



THE HAYLING COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

ACTIVITIES WEEK SPECIAL

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly successful and rewarding final half term at The Hayling College. Looking back across the year, I feel immensely proud of everything our pupils, staff and wider community have achieved together.

Since returning after half-term, our school has continued to embody our vision of being Happy, Healthy, and High Performing. Every week has brought new opportunities for our young people to challenge themselves, develop new skills and make lasting memories, both inside and beyond the classroom.

Our Year 11 students completed their GCSE examinations with maturity, resilience and determination before celebrating the end of their journey with us. It was a privilege to share their final assembly, reflect on the friendships they have built over the past five years and wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education. We look forward to welcoming them back on Results Day and celebrating their achievements.

Throughout the half term, our pupils have continued to inspire us through their achievements across every aspect of school life. From sporting success during our amazing Sports Day or at a regional level in athletics and volleyball, creative excellence in art, photography and drama, participation in debates, science investigations, environmental projects and community initiatives, to the remarkable progress made through our enrichment programme, our young people have continued to demonstrate the ambition, resilience and kindness that make us so proud to be Hayling.

Our commitment to developing the whole child has remained at the heart of everything we do. Through initiatives including 30 Days Wild, Learning Disability Week, Clean Air Day, our Growing Together project and the continued development of our Forest School provision, pupils have strengthened their understanding of wellbeing, inclusion, sustainability and the importance of supporting one another. We have also been delighted to achieve our Green Modeshift STARS Accreditation, recognising our commitment to healthier, safer and more sustainable travel within our community.

It has been wonderful to strengthen our links with future members of our school community. Throughout the term we have welcomed hundreds of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils through tours, masterclasses and transition events. Seeing their excitement, curiosity and confidence grow has been a real highlight, and we cannot wait to officially welcome our newest Year 7 cohort in September.

Across the school we have continued to see improvements in attendance, engagement and independent learning. Our pupils have completed thousands of hours through Sparx Maths, Science and Reader, while many have been recognised through our rewards programme, attendance awards and House competitions. These achievements reflect far more than statistics, they demonstrate resilience, consistency and a determination to improve every single day.

As we prepare for September, there are many exciting developments ahead. We are delighted to launch myMindcoach, our new wellbeing programme, which will further strengthen our commitment to developing resilient, confident and emotionally healthy young people. Alongside this, we are introducing GCSEPod across the school as part of our home learning strategy. GCSEPod will provide every pupil with access to high-quality learning resources that can be used both in school and at home, creating genuine opportunities for blended learning, supporting independent study and helping every young person achieve their full potential.

Alongside these exciting developments, I would like to remind families of two important changes for September.

From the first day back, our revised mobile phone procedures will come into effect. During our extended morning tutor period, pupils will hand their mobile phones to their tutor, where they will be securely stored in locked tutor group boxes throughout the school day before being returned during afternoon tutor time. This change reflects our commitment to creating calm, distraction-free classrooms where pupils can fully engage in learning, strengthen relationships and focus on achieving their very best.



I would also like to remind parents and carers that, following the more relaxed arrangements during Activities Week and the final days of term, all pupils are expected to return in full school uniform in September. Beginning the year with high expectations and pride in our appearance helps establish the positive culture that underpins everything we do at The Hayling College. Thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring pupils arrive ready to learn from day one.

Our final week of term truly captured everything that makes The Hayling College such a special place to learn.

Activities Week once again demonstrated the incredible breadth of opportunities available to our pupils. Across the packed week of opportunities, amongst other things some of our young people travelled to Paris, others challenged themselves on residential at PGL Liddington, 200+ or so enjoyed visits to Paultons Park, Seacourt Squash Centre and the Dice Board Game Café, while others explored creativity through photography, magazine design, street art, cardboard engineering, food technology, media, Forest School and outdoor learning (apologies if I missed anything). Pupils embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination, developing confidence, teamwork, creativity and friendships that will last well beyond their time at school.

There was even more to celebrate as our Performing Arts Department received the exciting news that The Hayling College has been selected to participate in the National Theatre's prestigious New Views Programme for 2027, an outstanding opportunity for our young writers to work alongside professional playwrights and showcase their creativity on a national stage.

The highlight of the week, however, was undoubtedly our outstanding production of Sister Act Jr. Across six exceptional performances, our pupils demonstrated remarkable talent, dedication and professionalism. Every member of the cast, backstage crew, production team and staff should feel immensely proud of what they achieved. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, teamwork and ambition, and a reminder of the extraordinary talent that exists throughout our school community. With auditions for Frozen already underway, the future of Performing Arts at The Hayling College is brighter than ever.

As we reach the end of the academic year, we also take the opportunity to say farewell to three valued members of our staff team. Mrs Pearce, Mrs Price and Mrs Wooller who have made a significant contribution to The Hayling College through their dedication, care and commitment to supporting our pupils and wider school community.

On behalf of everyone at the college, I would like to thank them sincerely for everything they have done over the years. We wish them every happiness and success in the next chapter of their lives and know they will always be warmly remembered as part of the Hayling College family. In fact, I'm sure we will be seeing at least a couple of them back again before too long.

As families begin the summer holidays, I would also encourage everyone to take time to enjoy the break safely. Living on Hayling Island means many of our young people spend time by the sea and around waterways, so please continue the important conversations about water safety, making sensible choices and looking after one another. Supporting our young people's wellbeing and safety remains just as important during the holidays as it does throughout the school year.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of our school community. To our wonderful pupils, thank you for your enthusiasm, resilience and kindness. To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment and professionalism. To our governors, parents and carers, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we continue to build a school where every young person is known, valued and encouraged to flourish.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September as we begin another exciting chapter together, continuing our journey to make The Hayling College an even stronger school for every young person.

Healthy regards,

Martyn Reah
Headteacher

Disneyland Paris Adventure!



As part of Activities Week, a group of our students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Disneyland Paris. From thrilling rides and spectacular shows to exploring the magic of the parks with friends, the trip was packed with excitement and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Following a fantastic few days away, our travellers completed the final leg of their journey and arrived safely back at school by coach. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support, particularly those who helped ensure a smooth and safe arrival by following the parking arrangements and allowing the coach unobstructed access to the school.

A huge thank you also goes to the staff who accompanied the trip and helped make the experience such a success. It was a truly magical adventure for everyone involved!



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PGL Liddington: A Week to Remember!

Our PGL adventure was an incredible success, and we could not have been prouder of every single student who took part. Throughout the five-day residential, students demonstrated remarkable courage, resilience and determination as they embraced new challenges, supported one another and stepped well beyond their comfort zones.

From conquering fears on the high ropes to working together through team-building activities, every experience provided an opportunity for personal growth. Over the course of the week, students took part in an impressive 22 different activities, building confidence, strengthening friendships and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Residential experiences such as PGL offer invaluable opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience and self-belief through adventure and challenge.

A huge thank you goes to the fantastic PGL staff for making the week so enjoyable, and to our dedicated school staff whose encouragement and support helped make the experience such a success.

Most importantly, congratulations to our amazing students. They represented the school brilliantly throughout the week and should be incredibly proud of everything they achieved. They returned home with countless stories to tell, unforgettable memories, and no doubt a very well-earned rest!





Street Art on Wheels

Inspired by the 'Decked' Exhibition in London, students immersed themselves in the world of street art, developing their skills in graffiti typography, character design and spray-painting techniques.

Through creativity, experimentation and plenty of hard work, they transformed ordinary skateboard decks into vibrant, eye-catching works of art that not only showcased their artistic talent but were also fully functional and ready to ride.

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Paultons Park

Last week, our students enjoyed an amazing day at Paultons Park as part of Activities Week, making the most of the rides, attractions, and time spent together with friends. From thrilling rollercoasters to plenty of laughter along the way, it was a memorable day packed with fun and excitement.

As we headed home, the coach was noticeably quieter than it had been that morning, with lots of tired faces but even bigger smiles after what many described as "the best day ever!" A wonderful way to round off an unforgettable week of activities and experiences.



Maths Department: Creativity Meets Problem Solving

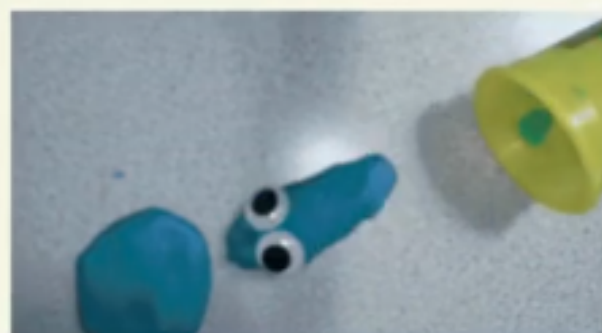
The Maths Department has been as busy and creative as ever, with students taking part in a fantastic range of hands-on activities that brought learning to life.

Alongside their usual mathematical challenges, students explored their creative side through the creation of impressive stop motion videos, carefully planning, designing and animating their own sequences.

Students also enjoyed constructing their very own light sabers, combining problem-solving skills, precision and creativity to produce some truly impressive results.



The Disney theme continued with a variety of art and craft activities, where students showcased their imagination and artistic talents through colourful and imaginative creations inspired by their favourite characters and stories.



It has been another action-packed term for the department, with students enthusiastically embracing every opportunity to learn, create and collaborate.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm. Take a look at some of the fantastic creations captured in the photos below!