

Newsletter

GCSEPod Launches at The Hayling College

This week we launched GCSEPod, our new online learning platform designed to support students with revision, homework and independent study.

Although the name suggests GCSE-only content, there is plenty for our KS3 students to explore too. With short, easy-to-follow videos covering a wide range of subjects, GCSEPod is a great way for students to reinforce their learning at home.

Congratulations to this week's Top Podders, who were all from Year 11.

We look forward to seeing who climbs the leaderboard next!

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For everyone – not just KS4!

GCSEPod has content for Key Stage 3, GCSE/IGCSE and other pathways.

Top Podders

Total Streamed	
1	Oliver 7
2	Riley 6
3	Amelia 5

LOG IN NOW AT members.gcsepod.com/login



Netball Season Ends on a High!

Our Year 10 netball team finished their fixtures with a fantastic 6-2 win against Horndean College, capping off a season of hard work and impressive progress. Since their first match, the team have grown in confidence and skill, making this a brilliant way to end the season.

Player of the Match was Klara Wood for her outstanding performance at Goal Attack and excellent shooting.

The table above shows the final Year 10/11 Netball League standings. Congratulations to Crookhorn A, who finished as league champions with 21 points, while Hayling secured a joint third-place finish on 12 points. Throughout the season, all schools demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, making for some highly competitive fixtures.

Many of our players were in Year 11, making this their final season representing the College. Their commitment has helped build strong foundations for the future, and next season looks very promising.

Well done to all our players and thank you to every school involved for their participation and support throughout the season.

	Points	Position
Crookhorn A	21	1st
Warblington	18	2nd
Purbrook A	18	2nd
HTC	12	3rd
Hayling	12	3rd
Oaklands	9	4th
Crookhorn B	6	5th
Purbrook B	3	6th
Cowplain	3	6th

Celebrating Our Year 8 and Year 9 Gold Star Learners

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 and Year 9 Gold Star Learners, who were recognised in recent assemblies for their outstanding achievements, positive attitudes and commitment to learning. It was wonderful to celebrate so many students as they received their well-deserved certificates in front of their peers.

Gold Star nominations are awarded to students who consistently demonstrate our school values through their effort, resilience, kindness and contribution to school life. This term's recipients have impressed staff across a range of subjects with their dedication, excellent attitude to learning and willingness to go above and beyond. A special congratulations goes to two exceptional students whose efforts were recognised multiple times, with one Year 8 student receiving an incredible three nominations and one Year 9 student receiving two nominations.

We are incredibly proud of all our award recipients. Their enthusiasm, determination and commitment help make our school community such a positive place to learn and grow. We look forward to celebrating many more successes throughout the year. Well done, Year 8 and Year 9, and keep up the fantastic work!



A large number of Gold Star Learner certificates are set to be presented in assemblies this week, recognising students who have gone above and beyond in their learning during September.

These awards celebrate students who have demonstrated exceptional effort, a positive attitude, resilience and pride in their work. Through their dedication and commitment to learning, they have set an excellent example both in and out of the classroom.

A huge thank you to our staff for taking the time to recognise and celebrate the achievements of so many young people. We look forward to congratulating our Gold Star Learners in assembly and celebrating their well-deserved success. Well done to everyone receiving an award!

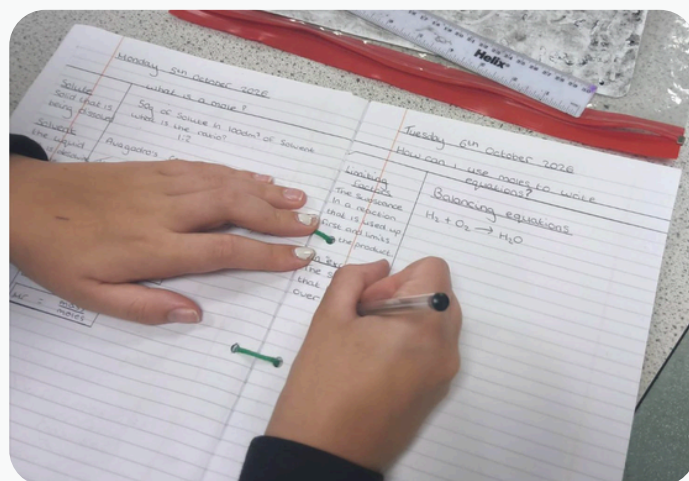
Excellence in Science

The Science Department has been incredibly impressed by the outstanding standard of work produced by our Year 10 students this term. Across their books, students have demonstrated exceptional effort, organisation and attention to detail, taking real pride in presenting their learning to the highest standard.

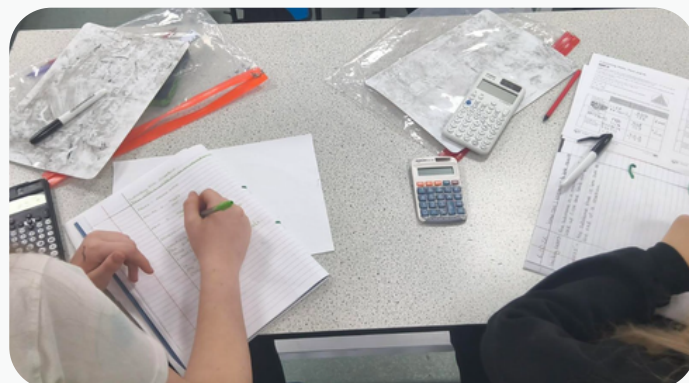


We encourage students to continue developing these excellent study habits and to aim high in all their subjects.

Parents and students may also find this helpful guide on effective note-taking useful: [How to Take Notes Like a Pro](#). Keep up the fantastic work, Year 10 - your dedication and enthusiasm for learning continue to impress us!



High-quality note-taking is a valuable skill that supports understanding, revision and long-term academic success. Our Year 10 students have set a fantastic example through their clear, detailed and well-presented work, showing a real commitment to their studies.



Another Participation Counts Winner!

Congratulations to this week's Participation Counts voucher winner! Each week, students earn raffle tickets through their positive contributions to school life, and this week's winner secured their entry through excellent effort, a positive attitude and recognition from staff. By consistently demonstrating our school values, taking an active part in lessons and receiving postcards celebrating their achievements, they were rewarded with a well-deserved voucher. It is fantastic to see how everyday successes and positive choices can be recognised and celebrated.

We encourage all students to continue working hard, getting involved and striving to be the best they can be. Every postcard earned brings another opportunity to enter the draw, so keep up the great work. You could be our next Participation Counts winner!





City of Portsmouth College Open Evenings

Students in Years 10 and 11, along with their families, are invited to attend the upcoming City of Portsmouth College Open Evenings. These events provide an excellent opportunity to explore the college's campuses, meet teaching staff, discover the wide range of courses on offer and gain an insight into college life.

Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 October
4:30pm – 7:30pm

Highbury Campus, Sixth Form Campus and North Harbour Campus

For further information and to book your place, please visit [City of Portsmouth College](http://CityofPortsmouthCollege).

Exciting New Opportunities in Drama

The Hayling College Drama Department is delighted to be partnering with the National Theatre as part of its prestigious New Views programme. This exciting initiative provides students with a unique opportunity to develop their playwriting skills, work with professional playwrights and gain valuable insight into the creative industries. As part of the programme, Mrs Long and Mrs Maher recently attended an exclusive training session at the National Theatre Studio in London, bringing back fresh ideas and inspiration to support our students' learning.



A group of 12 talented students has been selected to take part in the programme, where they will create their own original plays and receive guidance from industry professionals. The project will culminate in students pitching their work, with the exciting possibility of having their plays performed by professional actors at the National Theatre. We are incredibly proud to be offering this opportunity and look forward to seeing our students develop their confidence, creativity and storytelling skills over the coming months.

"Could Their Play Reach the National Theatre?"

LanguageNutm Superstars!

Congratulations to our top five LanguageNutm points scorers for September: Milly R, Liv S, Abigail H, Poppy FB and Willow L. Their hard work and dedication to language learning have been fantastic. Winners can collect their prizes from Mrs Blitz on Monday.



The MFL dept would like to congratulate the following students for being the top points scorers on LanguageNutm during September -

1. Milly R Year 7
2. Liv S Year 7
3. Abigail H Year 7
4. Poppy FB Year 7
5. Willow L Year 9

Who will be at the top at the end of October?

Year 7 Geography



Our Year 7 students have been on an exciting journey of discovery, exploring the breathtaking landscapes of Machu Picchu and learning about the fascinating Mayan civilisation at Chichén Itzá. Through engaging discussions and a range of classroom activities, students have developed their understanding of these remarkable places and their historical significance.

We have been particularly impressed by the high standard of book work, thoughtful contributions in lessons and the enthusiasm shown by students throughout the topic. Well done, Year 7, for your excellent effort and curiosity!

Year 10 GCSE PE Fitness Testing

Our Year 10 GCSE PE students showed great commitment and enthusiasm during their fitness testing session. They completed a variety of activities designed to measure different aspects of fitness, including agility, balance, strength, flexibility and coordination. Students then analysed their results and compared their performance against national benchmarks, giving them a valuable insight into their current fitness levels. A fantastic effort from everyone involved. Well done, Year 10!



Gold Reader Superstars!

A huge congratulations to Rhys (7En/C), Coral (9En/C) and Bella (8En/C), who have achieved the impressive Gold Reader status on Sparx Reader!

Gold Reader is awarded to students who consistently exceed their reading homework targets and demonstrate a genuine commitment to developing their reading skills. To achieve this prestigious recognition, students must regularly go above and beyond expectations, earning extra Sparx Reader Points and maintaining a high standard of reading over a sustained period.

This fantastic achievement is a reflection of their dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm for reading. By taking the time to read more, challenge themselves and engage fully with their homework, these students are developing valuable literacy skills that will support them across all areas of learning.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination, and they should be very proud of what they have accomplished.

Well done, Rhys, Coral and Bella, on this outstanding achievement. Keep up the fantastic work and continue inspiring others to aim for Gold!

Student	Class	Status  
Rhys	7En/C	 Gold Reader
Coral	9En/C	 Gold Reader
Bella	8En/C	 Gold Reader

Next Week at The Hayling College

- 12 Oct – Moulin Rouge Trip (Y10 & Y11)
- 12 Oct – Y11 Geography Fieldwork
- 13 & 15 Oct – Year 6 Tours
- 14 Oct – Year 6 Transition Evening
- 14 Oct – Kenya 2028 Information Evening
- 15 Oct – Quiz Night
- 16 Oct – Year 6 Sports Festival
- National Poetry Day assemblies all week

Top Merit Earners of the Week!

★ TOP MERIT EARNERS ★	
YEAR 8	YEAR 9
1 Zakk N. – 26	1 William H. – 38
2 Oliver L. – 24	2 Freddie B. – 36
3 Sadie W. – 22	3 Stella P. – 21
4 Bayley G. – 21	4 Michael K. – 19
5 Jamie-Leigh W. – 21	5 Benny A. – 17
6 Abia J. – 20	6 Coral H. – 17
7 Harry N. – 20	7 Cienna W. – 17
8 Millie C. – 19	8 Lamia C. – 16
9 Jake C. – 18	9 Owen D. – 16
10 Daniel M. – 18 +1 other	10 Betty R. – 16

A huge well done to our highest merit earners in Year 8 and Year 9 this week. Their dedication, positive attitude and commitment to learning have been recognised across a range of subjects, reflecting the excellent effort they bring to school each day.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the example they set for others. Keep up the fantastic work!

Who will climb to the top of next week's leaderboard? Keep working hard, collecting merits and giving your best in every lesson!

Year 11 Revision & Mock Exams

As Year 11 students prepare for their mock examinations, parents and carers have received a guide packed with revision tips, examples of effective revision cards and strategies to help students develop strong independent study habits ahead of the exam season.

