



# The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are looking forward to the bank holiday weekend and half term break. In my opinion the students are very deserving of the holiday, as the start of the summer term is always a busy time and this year has been no exception. I have been incredibly proud to see our Year 10 and 11 students tackle their written GCSE and NCFE examinations so maturely and with such commitment over the last few weeks. This is in addition to some fantastic coursework pieces that were submitted at the start of the term. I am completely in awe of the talent that some of our students displayed in the art, textiles and dance practical exams in April. I wish all our students the best of luck as the exams continue after the half term break.

There have been so many other positive achievements and events across the faculties in the college over the term. We have had students from various year groups on an activity weekend in Dorset paddle boarding, kayaking and even axe throwing! Last weekend our female football players had a weekend in Shrewsbury and gave a very confident performance in a tournament with the Year 8 Blacks taking first place, and teams from Year 7 and 10 taking third. Not to be out done, the Year 7 boys had an outstanding last game of the season this week; their win has all but sealed their path to the final. I am grateful that we have such committed staff who are prepared to run these activities for the students in their own time and would like to thank them for this.

This week, Year 8 been visited by the Tech Truck. In small groups, the students have had the opportunity to interact with and be inspired by the technology. The truck enabled students to experience robots, VR, AR and music centres. I must admit to personally enjoying having a go on the Microsoft Hololens, and the tennis courts were always busy with sphero bolts whizzing around as students had hands on experience of coding skills to direct their ball around the space. What a great experience!

Next term is already looking just as busy. Year 10 have work experience, and Year 7 have a fantastic opportunity working with Bear Face Theatre Company on their Choices Project, which compliments the work they have been doing in their drama lessons. We also have the much-enjoyed Activity Day for years 7-9, the Summer Concert and of course Year 11 prom. This is all before we open our gates to the class of 2029 as Year 6 students from our feeder schools come and visit us in preparation for September. Please keep an eye on our website for details and follow the celebration of all our achievements at Henry Cort on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/henrycortcollege>.

**Please remember that we have an Inset day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June and the college will be closed to students. The last day of the summer term for students is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July due to INSET days. A final reminder that the consultation for the new secondary school in Whiteley closes on the 31st May, if you have not yet responded, the link for**

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Finally, the end of this half term brings with it a farewell to Stella Pratt in the wellbeing team. Stella has played a massive role in supporting many staff, students and families in the local community over the years. She will be missed terribly, and we wish her all the best as she moves on to her new role.

Let's hope the sun is out for the half term and wishing you a great week off.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Mrs K Kent  
Vice-Principal