



19 January 2024

Monday 22 January is **Week B**

Dear Parents and Carers

Attendance

Year Group	Week Ending 19 January
7	93.9%
8	91.8%
9	88.7%
10	85.3%
11	85.1%

Our top tutor group this week was 8AB/LC with attendance of 93.7%, followed closely by 7EWI with a 92.2% attendance.

There is a letter at the end of this Weekly Bulletin from Mr Reah regarding attendance, and the importance of this. Please read this and if you need support in increasing your child's attendance in school please contact us.

Weekly Assemblies

During our assemblies next week we will be discussing Cultural Differences in anticipation of our visitors from China on 29 January.

Speak Up, Stay Safe

SUSS is an online form pupils can use to report any concerns they have at all, anonymously if they so wish, at the time and place of their choosing. It empowers pupils and means that no one has to be 'scared to tell a teacher' again. This year, as well as the posters around school, there will also be stickers in their books, so pupils have plenty of access to the QR code and can fill out the one-minute form if they ever feel that they, or any of their peers, are unsafe. Our Pastoral Team will monitor this data daily and act on all information provided.

We aim to be a Telling School, so please help encourage all our pupils to Speak Up and Stay Safe.

Hayling College Admissions Policy Consultation

The six week consultation period on the change of PAN at Hayling College for the Admission Year 2025 – 2026 comes to an end on Tuesday 23 January. Further details on the proposed change can be found at <https://hayling.hants.sch.uk/joining-us/admissions/>



Friends of Hayling College

There is a meeting of the Friends of Hayling College on Thursday 25 January at 6pm at the Barley Mow. If you can spare an hour on Thursday please do come along, see what the Friends is about, and support this great team.

If you would like further details on the Friends go to their [Facebook page](#).

Year 7

There will be a Zoom Meeting to discuss the curriculum on Thursday 25 January at 6pm for year 7 students. The link will be sent out to you via email.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Reading and Spelling Tests

Between 25 January and 1 February years 7, 8 and 9 will be completing Reading and Spelling tests. These tests take place in one of the IT rooms and will last an hour.

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 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.

Year 9 Progress Reports

Your child should have brought home their progress report today. If you haven't received this please let us know and we will arrange for a copy to be sent.

Curriculum Consultation

We are exploring many avenues to develop/improve further the college curriculum. As part of the consultation, all stakeholders are being asked for their feedback, this includes Governors, staff, guardians and students. Please complete the short survey (link below) closing on Friday 26 January.

<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=48236-63038-31390526>



House Competition

This week we launched the Photography Competition from the Art and Design Technology Faculty to our Houses. To enter the competition, students should take a picture that shows the area of their house, e.g. Northney, in a beautiful, interesting or dramatic way.

Entries should be uploaded to google classroom, by joining the class with this classroom code: **ykpku2t**. The closing date for the competition is 29 January. The winning entries will be displayed on our college Facebook page and website.

Debate Club



What an amazing Debate Club we have this year! Our Year 9 team came third out of all the Havant Borough schools in the local 'Youth Speaks!' tournament 2024... and our Year 8 team came first! They will now go on compete in the next, regional round enroute to the national finals... fingers crossed!

After School Clubs and Activities

The new January – February 2024 After School Clubs and Activities have been published. We are delighted that we can offer our students a wide range of after school clubs giving them the opportunity to do an activity they already really enjoy and enhance that, try something out that they have never done before or help them with their homework. We'd welcome seeing more of our students at the after school clubs – you can find details of the wide choice of clubs [here](#). Every student that takes part in an after-school club gets the opportunity to win an Amazon voucher each week, and a larger item at the end of the school term. Participation counts!

REDJanuary

How are your efforts for REDJanuary going? This national movement for mental health and wellbeing is being promoted in Hayling College. Further details can be found at <https://join.redjanuary.com> or through this short video groups <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GwJSzIzr4>



Hampshire Together Consultation

Hampshire Together has launched their public consultation about how between £700 million and £900 million should be invested in hospital services run by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which would transform healthcare for communities across Hampshire.

They are asking people to tell them what they think about the plans they have put forward to build a new specialist acute hospital, invest in refurbishing the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester, and their proposals for where services are provided from in the future.

They have published their consultation document on their website, [Hampshire Together](#).

Get involved and have your say. There are a number of in person and online events planned throughout January and February 2024, and details of those are also on [Hampshire Together website](#). They have also launched their consultation questionnaire for people's feedback, as well as other ways that they can get in touch to share their views by email: hiowicb-hsi.mohhs@nhs.net, by calling 0300 561 0905, or by writing to: Freepost HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER.

The public consultation is open until midnight on 17 March 2024.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23 January – consultation period on the change of PAN at Hayling College for the Admission Year 2025 – 2026 ends

Thursday 25 January – Year 7 Zoom meeting

Thursday 25 January – Thursday 1 February – Year 7, 8 & 9 Reading and Spelling Tests

Monday 29 January – Friday 2 February – Cultural Exchange Visit from China

Friday 2 February – Awards Night

Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February – Half Term

Monday 19 February – Inset Day

Wishing you all a great week.

The Hayling College



18 January 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you about school absence and the national (and local) crisis schools have faced since the pandemic.

Unremarkably on Tuesday in the second week back after a two-week break, we had 11.3% of our students absent. 12.9% of Year 11 students, those in the most important examination year, are absent.

We've become used to these statistics and sadly, these patterns of absence are now considered normal in schools.

Missing two weeks for a family holiday in term time will mean that your child has missed 50 hours of learning things that may not be covered again but will face questions on in an exam in the future. Having broken attendance (a day off every week or fortnight, on random days) means that students will miss five hours of learning and will struggle to understand the work they do the following week because lessons are taught in sequence and rely on prior knowledge.

I have spoken before about the significant correlation between absence and exam results. Put simply, students who miss school regularly, reduce their life chances because they won't achieve the level of exam results as their peers, develop poor habits to take into the workplace where high levels of absence, poor punctuality, or an indifferent attitude to responsibility can result in dismissal.

My experience tells me that this is a real concern, and the Government agrees as they have highlighted the issue in recent weeks. Please can I ask that if your child is absent from school regularly (students should have full attendance most weeks) you seek to address this and contact your child's tutor for support if you are struggling with their attendance.

For parents of students in Year 11 with poor attendance, this is an urgent situation which needs to be rectified immediately.

Yours Faithfully,

Martyn Reah
Headteacher