

# The Henry Cort Community College



Summer Term 2, 2025

## Celebrations of Summer Term 2

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. This year has been one of hard work, growth and great positivity across the whole college community. Our students continue to show remarkable determination and resilience, achieving personal and academic milestones and I look forward to this being celebrated with the Year 11 students on receiving their exam results in August. The summer term has been busy with prom, sports day, trips both locally and abroad, concerts, a production and showcase from the Creative and Technical Faculty. I am incredibly proud of everything that has been accomplished and I look forward to building on this momentum in the next academic year.

There are a small number of staff leaving us today. Mrs Andrews has secured an exciting opportunity in another school to develop her career and whilst we are sad to see her leave we wish her all the best in her new role. Mrs McIntyre, who has been our maternity cover this year in Music, is also leaving us as a classroom teacher, but will continue with her individual music lessons. Mrs Beynon in the office is moving on to a new role and Mrs Pugh in the behaviour team is also leaving today. We wish them all the very best.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer break, fingers crossed for plenty of sunny days!

**Mr C Rice**  
**Principal**

### Key Dates for Next Term.

- 3 Sept – Inset day.
- 4 Sept – Year 7 & 11 in college only.
- 5 Sept – All students in college.
- 10 Sept – Lorraine Lee Parent Workshop – Dealing with the transition to secondary school.
- 15 Sept – School Photographs for Year 7, 9 & 11.
- 23 Sept – Open Evening
- 30 Sept – Lorraine Lee Parent Workshop – Supporting Year 11 to achieve their best.
- 1 Oct – Year 10 MFL Parent Support Workshop.
- 14 Oct – Year 8 & 9 Meet the Tutor Evening
- 17 Oct – Flu Vaccinations
- 20 Oct – Year 11 GCSE English Parent Workshop
- 21 Oct – Year 7, 10 & 11 Meet the Tutor Evening & Careers Fayre
- 24 Oct – Last Day of Half Term
- 3 Nov – First Day of Half Term

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## A Journey Through History: Year 10 Battlefields Trip

This July, 39 of our Year 10 students, accompanied by 5 members of staff, had the unforgettable opportunity to visit Ypres and the Somme as part of their GCSE History studies. The WWI Battlefields trip offered a powerful insight into the impact of the Great War, and it's safe to say the experience left a lasting impression on all who took part.

### Day 1: First Impressions

After a very early start and a long journey across the Channel, our first stop was Vladslo German Cemetery. Here, students got their first glimpse into the sombre legacy of the First World War. The quiet rows of graves and powerful sculpture by Käthe Kollwitz gave everyone pause for reflection, setting the tone for the days ahead.

That evening, after settling into our accommodation we made our way to the moving Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Phillip and Grace did an outstanding job of laying a wreath on behalf of the school, with Miss Heaver standing proudly alongside. The rest of the group watched with quiet reverence—many were so touched by the ceremony and the vast list of names etched into the memorial, they asked to stay and explore further.



### Day 2: Stories, Soldiers, and Reflection

Friday began with an incredibly engaging workshop on war and trauma, where students handled genuine artefacts from the war. This hands-on session brought the realities of conflict to life in a meaningful and personal way. At the In Flanders Field Museum, students followed the journeys of individual soldiers, with some even tracing potential family connections. This personalised experience helped students connect with history in a powerful way, and we were thrilled to see such curiosity and empathy shine through.

Later that day, we visited key battlefield sites around Ypres. From Essex Farm Cemetery—where John McCrae penned In Flanders Fields—to the preserved Yorkshire Trench, each stop added depth to our understanding of trench warfare. One of the most poignant comparisons came between the German cemetery at Langemark and the vast Allied site at Tyne Cot. Students were struck by the mass grave at Langemark and then overwhelmed by the scale and brightness of Tyne Cot. Throughout, they showed an admirable level of maturity and respect.

We ended the day with a visit to Leonidas Chocolate Shop (where astonishing quantities of chocolate were bought—we hope at least some made it home to their families!). After dressing up for dinner and enjoying a lovely evening meal together at a local restaurant, we wrapped up with a lively quiz. To the great dismay of the staff team, not one, but two student teams emerged victorious!

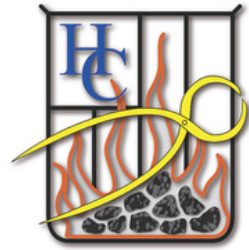
### Day 3: Trenches, Memorials, and Cows

Saturday was our busiest day yet. We began at the excellent Passchendaele Museum—a firm favourite among both staff and students. The reconstructed tunnels and trenches gave a vivid sense of what it was like to live and fight on the front lines. A particularly powerful moment came from a short film exploring the dreadful conditions of the Third Battle of Ypres.

Then came our long drive toward France and Vimy Ridge (with some enthusiastic reactions to the local livestock along the way—who knew cows and sheep could be so fascinating?). The Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge was awe-inspiring, and students took a moment to take in its immense structure and the commanding view it offers of the surrounding battlefield.

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We continued on to Beaumont-Hamel Memorial Park, where the terrain helped students truly understand the proximity of opposing trenches. Next came the deeply moving Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme. This stop was especially meaningful for two of the party who were able to locate the names of family members there—a moment of quiet reflection and deep connection.

Our final stop of the day was the Musée Somme 1916, where we were lucky enough to witness commemorative events marking the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

### Day 4: Farewell to Flanders

It was an early start and then we made two final stops before heading home. First was the Poperinge Death Cells, where we explored the consequences of shell shock and discipline in the ranks. It was a sobering visit that helped students understand the psychological toll of the war. Then, at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, we saw the full international scale of the conflict, and found the grave of Nellie Spindler—one of only two women buried in the Ypres Salient.



### Student Reflections

Speaking to students after the trip revealed just how many powerful memories they've taken away. Some appreciated seeing the war through a new lens—being there in person helped them truly grasp the scale and intensity of life on the Western Front. Others were especially moved by the cemeteries and memorials, with a newfound understanding of the human cost of war.

For some, the trip held deeply personal meaning. Grace, who laid the wreath at the Menin Gate, described it as something she would never forget. And of course, some found great joy in their newfound mission of keeping the staff up late each night!

As staff, we were incredibly proud of all our students. For many, this was their first time abroad, and it was inspiring to see them conquer fears, embrace emotional moments, and conduct themselves with such dignity and respect. They were excellent ambassadors for The Henry Cort Community College, and we hope this trip is one they will remember for many years to come.

### Miss K Heaver Trip Lead

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## Year 6 Transition

This term has been busy preparing for our new intake of students. Preparations started as early as April and we have been busy gathering information to make the transition to secondary school as smooth as possible. Mr. Chilcott and I have had the privilege to go out and meet the students joining us in September and answer any questions or concerns they have. The most common question is always around getting lost, but we hope that we have reassured them with the subsequent visits to the college!

We have held two transition days, one in June for a small number of children. Students had fun trying to navigate their way around the college site trying to find the key areas of the school. They were then given a great introduction to the Library and we hope they have come away with some great reading recommendations for the summer. They then had the chance to work on their communication skills and get to know one another.

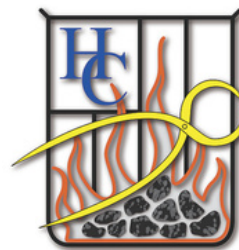
At the start of July we held our main transition day, once again students were treated to a number of lessons, including a Harry Potter inspired Science experiment. It was lovely to start to get to know the students as well as them being able to get to know each other. Each one of them rose to the challenge of speaking to at least one person they didn't know, ideally from another school. They also got to meet the other students from their Tutor group as well as their Tutors who are very excited about their arrival in September. I know they are very keen to get started and are looking forward to welcoming them next term.

The children from Cornerstone had an exciting residential trip during the week of our main transition day, so children from here visited us this week and had a taster of a range of lessons, including a great Drama lesson where they got to think about how to use their skills to create a short performance. Group performances were based on scenarios including being on a desert island or being stuck in space. The group certainly impressed Miss Wallis and we are excited for them to show us their talents in September.

Our parent information evening was well attended and our student leadership team certainly had fun introducing themselves to the Year 6 children. They prepared a session covering all sorts of areas but they also gave them some words of advice ready for September. We are very much looking forward to working with both the parents and students and we hope you have a restful summer ready for an exciting term ahead.

**Mrs S Warner**  
**Assistant Principal**

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## Faculty Highlights Science Highlights



As we approach the end of the academic year, it has been fantastic to see our students making excellent progress and engaging enthusiastically in their science lessons.

This half term, we were delighted to welcome one of our Year 10 students for work experience as a Science Technician. He learned how to prepare chemicals for lessons and supported practical work in the classroom. Across the department, students have been involved in a wide variety of exciting experiments.

### Key Stage 3 Highlights

Some of our students completed a chicken wing dissection, exploring different tissues—muscle, tendon, and bone—and how they work together to allow movement. They also made and tested the strength of concrete, carried out displacement reactions, and investigated the properties of metals and non-metals.

### Key Stage 4 Focus

At Key Stage 4, many of our practical lessons have focused on bioenergetics—photosynthesis and respiration. Students used pondweed to investigate how light intensity affects the rate of photosynthesis and explored how temperature influences respiration using yeast. Those studying DNA even had the opportunity to extract DNA from strawberries!

### Gateway Room Activities

Students in our Gateway Room have once again been working with our technicians on a range of hands-on activities. These included making bath bombs using everyday household items, conducting food tests to identify different molecules, and extracting DNA from strawberries.

### Year 6 Transition Day – Who Tried to Poison Dumbledore?

On Transition Day, our Year 6 visitors became Hogwarts' finest detectives! In a magical science lesson, they used flame tests to investigate who might have tried to poison Dumbledore—was it Umbridge, Harry, or Dobby? Using Bunsen burners and observing the colourful flames produced by different chemicals, students uncovered clues and learned how chemical reactions create distinctive colours. Everyone had great fun working safely with real lab equipment and getting a taste of science at secondary school!



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## Faculty Highlights

### Sparx Science Superstars

Our students continue to excel on Sparx Science, having now answered over 165,000 questions correctly this year!

We'd like to celebrate the following students for their outstanding effort:

- Year 7: Charles, Lauren, Alex
- Year 8: Nathan, Benjamin, Amelia
- Year 9: Tyler, Jack, Sophie
- Year 10: Abbie, Sophie-May, Marcelina



### Coming Soon: Science Club!

We're excited to announce the launch of our Science Club in September! This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to take part in fun and exciting practical activities beyond the classroom.

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## PE HIGHLIGHTS

The PE department have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Fareham and Gosport District Competitions. Below are group photos of our winners for each round.



**Year 8 Boys Athletics – Gold Medal Champions**



**Year 9 Girls Athletics – Gold Medal Champions**



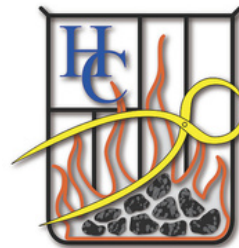
**Year 8 Boys Football – 3rd Place Bronze Medal**



**Year 8/9 Boys Basketball – 2nd Place Silver Medal**

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**Year 7/8 Girls Football – 3rd Place Bronze Medal**



**Year 7 Girls Basketball – Gold Medal Champions**



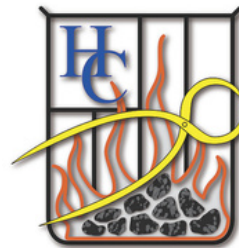
**Year 8 Girls Netball – 2nd Place Silver Medal**



**Year 9/10/11 Girls Football – Gold Medal Champions**

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Year 7 Athletics Girls – 2nd place Silver Medal



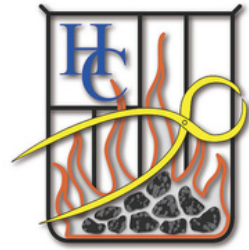
U14 Girls Basketball – Gold Medal Champions

Rank	School	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	BROOKFIELD	9	4	1	14
2	HENRY CORT	5	4	3	12
3	CAMS HILL	4	4	9	17
4	PORTCHESTER	4	4	5	13
5	BAYHOUSE	2	5	1	8
6	BRIDGEMARY	1	1		2
7	BRUNE PARK	1		4	5
8	MEONCROSS	1			1
9	CROFTON		2	3	5
10	FAREHAM ACADEMY		2	2	4
11	BOUNDARY OAK		1		1

The Fareham & Gosport District medal table.

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## Celebrating Our Incredible Sports Leaders

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Sports Leaders. Over the past two years, this dedicated group of students have consistently shown passion, commitment, and a genuine love for sport and leadership. They have been a real asset to our college community and should be extremely proud of everything they have accomplished.

Throughout their time as Sports Leaders, they have given up countless hours of their own time to support, run, and even design a wide range of sports festivals and competitions. Their efforts have had a hugely positive impact, particularly on the many primary-aged children who have taken part in the events they've helped to deliver. Whether they were leading warm-ups, officiating matches, or encouraging nervous participants, their leadership and enthusiasm have made a lasting impression. Culminating in being asked to support the Hampshire Schools Games Festival where they were specifically picked out for praise by another School Games Organiser for their ability to inspire.

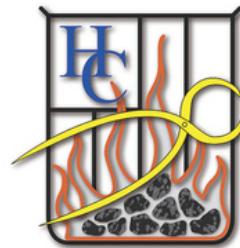
This year marks the end of their time as Sports Leaders, and while we are sad to see them move on from these roles, we know they leave behind a strong legacy. Their work has inspired so many younger students to step up and follow in their footsteps.

They are a true credit to the college, and we thank them wholeheartedly for everything they have done.

### Mr S Latter School Games Organiser



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# Sports Day 2025

Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of all our sporting stars. We had 5 students break some of college sporting records that have remained undefeated for over 20 years!



**Shot Putt** Year 7 Boys Record Breaker is Riley who threw a huge 9m.

**Triple Jump** Year 7 Girls Record Breaker is Edith who jumped a massive 8.43m.

**300m Race** Year 10 Boys Final Record Breaker is Spencer who finished the race in a speedy 45.13 seconds.

**Triple Jump** Year 9 Boys Record Breaker is Fintan who jumped an incredible 10.75m.

**Triple Jump** Year 9 Girls Record Breaker is Darcey who jumped a whooping 9.20m. Congratulations to all our Record Breakers!

## House Winners for each Year Group

**Year 7** – VICTORIOUS 298 PTS

**Year 8** – DARING 346 PTS

**Year 9** – TRIUMPH 279 PTS

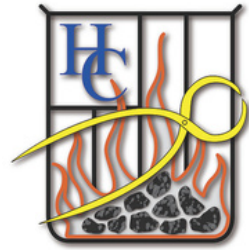
**Year 10** – INVINCIBLE 342 PTS

The overall whole school result for sports day will be revealed during assembly on the last day of term!



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## Communications Highlights



In English it has all been about Shakespeare this half-term.

Year 10 have got to grips with the story of Macbeth, Year 9 have been immersed in Romeo and Juliet, Year 8 have been studying Much Ado About Nothing and Year 7 have looked at a range of Shakespeare plays with a focus on the opening scenes.

As a department, we are really proud of the enthusiasm that your children have demonstrated. We have loved seeing them perform and listening to them read the works of The Bard and fascinated by some of the interesting interpretations we have seen.

Most children have continued to engage with Sparx Reader, improving in their reading confidence and being exposed to a range of different texts. This will prove to be very beneficial as they move up through the school. It has been lovely to see the quality of other homework tasks that pupils have submitted. It is clear that they take a real pride in their work and this independent study will pay dividends.

I hope that you and your children have a fantastic summer, filled with reading and relaxation and I look forward to September and the next stage in the English journey.

**Mrs F Sear**  
**Faculty Lead of Communications**

## Spelling Bee

Year 7's competed against each other in the Henry Cort Spelling Bee. Over three days, they faced some tricky spellings and exhibited their spelling prowess in a tough competition to be the best speller. Round one was a best of 10, round two was 'Speed Spell' and eventually, five brave competitors made it through to the final round to face their most challenging test, 'It's a Spelling Knockout'.

Congratulations go to Viktoria who fought off tough competition to be crowned 'Spelling Champion', winning a Waterstones Voucher and selection box. Our runner up was Ava, who was narrowly defeated in a final spell out! Many thanks to all of our Year 7 competitors and to Mrs Heron, our fantastic librarian, who facilitated a fabulous contest.

**Mr R Watters & Mrs L Heron**



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## Modern Foreign Languages

It has been a very busy term in the Languages department. The main focus this term has been on consolidating and assessing speaking skills, with all students across all year groups taking part in a 1-2-1 speaking experience.

Year 10 had their first full speaking mock exam. This gives the Year 10 students to experience the speaking exam as it will be during the “real thing” next year. We have seen some excellent work from some of our Year 10 students, and each student will have an action plan of areas for revision for the next mock speaking exam in November. Year 10 are also working with a new languages curriculum which was introduced by the government from September 2024 and will be examined for the first time in 2026 – this has included the introduction of new aspects of the exam such as dictation.

Finally, every KS3 student has also had a speaking assessment over the last couple of weeks. It has been fantastic to see the fruits of their hard work over the year, as well as the sense of achievement that the students feel when they have completed their assessment in their chosen language. Year 7 completed a Read Aloud task, Year 8 were tasked with describing a photo and Year 9 carried out a short role play. These tasks give the KS3 students valuable language skills, not only for the assessments and languages GCSE further down the line, but also skills that they can use if they travel abroad.

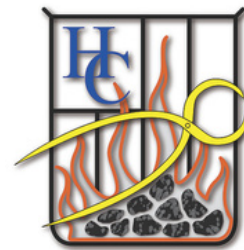
We have been so impressed with the Year 7 cohort as they have thrown themselves into learning their chosen language. Year 7 have learnt how to describe their free time activities and give opinions, and the recent writing assessments have highlighted some budding linguists who have a real flair for language learning. Year 8 have been learning about food and drink, and will finish the term with designing their own menus and ordering food. Year 9 have studied holidays, and are able to describe holidays in the present, past and future. We look forward to taking some of our Year 9 students through the GCSE curriculum over the next 2 years.

I would also like to take the opportunity to talk about an exciting event coming up in the Autumn. European Day of Languages is on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, and to celebrate we hold a baking competition! Students can bring in cakes with a European theme – this can be in the form of decoration, or a specific cake from a particular country. Prizes are awarded for the top entries and this is always hotly contested! This year, we will also be holding a cake sale.

**Mrs J Wilks**  
**Faculty Lead of MFL**

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## Maths, IT and Business Faculty Highlights

### Sparx Maths Home Learning Headlines

Students in your school have completed

**12,130 hours**

of personalised learning  
on Sparx Maths this year!

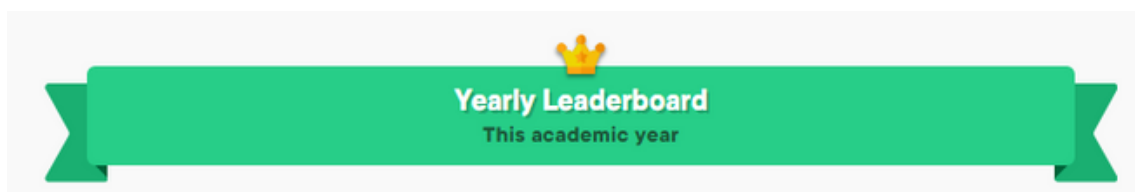
**290 students**




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

**1,377,048**

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far  
this year

The following students have worked incredibly hard at their homework, achieving the highest academic performance. This is a phenomenal achievement and reflects hours of independent study above and beyond the compulsory homework that we set. Congratulations to the following students:



			
Year 10	MU – Level 21	IK – Level 19	BA – Level 18
Year 9	AC – Level 32	CW – Level 28	TH – Level 27
Year 8	JO – Level 36	GN – Level 35	AP – Level 28
Year 7	SC – Level 37	ALD – Level 36	AH – Level 35

### In maths students have been focused on the following (since half term):

- Year 7 have been developing number sense and learning about sets and probability
- Year 8 have been learning about symmetry, rotation and the data handling cycle
- Year 9 have been focused on ratio, rates and probability
- Year 10 have learned about collecting, interpreting and representing data and have improved their non-calculator methods
- Year 11 showed exceptional drive, determination and stamina as they completed their terminal GCSE maths exams. We wish them the very best of luck for their results and all the best for the bright future ahead of them.

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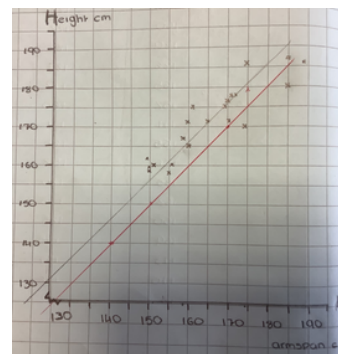


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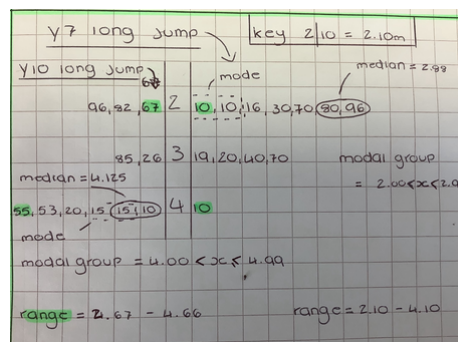
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### Highlights from lessons:

It has been my privilege to observe students highly engaged and proactively participating in learning in the lessons I have observed. Amongst the highlights of the work seen were students investigating the Vitruvian Man by collecting Height vs Arm span data and analysing it in a scatter graph.



Also students collecting live long jump data in the run up to sports day and analysing it in a back-to-back stem and leaf diagram.



## Maths, IT and Business Faculty Highlights

### KS3: IT & Computer Science:

This half term KS3 have looked at how to stay safe online and how they can protect their devices. The purpose of this unit is to ensure all students are aware of the dangers they face within the digital world, especially when they are on Summer Holidays. Students were able to articulate the dangers and give appropriate answers when faced with a digital dilemma.

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### ICT & Computing

#### Student Voice:

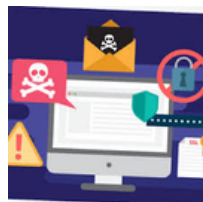
'I have learnt about the different dangers whilst online. Lessons have helped me to check my account settings after my device has had an update and to ensure my anti-virus protection is up to date.'



'I have been able to share my own experiences on how I stay safe online'



'I have learnt how you can't always believe what you read especially when sent a phishing email or a smishing message'



'We have looked at the different scenarios we can face when chatting to people we do not know online and how to protect ourselves'

#### KS3 Homework:

Homework this half term for both years 7, 8 and 9, encouraged to work through their IDEA badges, indicating a range of skills and knowledge in IT & Computer Science.

A shout out from MIBS goes to **Alex** in Year 7 who has completed the most badges so far this year with an impressive 14 achieved.



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## Year 10 Computing

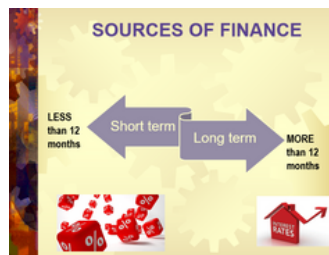
Year 10 this half term have been focusing on their Programming Challenge, one of the strands for their final GCSE. Students have been given a range of tasks to complete, enabling them to build upon and learn new programming skills in Computer Science. Some students have built enough confidence to create their own programs, asking peers to test their program for syntax errors.

Homework this half term has focused on test knowledge and skills from previous learning, to ensure they are prepared for year 11.

## Year 10 Business Studies

Year 10 have had an excellent opportunity to contextualise what they have learned so far this year through their work experience visits. They have also been learning about finance in business, more specifically:

- Costs and sources of finance
- Break even analysis
- Cash Flow
- Contextual examples
- Balance sheets
- Profit and loss
- Average rate of return



As this is part of the course with the highest mathematical content, students have been drawing on their prior learning in Maths lessons and revising key numerical skills.

**Mr J Smith**  
Faculty Lead



## Creative and Technical Faculty Highlights

# SCHOOL OF ROCK



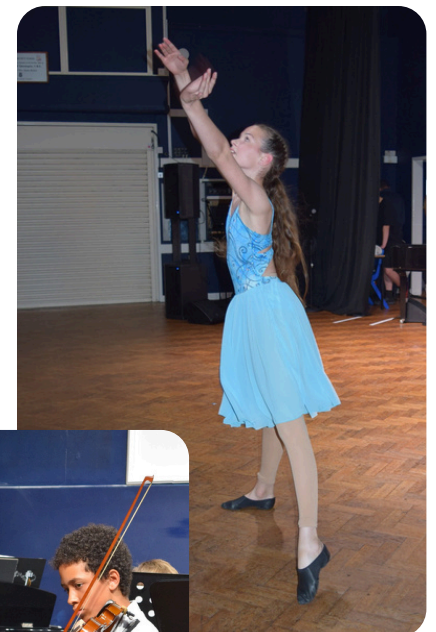
This half term audience's were treated to the Henry Cort Production of School of Rock. This high energy show was performed to full audiences of family and friends. Students from all year groups showed real commitment and creativity on stage to rise to the challenge. There were also some fantastic performances from students in the band and a special mention to all the students backstage and on the technical crew who ensured the performances ran smoothly. A real team effort and well done all!

## Summer Showcase

We were absolutely thrilled to welcome parents and families to this year's Summer Showcase – a vibrant celebration of the incredible creativity, talent, and dedication of our students across the performing and visual arts.

There were over 50 performers in powerful drama pieces, captivating dance routines, and beautiful musical performance. During the interval the audience experienced an inspiring exhibition featuring Art, Textiles, Photography, 3D Art, and Design & Technology from Year 7 through to Year 11 – the evening was a true testament to our students' hard work and passion.

A huge well done to everyone involved – it truly was a wonderful evening filled with talent, energy, and pride!



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## Humanities Faculty Highlights

### History

#### Year 7

Our Year 7 historians have continued their journey through Medieval England. They've shown a particular interest in the causes and consequences of the Black Death, a truly impactful period. This half term, their focus shifted to the Tudors and all the dramatic changes and turbulence they brought to England.

#### Year 8

Year 8 students have been exploring the profound changes of the Industrial Revolution, examining its causes and the immense significance it had on England. They've wrapped up the year by delving into the causes of World War One, a topic they all found extremely interesting.

#### Year 9

Finally, our Year 9 students have been introduced to the Medicine Through Time course, which is the first topic for those taking GCSE History. They've started by looking at beliefs about the causes of disease, how illnesses were treated, and how they were prevented during the Medieval period.

#### Year 10

Year 10 students have successfully completed their Medicine Through Time unit and have now begun their third unit on Weimar and Nazi Germany. This is a topic they've seemed very interested in so far, and we're looking forward to seeing their continued engagement. It's been a truly engaging and enlightening term for all our history students!

### Citizenship

It's been a wonderful year for Year 11 and I am very hopeful that for the second year running Citizenship gets 100% 4 to 9 grades. If those grades were achieved by perseverance and dedication, then it is already in the bag.

Year 10 have worked hard too and are now well prepared for their community project that they will start in September.

### Religious Education

#### Year 10

First off, a big congratulations to all our Year 10 students who recently sat their short course exam. We're eagerly anticipating seeing your results on results day – well done for all your hard work!

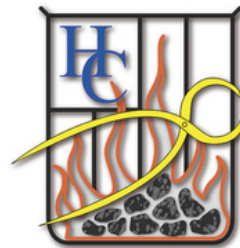
#### Year 7

Our Year 7 students have spent this term exploring various practices within Christianity. They've delved into significant topics such as the Resurrection and Atonement, gaining a deeper understanding of these core beliefs.

#### Year 8

Year 8 students have continued their exploration of religion's impact on society. They've examined how faith has influenced areas like art, science, and pilgrimage, among other fascinating topics.

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## Humanities Faculty Highlights

### Year 9

Our Year 9 students have continued with their ethics unit, focusing on the profound and important topic of the Shoah and the Holocaust. This unit, which explores the Holocaust and the experiences of Jewish people, links powerfully with the History lessons they had on the Holocaust in the spring term, providing a comprehensive and sensitive look at this period.

## Geography

### Year 7

Our Year 7 geographers have been diving deep into the topic of Coasts. They've really enjoyed learning about the powerful processes of erosion, understanding iconic landforms like the Needles, and discovering how we manage our coastlines. In the latter half of the term, their focus shifted to Weather and Climate. They've explored the factors influencing climate, different types of rainfall, and even had a very timely lesson on heatwaves – incredibly relevant given recent weather patterns!

### Year 8

Some of our Year 8 students had the exciting opportunity to take their learning outdoors as part of their Rivers topic. Focusing on the causes and impacts of flooding, students conducted a real-world infiltration study right here on the school grounds.

Working in small groups, they developed their own hypotheses about how infiltration rates might vary across different areas of the site. Armed with scientific equipment (a big thank you to the Science Department for their support!), they carried out practical tests to gather data and draw conclusions. This hands-on experience not only brought geography to life but also helped students build valuable skills in data collection, analysis, and critical thinking—all while having fun exploring their local environment.



### Year 9

Our Year 9 students have embarked on their GCSE journey, starting with the Ecosystems unit. They've gained a comprehensive understanding of what an ecosystem is, the ripple effects of changes within these delicate systems, and have undertaken an in-depth study of the Amazon rainforest and the significant issue of deforestation.

We're incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and hard work shown by all our geography students.

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## Humanities Faculty Highlights

### Year 10

This term, our Year 10 geographers have been diving deep into the fascinating world of human geography, focusing on two key units: The Changing Economic World and Resource Management. Students have explored how we measure a country's development, what causes the global development gap, and—most importantly—what can be done to close it.

They have also been studying the in-depth case study on Nigeria, where students examined the country's social, cultural, and political landscape. They investigated both the exciting opportunities for growth and the complex challenges Nigeria faces in its journey toward sustainable development.

The learning didn't stop there—students also turned their attention to the global energy crisis, considering how we can manage our energy resources more sustainably to protect the planet for future generations.

Looking ahead, our Year 10 students will be preparing for their much-anticipated fieldwork trip to Southsea and Gunwharf Quays next term. This hands-on experience will allow them to apply their classroom knowledge in a real-world setting, developing valuable skills in data collection, analysis, and geographical enquiry.

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## Festival of Speed

On the 10th July 2025, myself, Mr Rake, Mrs Coumbes and Mrs Barnett took 44 students to this year's Festival of Speed at Goodwood. It was a fantastic day, even though the day was one of the hottest so far this year. From the moment we placed the wristbands and lanyards on, it was evident that we were all in for a fantastic day.

During the journey we were lucky to see a range of super cars, as they too completed their journey down the A27. Students used this time to take photos so they could share with family and friends.

On arrival we checked our maps, to see what events there were on offer. Having been before, it was evident that the organisers had arranged more events this year as they celebrated the 75th anniversary of the F1 World Championship. This year there was a range of jaw dropping machines, along with displays of the latest and most advanced cars from prestigious global manufacturers.



At 11:45 we heard a sudden roar coming from the skies, and with a blink of an eye, 9 fast jets flew overhead with tails of red, white and blue. Providing us with a spectacular display, the arrows reached speeds of up to 500mph and produced up to 5,700ib of thrust.



## Festival of Speed

After the short display finished, it was time to meet for lunch. Students were quick to share their stories of where they collected free merchandise, along with discussing the famous people they met in the Ballroom Paddock.

With lunch over, students then escorted us staff to the EBAY stand, where students waited patiently for their turn in the human crane. Hoovered over the largest ball pool seen, students had to rummage around for prizes. They certainly enjoyed the whole experience.



**Mrs S White**  
**Trip Lead**

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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 – **7D2, 9I1, 7T2 & 7V2**



## ASPIRE

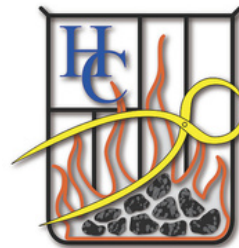
Over the course of the term, students have also been awarded points in relation to our ethos ASPIRE. We have celebrated each house with the most amount of points for –

- Achievement - We aim high - **Triumph**
- Support - We target support and support each other - **Triumph**
- Perseverance - We value effort, every lesson, every day - **Daring**
- Individuality - We celebrate our difference - **Triumph**
- Respect - We respect each other - **Daring**
- Excellence - We can all excel - **Triumph**



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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.



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**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** - Moya, Danni-Ella, Dexter, Noah, Maisie

**Year 8** - Tino, Jack, Katie, Marci, Elliot

**Year 9** - Lilly, Aimee, Christian, Jacob, Omid

**Year 10** - Alexander, Bethany, Jessica, Demetri, Sophie

### Support

**Year 7** - Ava, Tilly, Eadie, Leon, Maggie

**Year 8** - Alexander, Samuel, Lucas, Jessie, Evangeline

**Year 9** - Tobbie, Jake, Maximillian, Katie, Lydia

**Year 10** - Harrison, Munachi, Emmanuel, David, Spencer

### Perseverance

**Year 7** - Noah, India, Anabelle, Maisie, Tobias

**Year 8** - Chloe, Max, Holly, Katie, Charlotte

**Year 9** - Nat, Josh, Ella, Emmy, Imogen

**Year 10** - Demetri, Noah, Gracie, Lily-Mae, Oliver

### Individuality

**Year 7** - Edith, Penny, Elijah, Viktoria, Oakley

**Year 8** - James, Samuel Lucas, Katie, Belle

**Year 9** - Yasmin, Jack, James, Eddie, Imogen

**Year 10** - Frankie, Jamie, Michael, Faith, Henry

### Respect

**Year 7** - Maggie, Scarlett, Eoin, Isla, Penny

**Year 8** - Sienna, Ben, Oakley, Tom, Teddy

**Year 9** - Sophie, Lexie, Noah, Maddi, Noa

**Year 10** - Charlotte, Tiarna, Bk, Grace, Lily-Mae

### Excellence

**Year 7** - Maisie, Noah, Thomas, George, Sam

**Year 8** - Benjamin, Jack, Ben, Eddie, Jack

**Year 9** - Josh, Caelan, Emmy, Riley, Faith

**Year 10** - Oliver, Noah, Hannah, Frankie, Katie-Skye

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** - Sam, Maggie, Tilly, Ava & Jessica

**Year 8** - Jenny, Josh, Max, Freya & Olivia

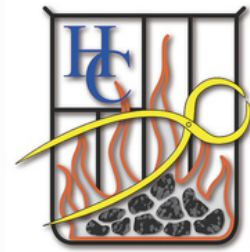
**Year 9** - Jack, Maddi, Sophie, Rebecca & Emily

**Year 10** - Kaci, Skyla, Noah, Sophie & Leo



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## Head of Year Celebrations

### Year 7

It has been, without exception, another busy Summer term, with lots of activities and events over the last few weeks.

Firstly came Sports Day, a highlight in the summer calendar. Year 7 certainly rose to the occasion and represented themselves exceptionally well. As well as the athletic events, students enjoyed the Tug of war and sports quiz which certainly gave the day an additional edge of competition and again good to see students engaging in a variety of events. Year 7 Daring Boys and Girls were the overall winners of the quiz element, with Triumph boys and Victorious girls talking the title for the Tug of war. Having accumulated all of the points for each activity, Invincible boys and Victorious girls came out on top this year, with the overall winners of Year 7 being Victorious House. Huge congratulations to all of the students. I have to mention two stand out performances from the day; Edith set a new school record for Triple jump, jumping a whopping 8.43m and Riley set a new school record in the Shot Putt, throwing 9.0m. A massive congratulations to Year 7 for their amazing efforts in house competitions this year. It is always a pleasure to see not only great sporting talent, but those student who go above and beyond, often putting themselves out of their comfort zone, to support their House. A fantastic ethos from our Year 7 students once again.

There have also been more sporting success with the school teams. The girls Basketball team remained undefeated and came away with the top spot after their recent final. A huge congratulations to all of the team, Gold medal Champions 2025. This is not an easy title to win and Mr Lane was hugely impressed with their team work, resilience and efforts throughout the year. Well done! Both the boys and girls Athletics teams represented the school well in the District event earlier on this term. Both teams secured the silver medal which was fantastic. A number of students then went on to represent Gosport & Fareham in the Hampshire event which is amazing. Our Year 7/8 girls football team also secured the bronze medal. Huge congratulations to all those who took part. Same again next year!

Next was the school production of 'School of Rock' which I was really proud to be a part of. All of the cast were fantastic and showed real determination and hard work and put together two outstanding performances. I do have to mention our fabulous Year 7's who, for some of them, were performing for the first time. Lauren and Jessica who took on two key parts in the performances as well as Poppy, Alesha, Moya, Elena, Edith and Annabelle who also rose to the occasion, some of whom stepped in at the last minute to support the cast. It certainly created a real buzz around the school and lots of students have been talking about what the production will be next year. It would be great to see more of the year group involved!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to highlight students who have shown great determination and success over the last twelve months. Each of these students have either gone above and beyond, have shown great resilience or have made great strides to improve themselves in some way. So congratulations go to:

Noah	Brooklyn	Thomas	Danni-Ella	Jasmine	Michael	Tilly
Poppy	Maisie	Dexter	Annabelle	Bayleigh	Olivia	Matthew
Alex	Maggie	Riley	George	Scarlett	Alesha	India

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## Year Celebrations

### Year 7

Finally, I want to thank the parents and guardians for all your support this year it has been an honour and a real pleasure to lead Year 7. I have already passed on my thanks to the students and reminded them that, although there are changes next year, they will forever be great ambassadors and will continue to strive towards becoming the very best versions of themselves when they leave. I know you will also join me in thanking the Year 7 Tutors for all their hard work supporting the students. All that there is left to say is I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

**Mrs S Warner**  
**Head of Year 7.**

### Year 8

And just like that, the academic year is done! There have been countless achievements and successes, and each child has shown moments of resilience, perseverance and strength. Noah, Jenny, Isla, Sienna, Olivia, Naomi and Sadie took part in the school production of "The School of Rock" and gave a performance of a life time! Amalia, Marci, Tiko, Finley, Massimo, Reuel, Joshua, Anna, Sophie and Amelia completed their program with the Hampshire Book Awards. It was a loved trip by all and a massive thank you goes to Mrs Whittingham and Mrs Heron for organising it! Eddie, Chloe, Katie, Elliot, Alex, Samuel, Zachary, Ben, Joseph and Ben are the top ten highest scorers of positive points, wonderful work! Olivia, Charlotte, Tom, Jack, Bea, Reuel, Reuella, Lana and Katie have attended everyday of school this year too, incredible!

Although there have been masses of individual accomplishments, there have been group successes in many sporting events this half term as well. The boys athletics team were gold medal champions at the recent district athletics competition. The Year 8 boys football team came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the district competitions. James, Isaac, Ben, Noah and Beau played alongside some Year 9 boys in the district basketball competition and came 2<sup>nd</sup> place, silver medallists. Lily and Mia also played in the Year 7/8 girls football competition and came 3<sup>rd</sup> place, bronze medallists. Furthermore the Year 8 girls netball team came 2<sup>nd</sup> place, silver medallists. Freya and Liv took part in the U14s girls basketball championship and were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place, gold medallists. An outstanding showing from so many pupils pushing and challenging themselves to do the best they can and work together in a team.

I know so many pupils take part in out of school activities too, and although we don't always hear of the individual victories, I'd like to take a moment to praise and give a loud cheer to all of those who motivate, dedicate and challenge themselves by taking on and trying new skills and practices. It's important to follow your interests and hobbies, and as we approach a well-deserved summer break, it's hard not to look ahead into Year 9 and see what curiosities may form, expertise will grow and passion will burn in the pupils as they enter their third year in secondary education. Students will be choosing their GCSE choices near the end of Year 9, and I hope the next academic year will inspire and guide them to achieve their ambitions and goals.

Thank you for all your support, patience and understanding this past year, and we eagerly look forward to Year 9, after a holiday of course!

**Miss M Lane**  
**Head of Year 8.**

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## Year 9

As we come towards the end of an eventful year, it is time to reflect on a range of activities and achievements Year 9 have had this year. It only seems like yesterday that I was welcoming a new group of students to the assembly, as they sat nervously together for the first time as a year group.

With the Summer Term being much shorter than other years, Year 9 still managed to achieve many successes. We now have a World Champion amongst us, who competed in Texas at a Cheerleading Competition. We also have a talented singer, who has managed to achieve number 1 status in the local music charts. In other areas, we saw a range of Year 9's take on roles within the school production 'School of Rock'. I was fortunate to attend rehearsals on many occasions, watching these budding performers grow in confidence under the watchful eye of Ms Wallis and her team. Watching such talent on the stage, singing their hearts out and dancing, just shows how we support each other both in and out of the classroom.

Towards the end of the Summer Term, it was time for the annual Sports Day. This year was a huge success as always, with so many prepared for the summer weather. On the banks of the field we saw students sitting on blankets cheering on their peers with their tutor banners flying high. Meanwhile in the Sports Hall, Mr Smith and his team ran the Tug of War event. The energy, support and enthusiasm made the event a huge success, and congratulations to all that took part.

So as we come towards the end of a successful year, it is time to say thanks to all of the Year 9 team. I can honestly say it has been a pleasure to work with all of you, and your help and support has been hugely appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a well earned restful break, and I look forward to seeing you all as Year 10's in September.

**Mrs S White**  
**Head of Year 9**

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## Year 10

What a fabulous year we have had!

Our first year together as a Year team has been jam packed with activities and lots of learning. Year 10 is always a challenging year due to the sheer amount of knowledge that students need to learn for their GCSE exams. However, lots of our students have also been involved in lots of activities both inside and outside of school. Just some of them are listed below:

### Sporting achievements

- Millie completed in inter regional water polo tournament in Liverpool earlier this year and also went to Northern Ireland on club tour
- Mia and Lucy went to Paris last year to complete in a netball tournament out of 50 teams they were ranked in the top 10.
- Finley plays for Sarisbury Sparks, recently won their football tournament.
- Archie-Ray is a keen fishing enthusiast, catching a 60lbs cat fish.
- Maisie's football team recently won their division. Maisie was offered a summer job after a successful work placement.
- Skyla has entered and won numerous dance competitions this year, both solo and in duo.
- Tyler and Samuel for their football and rugby competitions.

### Work Experience

- Both Oliver and Isaac have received fantastic feedback *'they are doing exceptionally well on their work experience placement. They've shown great initiative, a strong work ethic, and have been consistently helpful. In fact, I'd go so far as to say they've been among the best students we've had this year. They are a real credit to both their parents and the school.'*
- George enjoyed his time with the site staff at St Columba primary school.
- Jack had a very successful work placement and has been given a summer job.
- Grace has also been given a summer job because of her hard work during her WEX.

### Charity

- Sam did a 10k charity run in the New Forest.
- Well done to Daisy for abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower and raising lots of money for charity.

As we move into Year 11 I am proud of everything we have achieved so far but we still have lots of hard work to go. I want to say a massive thank you to all the Year 10 tutors: Miss Cox, Mr Plomer, Miss Greenstreet, Mrs Hills, Mrs Andrews, Mr Tanase, Mr Smith, Mrs Chappell and Mrs Thomas. The support given to all our tutees is valued not just by me but also the parents and students. They always go the extra mile to ensure all their tutees are looked after and have a person they know they can rely on in school to go to when they are struggling or wanting to share their successes. We also now have Miss Mohsen, who is my Assistant Head of Year. Miss Mohsen has already built solid relationships with our year group and this will continue into Year 11.

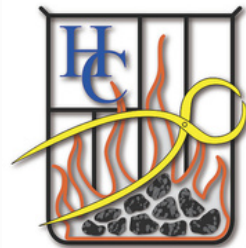
I wish all Year 10 students and parents a lovely Summer break and hope you all have time to relax and enjoy some family time together. I look forward to welcoming you all back in September when we will be working hard on the students GCSEs. We have so much to look forward to next year and I am so lucky to have such a wonderful group of students and parents.

**Ms J Nutt**

**Head of Year 10.**

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## Year 11

Year 11 may be gone, but they're certainly not forgotten! The prom was an outstanding success and it was so good to see so many of you turned out in your finest suits and gowns – there were some amazing cars (and bikes) for arrival, and it was also so good to see an actual, honest-to-goodness, horse-drawn carriage!

We're looking forward to inviting you back one more time for results day in August, and we hope you all have the most amazing summer; you've worked so incredibly hard, gave us 100% during exam season, and now you deserve a tremendous rest for your efforts.

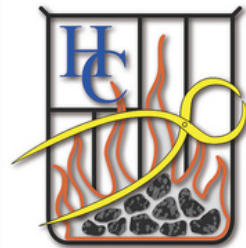
Well done year 11, you will be missed!

### Mr B Chilcott, Head of Year 11



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## Careers

It has been a very career-focused term for Year 10. The majority of the year group completed their work experience placements, finding out about the work environment first hand. We have received some lovely feedback from employers regarding the work ethics and maturity of our students.

Year 10 also had the opportunity to try out sessions at Fareham College and Cemast to dip their toes into what may interest them in the future. Amongst other things, sessions included:

- Healthcare and Science
- Education and Childcare
- Construction
- Fashion
- Beauty
- Business and Finance
- Engineering (Motor, Aeronautical and Marine)



Students practicing theatrical make up and hair dressing

It was also the term for our annual visit to Seawork – a commercial maritime careers fair at Mayflower Park, Southampton. Students met with many employers and employees who shared their career paths, answered the many questions our students had and gave out freebies of course! Students explored a variety of small boats, met a robotic dog and took part in competitions. Well done to Spencer for winning the tin foil boat challenge.



Year 9 parents, please be aware that our work experience week next year will be 23rd March.

Year 7 were visited by Three Pin recycling who taught them the value of so called 'rubbish' and how not to judge something by its appearance. A fun session was had with some students being very lucky with what they took home!

We also cannot let this term go by without a very special mention to Phillip. Phillip took part in the Junior Chef Academy at Fareham College which culminated in an amazing celebration evening at Southwick Park. Well done Phillip for your dedication and culinary skills.

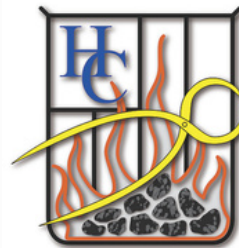


If you would like to get involved with our careers programme by coming in and chatting to a year group, hosting a work experience student or attending our careers fair or speed networking event, please get in touch with Mrs Hills [sac@henrycort.org](mailto:sac@henrycort.org).

**Mrs S Hills, Transition Manager.**

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## Friends of Henry Cort

The FOHC have had a wonderful academic year, we are thrilled to have increased our team numbers through the year which has helped with having more hands to help with planning and taking part in our fundraising events and activities!

This year we have had two very successful raffles at Christmas and in the summer term and we hope to continue with these during the next academic year too! With the return of our popular quiz night this year, which was enjoyed by everyone, we are looking forward to planning these more often, hopefully one per term with the dates planned early so you have plenty of time to get your teams together and your thinking caps on! Another success this year was the Krispy Krème doughnuts that were sold at Sports Day, these were very popular and sold out much quicker than we thought they would, so we will be increasing the number of these available at our next event!

The money we have raised this year has been put to great use at Henry Cort with the PE Department using our recent donation to purchase some new weights for the fitness suite. In addition, we have donated money to the library to set up their "Weave & Read" craft sessions and bought some board games to be used for year 7 and 8 students and younger year 5 and 6 students joining our school for events.

For our annual donations, we donate the crackers for the Christmas lunch, donate to cover the cost for hiring the photobooth at the Year 11 Prom, and we cover the cost of the weekly tutor quiz and from next term we will also be supporting the Picture News quiz for students as well.

However, we couldn't do any of these events, activities or donations without the generous help from our staff, students and parents, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you all back in September for another great year together!

Please like and follow our [Facebook group](#) to keep up to date with all our news in the summer holidays or email [fohc@henrycort.org](mailto: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**



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