

5 January 2024



**THE  
HAYLING  
COLLEGE**

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## **Monday 8 January is week B**

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

It's great to be back in school this week after the Christmas break, and good to see the students settling in quickly to the new term. Our site staff have been extremely busy throughout the school holidays, with new fire doors fitted, painting being carried out, new flooring in the humanities block and security doors installed. Thanks to all the team involved in helping to make our environment a pleasant and safe learning environment.

### Attendance

Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 January

Year 7	91.9%
Year 8	93.45%
Year 9	91.67%
Year 10	81.65%
Year 11	84.46%

Should I send my child to school today?

It is always a worry when a child becomes unwell, it is not always obvious how to care for them and whether you should keep them at home. You can now find handy NHS guidance in one place online that will help you identify a possible condition so that you can decide whether to send your child to school.

### Spring 2024

You may recall that we have successfully recruited several maternity posts for this term. We welcome Mrs Maher, Mrs McIntosh, and Mrs Tegerdine, to drama, music, and food, respectively.

Students have been issued with new timetables for the Spring term. If your child requires a new copy of this they should go to the behaviour office and request one. They are also on the [Arbor parent portal](#).

### Weekly Assemblies

Assemblies this week have seen the launch of our "**Big Conversations**" about the continued development of our school. The Year 11 Senior Prefect team will be working with House Captains and Representatives to collect the pupils' views on our **curriculum**, our **uniform**, and our new **house system**.

As part of the assembly this week pupils were asked to consider a range of questions including ideas for house activities, affordability of our uniform, the start and end of the day as well as how many lessons they have for different subjects.



Over this term, the pupils will have their opinions collected via tutor time activities, questionnaires, and panel meetings. The House System provides a new structure that will continue to develop the sense of belonging our pupils have for their school. We will also be asking for feedback from parents about these changes following parents' evenings and events we will be hosting this term. Our curriculum decisions will be made by February so we can consider how we would like to complete the option processes. e.g. should we complete the process in Year 8 or Year 9 or offer a hybrid version of options in both years? The results of the findings from stakeholders will be shared with governors for final decisions in March / April.

Our assemblies next week will be on the topic of 'keeping our friends safe' and 'new year expectations and resolutions'. Please do discuss assemblies with your child so they share with you the topics and information.

### Year 8 Consultation Evening

A reminder that the Year 8 Consultation Evening is on Thursday 11 January from 3.30 – 6.30pm. Please ensure you book your appointments through the booking system.

### Year 9 Teenage Booster Vaccine

Year 9 students Td/IPV/MenACWY (Teenage Booster) vaccination is now due. This is free from the NHS.

The consent form that has been sent to parents and carers must be completed by 10am on Wednesday 24 January, for the vaccination to be given on Friday 26 January.

Parents and carers have had details of this sent to them, together with a link to the consent form. If you cannot find this in your emails please contact the school nurse on [michelle.wood@hayling.hants.sch.uk](mailto:michelle.wood@hayling.hants.sch.uk) and it will be resent to you.

If you decide that you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, please submit the form and indicate that you do not consent. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record. Thank you to all those who have already completed the consent.

### Global School Exchange

As part of a Havant Federation-wide event, we will be hosting twelve Chinese pupils at the end of a month as part of a cultural exchange programme.

The opportunity has arisen for our pupils to take part in this exciting event which will enhance the skills, knowledge and values they need to succeed in today's interconnected world and become globally aware citizens.

The Global School Exchange (GSE) organisation <https://www.globalschoolexchanges.com/> facilitates visits to UK Primary, Junior and Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities, from schools across the world, during the academic year.



From experience, they know that such visits create a real buzz of excitement around each host school where the pupils involved will discover more about other cultures and lifestyles, practise their language, teamwork and communication skills, and learn about being a welcoming host. The visiting pupils integrate into their buddy's classes and daily school life.

A GSE In-School Coordinator is present throughout to support the visiting pupils and ensure the smooth running of the programme and we will be taking part in celebrations of Chinese New Year which coincides with the visit.

Pupils will be asked next week to be a buddy for our guests, and we are putting together a very warm Hayling College welcome. More information will follow to all the pupils in assemblies week beginning 15 January.

### RED-y, set, go!

RED January is a nationwide movement for mental health and wellbeing that has been running for 8 years and has 250,000 who engage with it. Students and parents are encouraged to get active as part of REDJanuary, further details can be found at <https://join.redjanuary.com> or through this short video groups <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GwJSzIzr4>

We will be encouraging our staff and students throughout January to get moving during lunchtime, if students have any activities they would like to try please encourage them to speak to their head of house to see if it can be arranged.

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 10 January – Media Trip to Warner Brothers Studio  
Thursday 11 January – Theatre Trip to 'There's Something About Jamie'  
Thursday 11 January – Year 8 Consultation Evening  
Thursday 18 January – Year 10 Consultation Evening

We hope you have a good week.

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