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NEWSLETTER



Key Dates – Week Commencing 15 June

- Monday 15 June – Year 11 Celebration Assembly
- Thursday 18 June – Year 5 Transition Masterclass & Art Moderation
- Ongoing – Year 10 & Year 11 Exams
- Ongoing – Year 5 Tours

Africa Awaits: Kenya 2027 Expedition Launch 🇰🇪 ✨

We were delighted to officially launch our exciting African Adventure Kenya 2027 expedition to pupils today, with detailed information letters sent home this evening.

During the launch, Mr Hotchkiss and Mrs DeGruchy introduced this incredible 10-day experience planned for next summer, giving pupils a real insight into the life-changing opportunities available.



The trip will offer: ✨ Five days of meaningful volunteering, working alongside local communities and making a positive difference
🦁 An unforgettable safari experience, with the chance to see the famous Big Five in their natural habitat

🌍 Opportunities to build independence, confidence and global awareness while experiencing the rich culture and beauty of Kenya

The enthusiasm from pupils was wonderful to see, and we look forward to meeting with families at our upcoming information events to share further details and answer any questions about this truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



🎭 Sister Act Jr. – We Can't Wait! 🎭



"Now, when you leave your room, you must wear this habit," insists Mother Superior... but Dolores isn't so sure! Perhaps she can add her own unique twist?

We are excited to bring Sister Act Jr. to life and can't wait to share this fantastic production with you.

Show Dates:

- Thursday 16 July 2026 – 7.00pm
- Friday 17 July 2026 – 7.00pm
- Saturday 18 July 2026 – 2.00pm & 7.00pm
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Tickets: £10, available via SCOPAY (under the products section). If you are unable to access SCOPAY, tickets can be purchased with cash via the pupils you are supporting.

We look forward to seeing you there!



🏆🌐 House World Cup Draw 🌐🏆

Excitement filled Tutor Time this week as pupils took part in our live House World Cup draw. Each house was allocated a country, setting the stage for a fun and competitive tournament with points up for grabs through a range of World Cup-themed activities.

The atmosphere was full of anticipation, and we can't wait to see which house comes out on top! 🏆🌐



Have Your Say: Children's Commissioner Survey

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The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting children and young people to take part in a national survey, The Big Future, which aims to gather their views, experiences and aspirations.

Pupils from every school must be represented, helping to ensure that young people's voices are heard and reflected in future decision-making. We encourage families to support their child in completing the survey if they wish to participate.

You can find out more and access the survey here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Thank you for helping ensure our students' voices are part of this important national conversation.

Supporting your child's health

Vaccinations play an important role in protecting young people from serious illnesses and helping to prevent the spread of infection within our community. The NHS offers a range of routine vaccinations during secondary school, including the Flu vaccine, HPV vaccine, the 3-in-1 booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio), and the Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine.

Please take a moment to read the NHS newsletter below for more information about these vaccines and how they help keep our children safe and healthy.

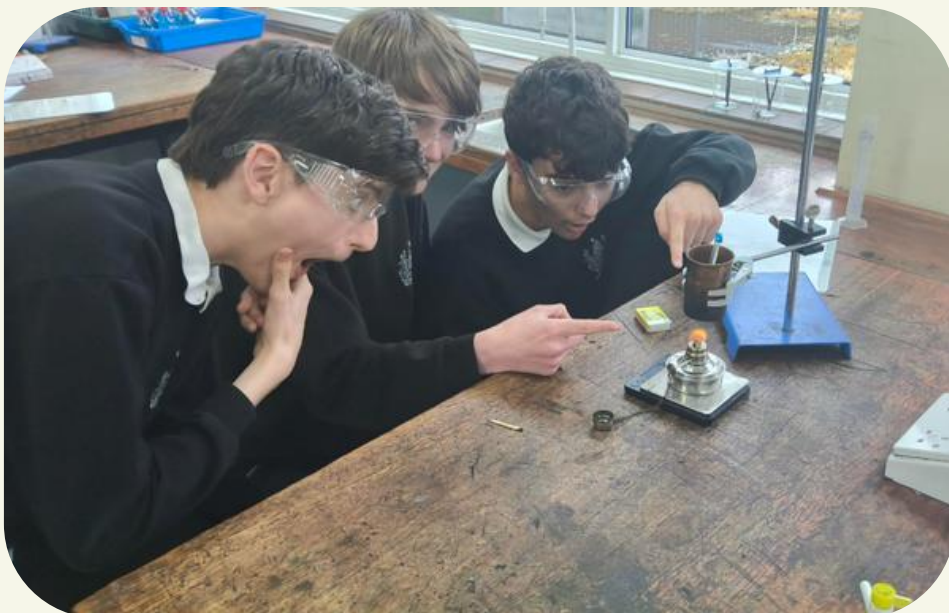
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Exploring Energy Through Biofuels

Year 10 scientists spent this week developing their “Working Scientifically” skills through a practical investigation into the energy released by different biofuels.

By carrying out hands-on testing and analysing their results, students were able to deepen their understanding of how alternative energy sources work in real-world contexts.

This activity forms part of our wider commitment to helping students recognise the importance of sustainability and to appreciate the role science can play in creating a more environmentally responsible future.



INTER HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION



We are pleased to launch our Inter House Debate Competition, with all tutor groups taking part. Topics will be shared this week, and students are encouraged to begin preparing early.

Each tutor group will enter a team of three (Proposer, Opposer and Chairperson) and submit a team name by Friday. All participants will receive a small reward, and tutor groups represented will earn 250 House Points.

Debates are short and accessible, with each student speaking for up to two minutes. Support will be available at lunchtime on Wednesdays and Fridays for those who would like help preparing.

Debates will take place in the Hall:

- Tuesday 23 June (Lesson 1): Year 9
- Wednesday 24 June (Lesson 3): Year 7
- Wednesday 24 June (Lesson 5): Year 8
- Thursday 25 June (Lesson 2): Year 10 (Lit A–C)
- Wednesday 1 July (Lesson 2): Year 10 (Lit D–E)

We look forward to hearing some fantastic debates and seeing which House comes out on top!



Resilience Shines at Mountbatten Athletics



On Tuesday, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils proudly represented The Hayling College at the Mountbatten Athletics Competition.

Despite extremely wet and challenging conditions, which left everyone soaked early on, our students showed fantastic resilience, competing with determination and maintaining a positive attitude throughout the day.

Many pupils had to wait in the rain between events, yet still gave their very best performances when it was their turn to compete. They were a real credit to the college, showing excellent sportsmanship and supporting one another throughout.

There were several strong performances across the day, including impressive efforts in the Triple Jump, sprint events and Shot Put. We are incredibly proud of all who took part and look forward to celebrating their full results in the coming weeks.

Well done to everyone involved!

World Cup Sticker Swap Excitement

Thank You, Panini!

We're delighted to have received free World Cup sticker packs and albums for both students and staff, kindly provided by Panini.

A special thank you goes to Mr Elrick for making this happen and organising everything so smoothly.

With World Cup excitement building across the college, we will be holding an additional sticker swap session in the Library tomorrow at lunchtime—students are encouraged to bring their spare stickers and join in the fun!



High Visibility for Safety

Staff are wearing high-visibility vests during duties to support safeguarding and ensure students can easily identify a member of staff.

This also improves safety outside school by making staff more visible to drivers at busy times.

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🦋 30 Days Wild – We're One Third of the Way There! 🦋

Earlier this week, we reached day 11 of our #30DaysWild challenge—what a fantastic start!

We were so pleased to see so many pupils and families taking part by spending time in nature. From spotting butterflies and listening to birdsong, to planting flowers, exploring local green spaces or simply enjoying a few mindful moments outdoors—every activity really did count.

Spending time in nature is known to support wellbeing, helping us feel calmer, happier and more connected, and it has been wonderful to see this embraced by so many of our families.

One of the wildlife highlights shared by The Wildlife Trusts was the beautiful Red Admiral butterfly 🦋, which can often be spotted in gardens, parks and meadows, enjoying nectar-rich flowers or basking in the sunshine.

🏆 Pupils were encouraged to keep recording their activities, with each one earning points for their house.

📸 We also loved seeing the photos and hearing about the nature discoveries being shared—thank you to everyone who got involved!



RED ADMIRAL



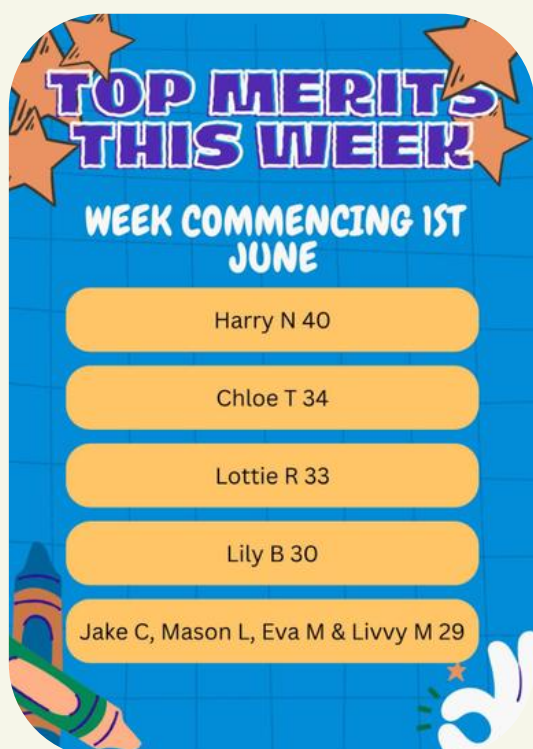
The red admiral is an unmistakable garden visitor. This black-and-red beauty may be seen feeding on flowers on warm days all year-round. Adults are mostly migrants, but some do hibernate here.

SCIENTIFIC NAME

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WHEN TO SEE

January to December



★ Year 7 Merit Superstars

A huge well done to our top merit earners in Year 7 last week—what a fantastic achievement! These students have demonstrated outstanding effort, positive attitudes and a real commitment to their learning throughout the week.

Their success reflects not only their hard work and determination, but also the kindness and respect they show to others each day. We are incredibly proud of what they have accomplished and the example they set for their peers.

Keep up the brilliant work—you are a real credit to our school community!



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Sparx Science Success!

Our students have been working incredibly hard on Sparx Science this week, and the results speak for themselves!

So far this year, an impressive 550,113 questions have been answered correctly, alongside 5,535 personalised learning tasks completed.

This level of engagement is fantastic to see and really demonstrates the commitment students are showing to developing their understanding and building confidence in science.

Well done to everyone for their continued effort and dedication!



Sparx Reader Achievements

Our students have also been making fantastic progress with Sparx Reader, showing real commitment to developing their reading skills.

So far this year, they have collectively read for an incredible 5,402 hours and completed 1,878 books. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the growing enthusiasm for reading across the school.

Well done to all students for their dedication—keep turning those pages!

