refraction and reflection to uncover the secrets behind rainbows. To top it all off, they put their engineering skills to the test by designing the most aerodynamic Santa sleigh to help him deliver toys in record time!

Sparx Science Superstars

A huge shoutout to our Sparx Science Superstars this half-term — these students have gone above and beyond with their independent learning:

Year 7: Sophie D, Grace D, Toby D

Year 8: Isobel T, Ava H, Ava D, Adam T, Toby S

Year 9: Amelia B, Alexander G, Carys H

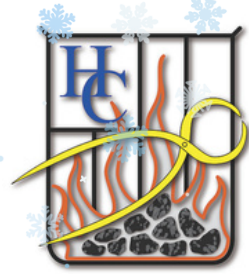
Year 10: Lexie G, Kacie F, Virtue J

Year 11: Charlotte M, Faith D, Lacey S

Well done to all of you!

Mr M Rake
Faculty Lead

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Communications Highlights

English

This half-term in English:

Year 7 have been studying Phillip Pullman's play adaptation of Frankenstein, whilst in Year 8 have been learning about persuasive writing styles. Year 9 have studied a selection of war poetry from WW1 and the modern day. Getting in the festive mood Year 10 have enjoyed A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and finally Year 11 have prepared for and reviewed their mock examinations.

Celebrations

The English team have introduced a new reward recognising effort and achievement in the subject. Winners this term are:

Year 7 – Penny H, Toby M, Grace D and Matty M

Year 8 – Edward G, Maggie H, Edith L, Olivia G

Year 9 – Katie W, Sophie W, Chloe S, Bea R, Thomas B

Congratulations to them all.

The English team have also run the following extra-curricular clubs:

- Crochet Club
- Warhammer
- Chess Club

These are well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Mrs F Sear
Faculty Lead

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PE HIGHLIGHTS

As we wrap up this term, we're proud to share the incredible achievements and progress of our students in basketball and cross-country. Their effort, teamwork, and determination have been outstanding!



U16 Girls Basketball

Our U16 girls have had a **fantastic start to the season**, winning both of their opening games.

- **Game 1:** A nail-biting 28–26 victory showed their resilience under pressure.
- **Game 2:** A dominant 37–8 win over Bridgemary highlighted their teamwork and skill.

Squad: Amber H, Ella D, Liv F, Freya B, Ruby I, Sophie G, Jasmine K, Fatou S, Osinachi U, Munachi U.

Well done girls – an amazing start!

U14 Girls Basketball

The U14 girls began their season with an **impressive 24–4 win** against Bridgemary.

- **Players' Player:** Olivia B
A brilliant all-round performance from this talented group – we can't wait to see what's next!

Squad: Olivia B, Arielle C, Elizabeth G, Selena D, Abby-Mai C, Penny R.

Year 7 Girls Basketball

Our Year 7 girls have shown fantastic progress, with 2 wins and 1 defeat from their first three matches. Confidence and understanding grow with every game!

- **Player of the Matches:** Adriana, Maisie, Emilia
One final game before Christmas against Portchester, then more action in January!

Squad: Sophie D, Esther K, Adriana L, Maisie M, Josie K, Georgia L, Emilia S, Marcelina M, Megan T, Ivy WJ, Holly Y.

Year 7 Boys Basketball

A strong start for our Year 7 boys!

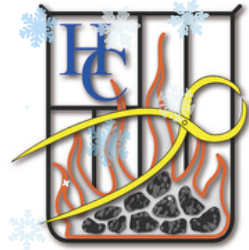
- **Game 1:** Narrow 16–14 loss to Bay House in the final seconds.
- **Games 2 & 3:** Two great wins against Brune Park and Bridgemary.

Highlight: A superb 3–pointer from Oliver Luck vs Brune Park!

Squad: Kodi B, Noah B, Max C, Joey D, Joseph F, Oliver L, Darius R, Isaac S, Jake E, Hudson G, Kristof K, Joel T.

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PE HIGHLIGHTS

U16 Boys Basketball

The U16 boys have played brilliantly this term:

- **Wins:** Brune Park
- **Close Defeats:** Bay House and Crofton

Their sportsmanship and teamwork have been excellent – keep it up!

Squad: George N, Spencer M, Ben P, Sam M, Emmanuel O, David A, Noah F, Charlie L, Theo B, James L (Year 10), Guest; Finn O

U14 Boys Basketball

An exciting start for our U14 boys!

- Standout Moment: A dramatic buzzer-beater from **Tom B** to beat Bay House
- Strong performance against Brune Park, showing clear improvement in both attack and defense.

Next up: Porchester before Christmas

Squad: Tom B, Nate O, Finley H, Harry G, Beau R, Jake G, Elichai P, Joseph T, Will H, Noah S, Ben M, Samuel O

Cross Country Success.



In November, our Year 7 runners competed at the Hampshire Inter-Schools Cross Country in Petersfield:

- **Girls:** Skye G WON the event! Team finished **3rd overall**
- **Boys:** Finished **6th overall** – a great effort!

Participants: Ralph L, Noah B, Sam W, Joseph C, Hudson G, Matty M, Ivy WJ, Sophie D, Skye G, Olivia H, Holly Y, Adriana L.

We also hosted three District Cross Country Competitions at Henry Cort this term. A huge thank you to all students for their perseverance and outstanding attitudes! Overall results from these events shown below:

Fareham & Gosport Cross Country Competition Results

Year 7 Girls: 4th	Year 7 Boys: Bronze 
Year 8 Girls: Gold 	Year 8 Boys: Bronze 
Year 9 Girls: Silver 	Year 9 Boys: 5th

After Christmas, we'll continue basketball fixtures and prepare for more exciting sporting opportunities.

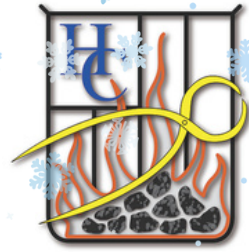
Thank you to all students for representing the school so brilliantly this term!

Have a wonderful festive break – The PE department

Mr J Plomer
Head of PE

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Humanities Faculty Highlights

As we wrap up this term, we're thrilled to share how jam packed it has been with big ideas, lively debates, and creative projects!

Religious Education (RE)

Our KS3 RE students have been asking life's biggest questions: What is religion? They've explored beliefs and practices in Christianity and Sikhism. KS4 have reflected on stewardship and humanism, and Year 11s have dived into philosophy—debating existence and the principle of the greater good with real enthusiasm!

Citizenship

GCSE Citizenship students have been investigating British identity and the powerful role media plays in shaping society. Year 11s have made a fantastic start on their active citizenship projects, showing determination to make a positive impact in their communities.

History

History has taken us on a whirlwind tour through time—from the global medieval world and early British identity to the Ming dynasty and Stuart England. Older students have explored changes in suffrage and the dramatic events of World War II. We're also especially excited about the incredible response to our Battlefields Trip—40 Year 10 students will be joining us later this year for an unforgettable experience! They've had a very focused start to their GCSE course and our Year 11s are, as always, very determined to succeed.

Geography

Our geographers have been busy too! Year 7s have started their journey by discovering our amazing world and honing their map skills. Year 8s have tackled global environmental challenges like plastic pollution and are now exploring glaciation—complete with Playdough models of glacial features! Year 9s have been investigating Geography's role in conflict and natural hazards, bringing real-world relevance to their studies. Year 10 have had an incredible start to the year investigating the Thar Desert and looking at urbanisation, and the case studies of Lagos & Portsmouth. In year 11 the students were exemplary on their field work trip and have completed work on hazards and the UK economy



Beyond the Classroom

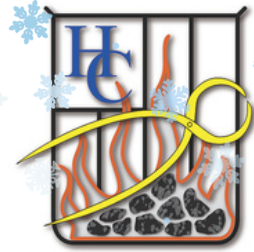
We've been blown away by the creativity and effort in homework submissions and the fantastic turnout for our first revision sessions ahead of mocks. Our new Planet Hero club is also thriving! Students have been exploring biodiversity on our school site through twig, leaf, and mini-beast hunts and are working towards the Bronze Woodland Trust Award. What an inspiring start to our sustainability journey!

Celebrating Success

A huge round of applause for our Humanities Heroes for Autumn 1: Chloe L, Thomas W, Jenny C, Jacob Y, and Ethan C, and Autumn 2: Ava G, Dennis B, Desh S, Marcie K, and Bethany A. Your hard work and enthusiasm have truly shone this term—well done!

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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.

Achievement - We aim high

Support - We target support and support each other

Perseverance - We value effort, every lesson, every day

Individuality - We celebrate our difference

Respect - We respect each other

Excellence - We can all excel



Achievement

Year 7 - Emily, Isla, Marcelina, Oliver & Ivy

Year 8 - Ava, Annalise, Archie, Dexter & Eli

Year 9 - Joseph, Amelia, Teddy, Thomas & Joshua

Year 10 - Felix, Jake, Lily, Maisie & Oliver

Year 11 - Abbie, Yasmin, Ava, BK & Charlotte

Support

Year 7 - Mollie, Sinead, Jake, Penny, Maisie

Year 8 - Moya, Eli, Jonas, Maisie, Olivia

Year 9 - James, Samuel, Belle, Zuri, Summer

Year 10 - Elsie, Lydia, Jack, Thea, Italia

Year 11 - Max, Gabriel, Abbie, Gracie, Jessica

Perseverance

Year 7 - Imogen, Oliver, Jake, Mollie, Joshua

Year 8 - Abi, Poppy, Aviana, Tilly, Millie-Anne

Year 9 - Alexander, Ryan, Harry, Thomas, Beau

Year 10 - Abbey, James, Jack, Harrison, Poppy

Year 11 - Gracie, Lily-Mae, Katie-Skye, Demetri, Noah

Individuality

Year 7 - Joseph, Luke, Laura, Issac, Imogen

Year 8 - Penny, Lois, Riley, Alex, Edward

Year 9 - Edward, Belle, Seren, Quang, Tom

Year 10 - Lydia, Harrison, Evelyn, Imogen, Samuel

Year 11 - Faith, Mya, Imogen, Yasmin, Ava

Respect

Year 7 - Scarlett, Ivy, Jenson, Indi, Esther

Year 8 - Taylor, Gabby, Oscar, Eva, Jude

Year 9 - Teddy, Max, Isla, Jobi, Tom

Year 10 - Imogen, Lily, Amber, Emma, Abbey

Year 11 - Callum, Gracie, Katie-Skye, Skyla, Daisy

Excellence

Year 7 - Joshua, Emilia, Josh, Dominik, Stanley

Year 8 - Maisie, Brooklyn, Viktoria, Maggie, Bayleigh

Year 9 - Thomas, Harry, Freya, Jack, Alexander

Year 10 - Poppy, Imogen, Lily, Virtue, Maximilian

Year 11 - Oliver, Mia, Maisie, Hannah, Ebonie

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 - Imogen, Joshua, Ivy, Eve, Emilia

Year 8 - Penny, Archie, Brooklyn, Viktoria, Olivia

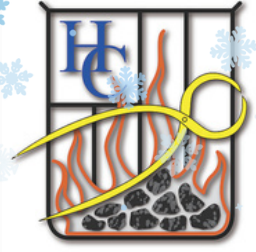
Year 9 - Tom, Jack, Thomas, Reggie, Lucus

Year 10 - William, Abbey, Jake, Tlo, Abigail

Year 11 - Maisie, Zak, Ebonie, Millie, Lewis



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Year Celebrations

Year 7

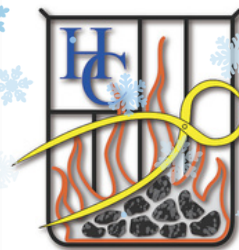
Well done Year 7 for a fantastic first-term! You've settled in brilliantly and we've successfully made the change from 27 schools, down to 1! It's lovely to see so many of you involved in your lessons, working hard across every subject, and being so proud also of your home-learning! We've also had some great representation outside of the school world, too! Well done to Skye G for her recent Cross-Country success, and to Ben P for his talent show placing! Year 7 have also been giving us phenomenal representation in the inter-school cross country championships, and on both the basketball courts and football pitches, too! Well done to everyone involved in those sports, keep it up in the new year!

Please enjoy a rest this holiday, take some time to eat, relax and recover from a very busy first-term. A huge well-done to you all.

Mr B Chilcott
Head of Year 7



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Year 8

As we approach the end of term and the festive season, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our Year 8 students. It's been a term full of hard work, resilience, and success – both in and out of the classroom. A huge congratulations to our athletes for their outstanding performances in recent sporting events! Particularly our girls' cross-country team bringing home the gold medal in the Fareham and Gosport competition, an amazing accomplishment that reflects their dedication and team spirit. We also love hearing about achievements beyond school, and this term has been no exception. From excelling in equestrian sports and dance to competing in World Class BMX cycling events, our students continue to impress with their dedication and talent in a wide range of disciplines.

I've been catching up with Chloe, Georgia and Edward about their equestrian activities. A sport which many of you know is close to my heart and certainly not for the faint hearted! Through mud, wind and rain this season, these students have been committing to their training and preparing for the coming show seasons!



Special congratulations to Poppy O who is now 7th in the country with her sister Skyla for Over 14 Bronze Rock N Roll! We are also enormously proud of Lauren K who represented Great Britain at the 2025 UCI BMX Racing World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark! What a phenomenal achievement to fly the flag for our Country at International level! These successes highlight the incredible diversity of skills and passions within Year 8 – well done to everyone involved!

Our Christmas Hamper Appeal was a roaring success! Huge thanks to all families who contributed and to students and tutors who created the wonderful Hampers. Year 8 wiped the board this year and it was extremely difficult to choose a winning group but the grand prize of Dominoes pizza Friday break time was awarded to 8I for a fantastic team effort and a fabulous Hamper!

As we head into the holidays, we'd also like to remind parents and carers of the importance of being aware of what your children are doing on their phones and online. Social media can be a fantastic way to connect, but it also comes with responsibilities. Please take time to talk to your child about responsible behaviour online, including kindness, privacy, and safety. Together, we can help ensure that our students make positive choices and stay safe in the digital world.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to another exciting term ahead!

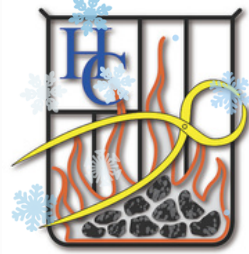
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Year 9

As we come to the end of another successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the incredible achievements of our pupils and to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

This term has been filled with outstanding successes and moments that truly reflect the positive culture of our school. We are immensely proud of our pupils for their commitment to learning and personal growth. A number of pupils achieved 100% attendance, demonstrating exceptional dedication and reliability. We are also delighted to say that Year 9 have earned the highest number of achievement points across the entire school! This is a true testament to their consistent effort, excellent attitudes, and determination to succeed.

Beyond the classroom, our pupils have excelled in a wide range of sporting achievements, showing teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship in every event. Whether representing the school competitively or supporting one another from the sidelines, they have been wonderful ambassadors.

What has stood out most this term is the pupils' consistent hard work and resilience. They have approached challenges with positivity and determination, never giving up and always striving to improve. Equally important has been the way pupils continue to treat one another—with respect, compassion, and unconditional kindness. These values are at the heart of our school community, and it has been a joy to see them lived out every day.

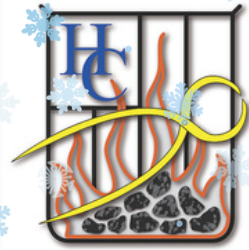
None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our parents and carers. Thank you for working in partnership with us, for encouraging your children at home, and for supporting the wider school community. Your involvement plays a vital role in helping our pupils flourish both academically and personally.

As we look ahead to the next term, we do so with pride in all that has been achieved and excitement for what is yet to come. Thank you once again for your continued support, and we wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable break.

Miss M Lane
Head of Year 9

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Year 10

The first term as Year 10 has definitely been a positive one so far. So many students have engaged in a number of activities both in and out of the classroom. This has been evident with the high volume of interest in supporting our younger students with their reading and offering to help others during the festive season.

As the end of the first term approaches, there are many things to reflect on, including watching a number of Year 10's perform in the Christmas Concert as well as seeing them support Mrs Hills with the hamper project.

Since the start of this half term, we have celebrated a number of achievements, including awarding the weekly attendance award and recognising those who are in the top 10 with their progress. We have also seen numerous students be awarded tutor, AHOY and HOY postcards. So a huge congratulations to all.

In assembly we have also recognised how to be kind to each other and what to do if we are struggling. Mr Walker has also given up his time to share information around AI.

Year 10 have definitely settled well into their GCSE year. It has been really nice to see the progress made in the creative subjects as their projects are starting to take place.

As we approach the end of 2025, I would like to say a huge thanks to all of the Year 10 team, for your continued support and hard work.

I hope you all have a restful break and look forward to seeing you all, rested and prepared in the new year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes

Mrs S White
Head of Year 10

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Autumn Term 1, 2025

Year 11

What an amazing term we have had!

A huge well done to all Year 11 students for the way they conducted themselves in the mocks. The Invigilators had some excellent feedback for all students and this allowed all students to work in the best possible environment during their exams. The students have achieved some fantastic results which will support their progress towards their final GCSEs in the Spring/Summer. For all students the mocks process is about learning how to work under a completely different environment and under timed conditions. It is vital that students are supported in learning how to deal with those different conditions, so we make sure they are in the best possible mind-set for their actual exams.

With Christmas almost here, now is the time for Year 11s to reflect on how they have done so far this year and really focus on what they need to do next to achieve their full potential. We have Parent's Evening in January where parents and students can get individual feedback on where they are in terms of their progress and their next steps forward.

As always, the Year 11 tutors have been worked so hard to support all their tutees and this is truly amazing. Working as a team, parents and tutors ensure students feel supported and the students know we are all looking out for them. We all rely on team work in any areas of our lives, school is no different, in fact it is vital that school and parents work together as we know that is when students achieve their full potential.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. 2026 is just around the corner and for all Year 11 students it will allow them to reflect on the culmination of their 12 years in school and demonstrate their future potential.

Ms J Nutt
Head of Year 11

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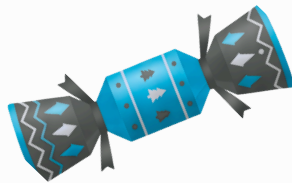
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Friends of Henry Cort

We would like to thank the Friends of Henry Cort for all their support of extra-curricular clubs this year and for supplying the crackers for our Christmas dinner!



Please like and follow our Facebook group to keep up to date with all our news or email fohc@henrycort.org if you would like to get in touch or would like more information about joining us!

Your FOHC Team,

Sallie, Arlene, Sharon, Tracy, Emma and Felicia

On behalf of everyone at Henry Cort, we would like to wish you a wonderful festive break!

We will be returning to school on **Monday 5th January 2026 .**

Remember! This is WEEK B on the timetable



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