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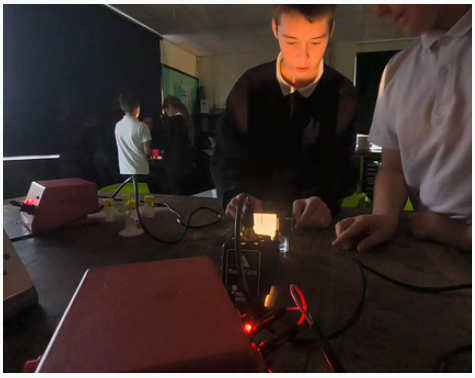
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Science in Action!

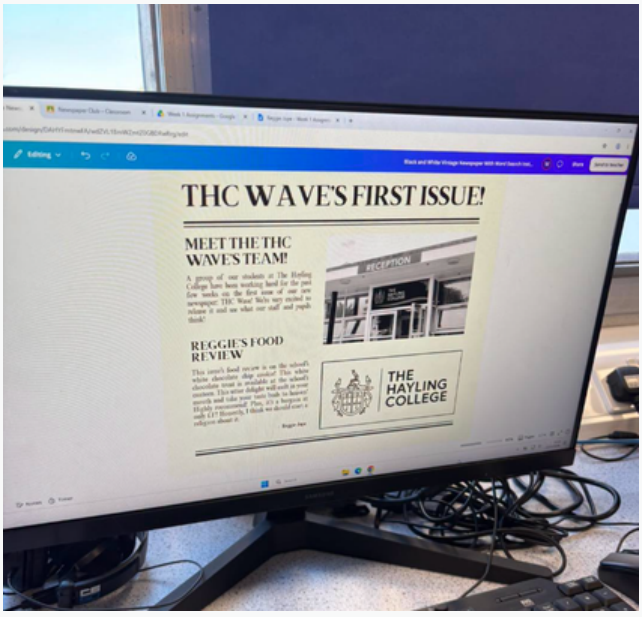
Our Year 8 students have been putting their Working Scientifically skills into practice through an exciting investigation into how lenses can be used to correct vision. As part of their learning, students explored how light travels through different types of lenses and discovered how these principles are applied in everyday items such as glasses and contact lenses.

By carrying out practical experiments, analysing results and drawing evidence-based conclusions, students developed their understanding of the science behind sight and how optical technologies can improve people's lives. This hands-on investigation provided a fantastic opportunity to apply classroom learning to a real-world context, while building key scientific skills including observation, problem-solving and evaluation. It has been wonderful to see students engaging so enthusiastically with an area of science that has such an important impact on everyday life.









Hot Off the Press (Almost!): Get Ready for THC Wave

We are delighted to announce that a brand-new student initiative is coming soon to The Hayling College. Behind the scenes, our student editorial team has been working tirelessly to produce the inaugural issue of THC Wave. From pitching ideas to final layout, the students have taken the lead in creating a publication that truly reflects the energy and spirit of our school.

The first issue will feature a mix of key school updates alongside lighter, student-focused pieces—including Reggie's official review of the canteen's £1 white chocolate chip cookie. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and journalism skills come to life, so please watch this space for launch day!

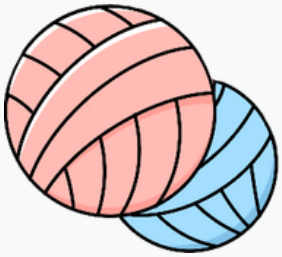
Year 7 Netball: Another Fantastic Team Effort!



A huge well done to our Year 7 Netball team, who travelled to Crookhorn last night for their second round of matches.

Throughout the evening, the squad showed tremendous determination, resilience, and teamwork on the court, coming away with a well-earned draw and a hard-fought loss. A special mention goes to Flynn and Milly, who were jointly named Player of the Match in recognition of their outstanding grit and perseverance.

We are incredibly proud of the entire team's effort, positive attitude, and commitment—you are all a real credit to The Hayling College!



Get Ready to Move: Maths Week Arrives Next Week!

Next week, our Maths Team is celebrating Maths Week with an energetic theme: Maths on the Move!

Every student in Years 7 to 10 will take part in a special interactive lesson exploring the links between movement and mathematics—proving that numbers never stand still. Alongside our in-class activities, we are also running two exciting competitions, both closing on Friday 20th November:

Competition 1: The Great Elevator Challenge (Starts This Weekend!) Out and about this weekend? Next time you step into a lift, take a quick photo of the sign displaying the maximum weight and number of people it can carry.

- How to enter: Students should upload their photos directly to Google Classroom (please do not post them directly to social media).
- Safety & Privacy: Please ensure no faces or reflections are visible in the photo. Our Maths Team will crunch the numbers to uncover some surprising lift statistics, and we will share a selection of anonymised entries on our official school channels using #MathsWeekEngland.

Competition 2: Top Secret... For Now! Keep an eye out at the start of next week, when we will reveal our second creative challenge!

Thank you for your support—keep your eyes peeled for those lift signs this weekend and get ready to get moving with maths!



Healthy, Happy and Ready to Learn!

How do we create the best possible conditions for our young people to thrive? Recent research from The Children's Society provides a sobering reminder of why this question matters: UK 15-year-olds reported the lowest average life satisfaction across 29 European countries, with almost one in five (18%) experiencing low life satisfaction.

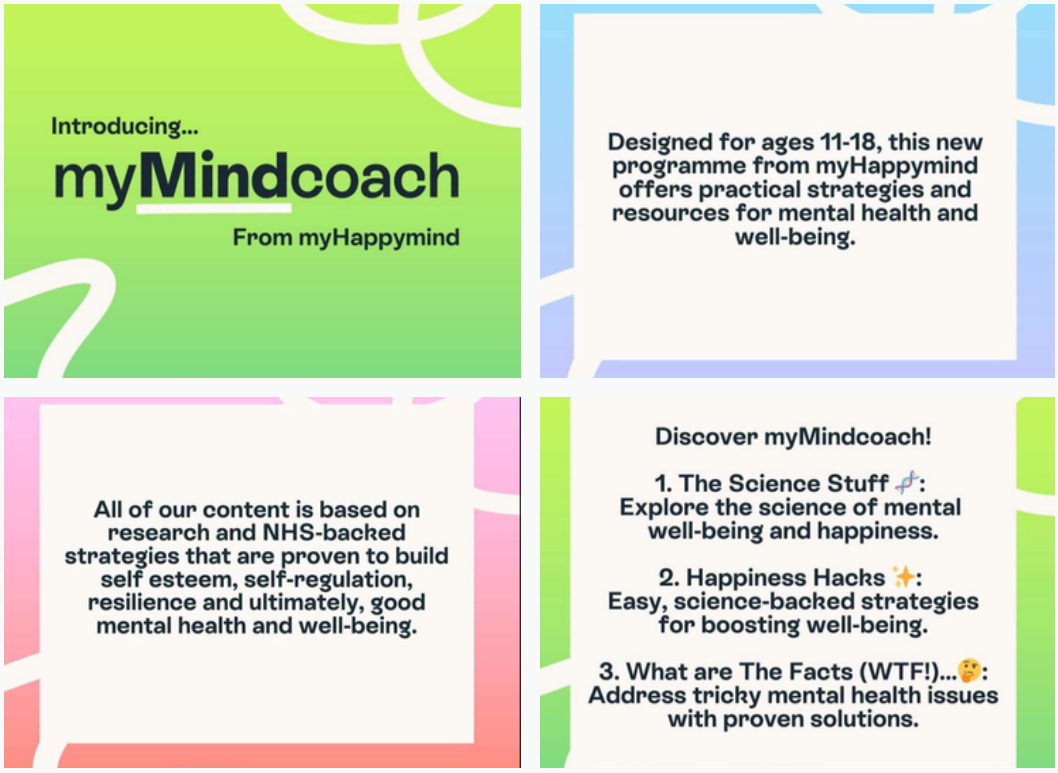
At The Hayling College, we believe that improving attendance is about much more than simply getting students through the school gates. It is about ensuring they feel healthy, happy, safe, and ready to learn. While high expectations and strong attendance systems remain essential, we are equally committed to building an environment where every child can flourish physically, socially, and emotionally.

Here is how we are putting that commitment into action across the college:

- Healthier classrooms: We have invested in HEPA air filtration throughout the school and are supporting exciting research into classroom greening and air quality, exploring how our physical environment directly impacts health and learning.
- Healthier young people: Next week, as part of Anti-Bullying Week, Ms Mobsby will lead a dedicated assembly focusing on self-care, wellbeing, and looking after both ourselves and one another.
- Learning for life: Through our enhanced tutor time programme and PSHE curriculum, we will build on this work year-round. Using trusted resources from the NHS and UKHSA, students will learn about staying well over winter, preventing illness, vaccinations, healthy routines, emotional wellbeing, and positive relationships.
- Supporting mental health: Our new MyMindCoach platform will give students practical tools to better understand their emotions, build resilience, and look after their mental wellbeing.

We know that illness remains the leading recorded reason for absence, just as we know how vital it is for every student to feel safe, valued, and part of our community. Rather than simply asking why students are absent, we are continually asking what we can change to help them feel healthier, happier, and eager to be in school.

By investing in healthier environments, healthier habits, and stronger relationships, we create happier young people and better conditions for learning. Ultimately, attendance is not about moving a percentage on a spreadsheet—it is about ensuring our young people are healthy, present, and thriving.



A Star in the Making: Another Participation Counts Winner!

Another week brings another fantastic winner in our Participation Counts raffle!
A huge congratulations to this week's lucky recipient, who has won an Amazon voucher in recognition of their wonderful commitment to our after-school performing arts clubs. Alongside shining in school, this dedicated young person also devotes plenty of their own time to performing arts activities outside the classroom. Their enthusiasm, passion, and commitment to doing what they love are truly inspiring, a real star in the making, and we cannot wait to see where their talents take them!
Remember: Clubs = Raffle Tickets = Prizes! Every club attended and every opportunity embraced gives students another chance to earn tickets for both our weekly draws and our exciting Christmas Special. Keep showing up, getting involved, and making every opportunity count!



SEND Support for Families: Hampshire's Family Information and Services Hub (FISH)

Did you know that Hampshire offers a comprehensive online resource to help families access information, advice, and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)?

The Family Information and Services Hub (FISH) brings together guidance on a wide range of local services, including:

- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support
- Emotional wellbeing and mental health
- Family advice and support services
- Local activities, clubs, and opportunities
- Preparing young people for adulthood
- Hampshire's SEND Local Offer

At The Hayling College, we know how important it is for families to feel informed and supported. We encourage our parents and carers to explore this helpful hub to discover what is available across Hampshire.

Find out more: Visit the Hampshire Family Information and Services Hub (FISH)

As always, our own SEND Team at The Hayling College is also on hand to offer guidance and support to our students and their families—please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need us.



Winter Readiness, Climate Action and a Sustainable Future at The Hayling College

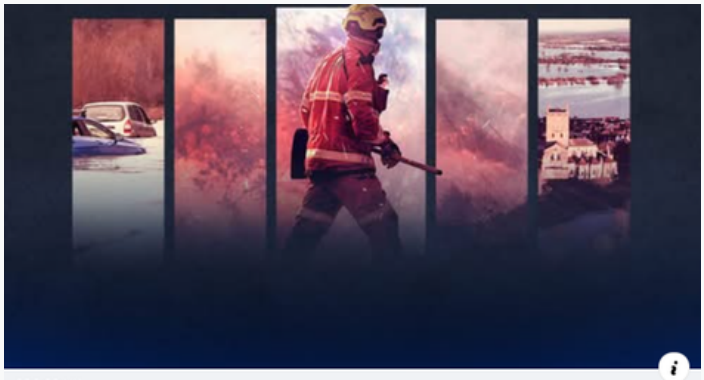
Preparing for winter. Protecting our pupils. Planning for the future.

Today, we took part in the Department for Education (DfE) and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Winter Preparedness Webinar, exploring how schools can best prepare for seasonal illnesses, severe weather, and the growing challenges linked to our changing climate.

The session reinforced something we feel strongly about at The Hayling College: keeping our students healthy, safe, and learning goes hand in hand with building a more sustainable and resilient school.

Our Winter Readiness Plans Following today's webinar, we are reviewing and strengthening our winter preparedness arrangements across five key areas:

- Health and infection prevention: Promoting good hygiene, clean classroom air, and effective ventilation across the school.
- Attendance and wellbeing: Encouraging students to attend whenever they are well enough, while ensuring those who are unwell have the time they need to recover.
- Severe weather preparedness: Planning ahead for storms, flooding, cold weather, and travel disruption so that education can continue safely.
- Supporting vulnerable pupils: Ensuring students with SEND, medical needs, and additional vulnerabilities receive tailored, consistent support.
- Educational continuity: Maintaining high-quality teaching, safeguarding, and clear communication with families throughout any winter challenges.



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Panorama - Fire and Floods: Our Extreme Weather

Our Climate Action Plan 2026–27: Learn • Lead • Act

Winter readiness goes hand in hand with our Integrated Climate & Sustainability Action Plan 2026–27, built around four pillars: Decarbonisation (cutting energy use, waste, and promoting our Modeshift STARS travel plan), Adaptation & Resilience (extreme weather prep and our 38 classroom HEPA air filters), Biodiversity (our orchard, vegetable beds, outdoor classroom, and Growing Together project), and Climate Education & Green Skills.

Recommended Viewing: Watch BBC Panorama's Fire and Floods: Our Extreme Weather—an insightful look at UK extreme weather and coastal resilience relevant to life on Hayling Island.

Calling All Pupil Eco Advocates! We need enthusiastic students from all year groups to join our Green Team and Pupil Climate Council to lead eco-campaigns and planting projects. Speak to or email Mr Reah to register your interest!

Planning Ahead: Unifrog GCSE & Post-16 Pathways Webinars (1–2 December)

Our careers platform, Unifrog, is hosting an online webinar series on 1–2 December to help younger students and their families navigate subject choices and future pathways.

- For Students: Practical advice and guidance on choosing GCSE subjects and exploring post-16 options, including A levels, BTECs, and T Levels.
- For Parents & Carers: A dedicated session just for parents and caregivers, designed to help you understand the options available and support your child with their next steps.

Keep an eye out for the sign-up links, which we will share shortly—or encourage your child to log into their Unifrog account to find out more.

LanguageNut Superstars: October's Top Scorers!

A huge congratulations to our top five LanguageNut points scorers for October! These fantastic students have shown brilliant dedication, determination, and enthusiasm for learning languages, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work.

Well done to our October superstars:

- Willow L – Year 9
- Henry W – Year 11
- Maddison D – Year 11
- Charlie K – Year 11
- Eunice C – Year 11

Prize Alert: Our five superstars can pop along to see Mrs Blitz to collect their well-deserved prizes! Keep up the amazing work, everyone—every point counts, and every bit of practice brings you one step closer to success. Who will make it onto the leaderboard at the end of November? Will our October champions hold onto their places, or will new names claim the top spots? Keep practising and you could be next!

Languagenut

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

1. Willow L Year 9
2. Henry W Year 11
3. Maddison D Year 11
4. Charlie K Year 11
5. Eunice C Year 11

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



More Gold Star Learners at The Hayling College!

Another fantastic batch of Gold Star Learner certificates is heading out in the post next week! These special awards celebrate students spotted for their hard work, resilience, kindness, and consistently positive choices in lessons.

Keep an eye on your letterbox next week—some very proud moments could be arriving on your doorstep! A huge well done to all of our latest recipients; keep aiming high and working hard, and you could be spotted next.