



The Henry Cort Community College

Principal's Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we hosted senior colleagues from the local authority, for our annual Leadership and Learning Partner Review (LLPR). The LLPR is a supportive process, led by experienced school improvement professionals, which looks at our school improvement strategy, the challenges we face, and our capacity to improve.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the progress the college is making, and I am pleased that the review highlighted further progress on our school improvement journey, noting the significant improvement in GCSE outcomes, our approach to adaptive teaching to support pupils in the classroom, and a welcoming and supportive atmosphere throughout the college.

We continue to work towards improving attendance, which was again at the national average last academic year. However, attendance remains a priority for us – it has a significant impact on outcomes and we will continue to work in partnership with you to support all students in attending college as often as possible.

The review highlighted the progress the college has made since the last Ofsted inspection in 2023, against all targets. We are expecting our next inspection this academic year and will be inspected under a new inspection framework, which launched this month. Schools no longer receive an overall judgement of just one grade, and the new grading is not comparable to the old system. Instead, schools will receive a number of different judgements on a new five-point scale, and will receive feedback on where standards are being met or exceeded and which areas need attention. As a college, we welcome this focus on improvement and look forward to demonstrating our progress and continuing to work on our next steps.

Finally, this week was also an opportunity to look back and celebrate the success of last year's Year 11. We welcomed the Class of 2025 back to our Celebration Evening to present their exam certificates and some special awards. It was wonderful to have such a full crowd and so much support on the evening from family and friends. Our continued best wishes go to all our leavers!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Rice
Principal

North Whiteley

You may have seen that there's been lots of activity on the new school site in North Whiteley, with car parking works completed to allow access to the site and ground works underway. In college, leaders are looking ahead and considering our requirements for different subject areas – with the aim of making the transition to the new site as smooth and successful as possible.