



NEWSLETTER



The Adventure Begins: Welcoming Our New Year 7 Students

What a fantastic start our new Year 7 students have made as they began their journey at The Hayling College.

Their first day included a welcome assembly and time with their tutors, helping them settle into their new surroundings and learn more about life at secondary school. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as they embraced this exciting new chapter.

At lunchtime, students enjoyed a complimentary lunch before heading outside to make new friends and explore the school grounds. We were also incredibly grateful for the support of our fantastic Year 9 Peer Mentors, whose encouragement and guidance helped our new students feel confident and welcomed from the very start.

Year 7's enthusiasm quickly carried into the classroom. In English, students explored Philip Pullman's dramatic adaptation of *Frankenstein*, building ambitious new vocabulary through Frayer Models and bringing the text to life through choral and echo reading. Their confidence, focus and participation were impressive to see.

Students also took their science learning outdoors with a visit to the school orchard, where they developed their observation skills through hands-on activities. The experience provided an exciting start to their secondary school science journey and sparked curiosity about the natural world around them.

Secondary school is a significant milestone, and our Year 7 cohort approached it with enthusiasm, maturity and positivity. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled in and look forward to watching them grow, succeed and create lasting memories during their time at The Hayling College.

Well done, Year 7, on such a successful start. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you!



Great Reads This Autumn!

Just 15 minutes of reading each day can make a real difference to your child's vocabulary, concentration and confidence in school.

Our Autumn Reading Newsletter was emailed to families today and is packed with fantastic book recommendations, from wellbeing guides and dyslexia-friendly reads to gripping fiction and fascinating non-fiction.

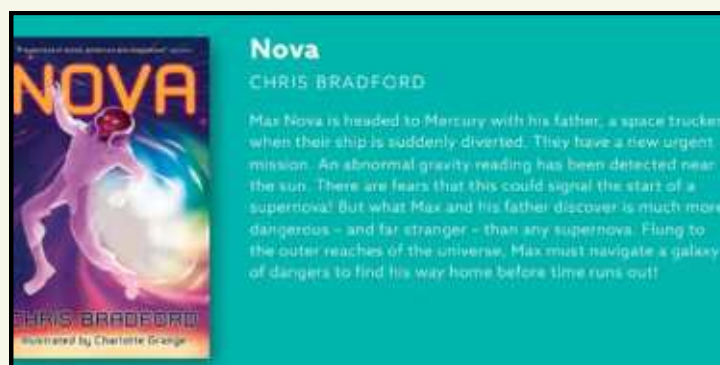
Featured titles include:

- Mindset & Wellbeing: A Better Day by Dr Alex George and Dare to Be You by Matthew Syed
- Quick & Accessible Reads: Nova by Chris Bradford and Front Foot by Tom Palmer
- Page-Turning Fiction: Camp Half-Blood: The Wild Zone by Rick Riordan and The Heirs by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé
- Non-Fiction: Fake News and How to Spot It and Social Media Survival Guide

Read Anywhere, Anytime with SORA

Don't forget that all students have free access to SORA, our digital library. Using their school Google login, students can borrow thousands of eBooks, audiobooks and magazines at no cost.

👉 Access SORA here: [SORA Digital Library](#)



Could Your Child Be Eligible for Free School Meals?

If you receive Universal Credit or certain other benefits, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Applying is quick, easy and completely confidential. Eligible families can benefit from:

- A free, healthy meal every school day
- Additional funding to support your child's education and learning

Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, registering can still help the school access valuable extra funding that benefits students across the school.

Check your eligibility and apply today:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Not sure whether you qualify? We encourage all families to check, as you may be eligible even if you haven't claimed before.

If you would like help with your application, please contact Mrs Wood, who will be happy to assist.



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Welcome Back from Caterlink!

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT YOUR CHILD MAY BE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS EVERYDAY?

WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?



MAIN MEAL OPTION OF THE DAY

PASTA KITCHEN

JACKET STATION WITH TOPPINGS

CHOICE OF SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, ROLLS, BAGELS

ALL SERVED WITH THE FREE SCHOOL MEALS MEAL DEAL - WHICH MAY INCLUDE A DRINK OR FRUIT * FOR THE TOTAL VALUE OF FSM AMOUNT

* DIFFERENT SCHOOL MEAL DEALS VARY

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO APPLY

[WWW.HANTS.GOV.UK/APPLY-FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS](https://www.hants.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) OR SPEAK TO THE SCHOOLS RECEPTION



OR SCAN HERE



Welcome

SEPTEMBER 11TH 2026

Our mission? Simple. **Fresh, real good food** that makes you feel good, that makes you feel like you're back home. Our awesome team is here to serve up food you actually want to eat.

Good food you can trust

We're serious about good food. That's why we work with trusted suppliers, cooking you ingredients that are high quality and responsibly sourced. It's how we make sure the food you eat is good for you.

Food you'll actually be excited about

Forget boring lunches - we've got you covered. We've got you covered.

Great food, Great value

Check out our menu. It's all about good food, great value. It's all about good food, great value.

Something new, all the time

Don't miss out - grab your lunch, try something new, and enjoy!

What's on in September





Our catering partner, Caterlink, is delighted to welcome students back for another term, serving a range of fresh, tasty and nutritious meals each day.

Breakfast Club continues with a varied three-week menu, with pupils able to enjoy free breakfast options including baked beans on toast, breakfast muffins, layered yoghurt with honey and granola, porridge with delicious toppings, scrambled egg muffins and more. Fresh fruit, yoghurt and toast are also available every day.

At lunchtime, students can choose from the daily hot meal, Pasta Kitchen, jacket potatoes with a range of toppings, plus sandwiches, baguettes, wraps, rolls and bagels.



Help Restore 20,000 Native Oysters to the Solent!

The Final Straw Foundation is seeking volunteers to support an exciting oyster restoration project this autumn.

Opportunities include basket making on 9 and 16 October and helping prepare oyster habitats later in the month. No experience is needed and full training will be provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in local conservation and help protect the Solent's marine environment.

For more information and to sign up, please visit the Final Straw Foundation's website or social media pages.



20,000 Oysters Are Coming and We Need Help!





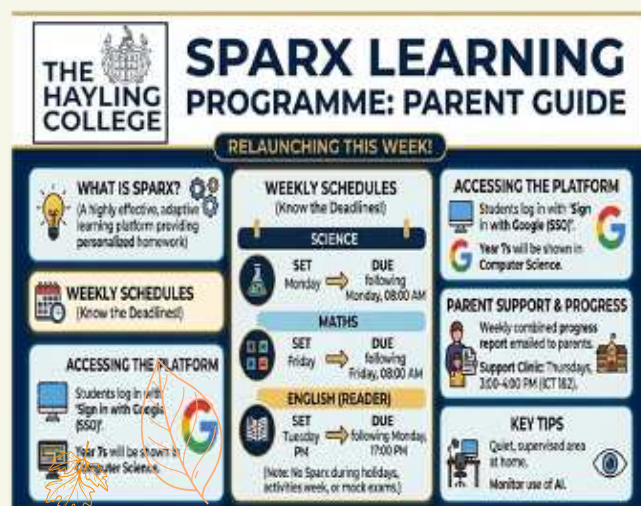
Sparx Learning is Back

This week, we relaunched Sparx Maths, Sparx Science and Sparx Reader across the college. These personalised platforms provide adaptive homework that helps students build confidence and make progress at their own pace.

Parents and carers will receive weekly progress emails to help support learning at home. If homework is missed, students will be invited to attend our After-College Home Learning Clinic on Thursdays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in ICT 1 and ICT 2, where support and access to school computers are available.

For more information, please visit:

[Sparx Maths for Parents](#)
[Sparx Science for Parents](#)
[Sparx Reader for Parents](#)



Free Sports Clubs for All Students

Let's Play Lunch time Sports Club September - October

Week A

Day	Years	Club	Staff	Venue	Time
Tuesday	7	Basketball	PE	Sports Hall	13:10-13:45
Wednesday	8+9	Basketball	PE	Sports Hall	13:10-13:45
Thursday	10+11	Basketball	PE	Sports Hall	13:10-13:45

Week B

Day	Years	Club	Staff	Venue	Time
Tuesday	7	Badminton	PE	Sports Hall	13:10-13:45
Wednesday	8+9	Badminton	PE	Sports Hall	13:10-13:45
Thursday	10+11	Badminton	PE	Sports Hall	13:10-13:45

Sports Club After School - FREE - Term 1

Day	Years	Club	Staff	Venue	Time
Monday	All	Netball	CT	Courts	14:50 - 15:30
Monday	7-8	Football	AWHILL	Field	14:50 - 15:30
Wednesday	All	Netball	KIRKCE	Ofote	14:50 - 15:30
Wednesday	All	Badminton	POHWA	Sports Hall	14:50 - 15:30
Thursday	All	Table Tennis	RL	Pass	14:50 - 15:30

Year 9+10 football will start after christmas in line with fixtures. Year 7 and 8 fixtures start after October half term.

Please bring appropriate equipment, shin pads, boots, trainers, pe kit, jumper and jackets suitable for outdoor activities.

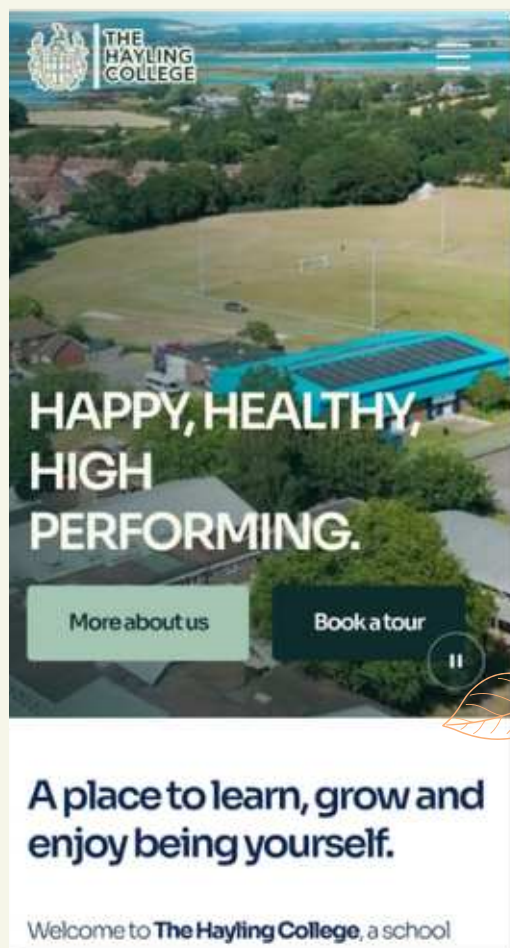
Looking for a fun way to stay active and make new friends?
 Our free lunchtime and after-school sports clubs are open to all students, whatever their experience or ability.

Whether your child wants to develop their skills, try a new sport, keep active, or simply enjoy spending time with friends, there's something for everyone.

When: Lunchtime and after school
 Cost: Free
 Who: All students welcome
 We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of these fantastic opportunities.



Our New Website Is Now Live!



We are delighted to share the launch of The Hayling College's brand-new website.

Designed with parents, carers, students and the wider community in mind, the new site makes it easier than ever to access important information, discover what makes our school special and keep up to date with life at The Hayling College.

You can also explore our curriculum, find key contacts and even book a tour to visit us in person.

 Visit our new website: [The Hayling College Website](#)

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We hope you enjoy exploring our new online home!

Help Shape Safer Communities in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council is looking for local residents to join its Hampshire Partnership Advisory Group and contribute to discussions about how the Prevent Duty is delivered across the county.

This is an opportunity for community members to share their views and experiences, help influence local approaches, and support the development of safe, inclusive and resilient communities.

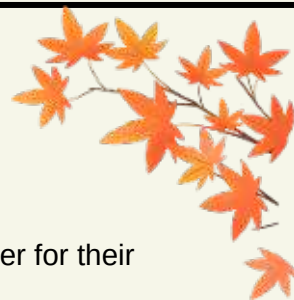
Date: Wednesday 14 October 2026
Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Location: Online



If you would like to find out more or register your interest, please refer to the accompanying poster for further details.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with family, friends and other members of the local community who may be interested.

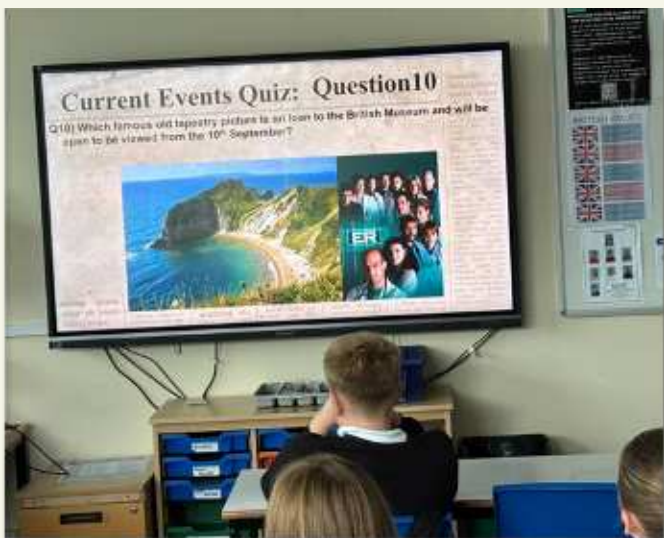
Friday Quiz Fun in Years 8 and 9



Friday mornings in Years 8 and 9 bring a highlight of the week as tutor groups come together for their weekly quiz challenge. While there is always a little healthy competition, the quiz is about much more than finding a winning team.

It provides an opportunity for students to work together, share a few laughs, celebrate each other's strengths and build a strong sense of community within their tutor groups. Every student has a role to play, and these weekly quizzes help create a positive and supportive start to the day, where everyone feels included and valued.

Writing improvements:



Board Games Club

Our Board Games Club is a fantastic opportunity for students to have fun, challenge themselves, and make new friends. Whether they enjoy classic favourites such as Cluedo, Monopoly and Uno, or prefer fast-paced games like One Night Werewolf and Dragon's Breath, there is something for everyone to enjoy. The club provides a relaxed and friendly environment where students can build teamwork, communication and strategic thinking skills while spending time with others who share their interests.

When: Thursdays, 2:50pm to 3:50pm
Where: MFL1

All students are welcome, whether they come with friends or are looking to meet new people.



Family Information and Services Hub (FISH)



Did you know that Hampshire's Family Information and Services Hub (FISH) provides a wealth of information, advice and support for families?

Whether you're looking for local activities, childcare options, family support services, SEND information, wellbeing resources, or advice for young people, FISH is a helpful one-stop source of guidance and signposting.

We encourage parents and carers to explore the range of services available and find support tailored to their family's needs via the [Family Information and Services Hub \(FISH\)](#).

Quick Dates for Your Diary

All week: World Suicide Prevention Day assemblies for Years 7-11
Tuesday 15 September: Year 6 Transition Tours
Thursday 17 September: Year 6 Transition Tours
Thursday 17 September: BeeWell HIPS Schools Programme Launch