



17 January 2025



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Monday 20 January is **Week B**

### Diary Dates

Monday 20 January – Year 11 Elevate 11am – 2.40pm

Wednesday 22 January – Year 10 and Year 11, Holocaust UCL Live Broadcast

Thursday 23 January – Year 11 Zoom Meeting – 6pm

Thursday 23 January – Theatre Trip – Dear Evan Hansen

Dear Hayling College Community,

As we navigate through another eventful week at our school, I find myself reflecting on the myriad of experiences and achievements that have shaped our collective journey. The pulse of our educational environment continues to beat strong, driven by the dedication of our pupils, staff, and parents alike.

This week, we introduced a new initiative that I believe will foster a sense of unity and introspection among our school community. Our "Thought for the Day" programme which can be viewed on the TV screens located around the school encourages a moment of collective reflection, challenging us to ponder profound questions. Can we be less judgemental? Would that make us all a little happier? These are the types of inquiries that prompt us to look inward and consider how we interact with one another, potentially leading to a more harmonious school environment.

I'm particularly pleased to report on the success of our recent Year 8 Parents' Evening. The engagement and feedback we received were overwhelmingly positive, reinforcing the strong partnership between home and school. While we did identify three follow-up issues from our most recent parents evenings, it's important to note that this represents a mere 0.005% of our school population. The vast majority of parents expressed satisfaction with their children's progress, contributing to a palpable 'feel-good factor' around the school.

This success is not isolated. We're witnessing a ripple effect where success breeds further success. Our recent visit from Local Authority colleagues provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the great strides we've made. It's worth noting that our attendance figures this week were just 0.1% off the national average - a testament to the collective effort of our pupils, parents, and staff.

Moreover, I'm delighted to share that suspensions have decreased by half this term compared to the same period last year. This significant improvement reflects our commitment to fostering a positive learning environment and addressing behavioural issues proactively.



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Our commitment to excellence extends beyond our own walls. We had the pleasure of hosting The Hayling Island Headteachers on Thursday, allowing us to share our best practises and learn from our colleagues. Meanwhile, #REDJan25 is in full flow, with a plethora of activities taking place during break times, lunchtimes, and before and after school hours.

As part of my role, I've spent considerable time this week observing and listening to the rhythms of our school life. These walks around the school provide invaluable insights into our teaching, learning, and behaviour practises. The high-quality conversations I've heard during these learning wanders have been both enlightening and encouraging.

Our recent professional development session focused on our Oracy strategy, providing an opportunity for staff to work on our teaching and learning commitments in a supportive, non-threatening environment. This commitment to continuous improvement extends to our Heads of Faculty meetings, where we've been reviewing Year 11 mock results and forecast grades. With just 13 weeks until exams, we're celebrating strong performances while ensuring laser-sharp interventions for pupils who need additional support.

Our support staff have also been engaged in productive team meetings, adopting a solution-focused approach to address any challenges we face. This collaborative spirit is mirrored in our recent Governors' meeting, where monitoring and evaluation were key focuses. We reported on the school's progress, celebrated our improvements, and planned the next monitoring and evaluation week.

Looking ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to several important events. Next Monday, we'll be hosting revision sessions for Year 11 pupils, delivered by Elevate. On Wednesday, we'll be participating in the Holocaust UCL live broadcast, an important educational opportunity for our pupils. Finally, on Thursday, we'll be holding a Zoom meeting for Year 11 parents to discuss strategies for the crucial 12 weeks of exam preparation ahead.

As we continue to strive for excellence, I'm reminded of the words of John Dewey: "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." At The Hayling College, we're not just preparing our pupils for the future - we're helping them to live rich, fulfilling lives right now. The energy, enthusiasm, and commitment I see every day from our pupils, staff, and parents fill me with pride and optimism for what we can achieve together.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we're creating an educational environment where every pupil can thrive, learn, and grow. As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback as we continue this journey together.

Martyn Reah  
Headteacher



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## Red January



Participation in Red January has been great, with pupils and staff alike making a commitment to be more active. During break and lunchtimes Mr Reah and other staff can be seen doing laps of the school with pupils, enjoying their break and increasing their physical activity. Remember ... it is a proven fact that physical activity contributes to the release of happy hormones such as endorphins.

Pupils don't forget to get your tutors to record any activity you do – all activities earn house points. This House Challenge runs from 6 to 31 January.

During Break and Lunchtime on a Monday we have some activities available for pupils to take part in:

### ***Breaktime***

Football - Hard courts  
Badminton - Sports hall  
Just dance - Drama studio  
Rowing - Old pass.

### ***Lunchtime***

Football - Hard courts  
Badminton - Sports hall  
Darts - Old Pass.

## Darts League

This term we will be running a Hayling College Darts League as part of the house competitions this year. It is a great opportunity for pupils and staff to try out a new activity and develop some Sporting and Maths skills.

The competition is open to all pupils and staff that would like to participate, with lots of game time during lunch breaks and some after school sessions. In order to participate, you will need to register your interest via the google form accessed through this QR code by no later than Wednesday 22 January.





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### Sparx Reader



You may remember the number of hours reported last week for Sparx Reader. Since Friday last week there has been a phenomenal increase of 260 hours and 128 books! Well done to all our readers!

Please remember that Sparx Reader homework is set every Monday at 5.30pm and due at

5pm the following Monday, so this week's work is due at 5pm on Monday.



Want to know more? head to the parent information page: <https://sparxreader.com/parents/>

### Debate Team



We are immensely proud of our Debate Team who won both the intermediate and Senior categories of the local heat of the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks Debate Competition. The teams will now move onto the District competition.

Well done everyone!

### Assemblies

This week our Pupil Progress Leads led our assemblies, with the topic being Behaviour for Learning. Pupils were reminded of behaviours that are expected inside and outside of the classroom in our school environment, and discussed how the right behaviours benefit pupils by having:

- Increased learning
- Better attainment
- A sense of achievement
- Better rapport with staff
- More enjoyable lessons

all of which create opportunities for brilliant things to happen!



Our assemblies next week will be led by Mr Pomfret continuing with the topic of Behaviour for Learning.



## Food Tech

Pupils in Food Tech have some great recipes coming up during the next week. Details of ingredients needed are below. Please ensure your child brings a container with them to take their cooking home. Thank you!

### 10C Wednesday 22 January - Fishcakes

- 1 fillet of raw fish (such as haddock, cod, salmon, OR 1 tin of tuna or mackerel)
- (vegetarian alternative: 100g peas/sweetcorn and 50g cheddar cheese)
- 300g cooked potatoes **or** a large tin of new potatoes
- 2 eggs
- 2-3 slices of bread
- 100g flour (any type)
- Optional extras - fresh parsley

### 8C Monday 20 January, 8A Friday 24 January - Bolognese

- 1 onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 carrot
- 1 celery stick
- 1 x 15ml oil
- 250g minced beef/lamb (Quorn/tofu, if vegetarian/vegan)
- 400g canned chopped tomatoes
- 1 x 15ml spoon tomato puree
- 100ml water
- 1 x 5ml spoon mixed herbs
- 150g spaghetti - **boil pasta at home**

### 9C Tuesday 21 January - Jam tarts

- 100g plain flour
- 50g butter
- 2-3 tablespoons cold water
- 10-12 tsps. jam of choice

### 8E Tuesday 21 January, 8D Friday 24 January - Apple crumble

- 150g plain flour
- 100g sugar
- 75g butter
- 2 large cooking apples
- Optional: 2 tbsp. Oats, raisins and cinnamon
- **Please bring an oven proof dish**





Y11 NEA recipe trials over the coming two to three weeks. Please inform Ms Bees when you are cooking and what you are making. FSM pupils will need to submit their ingredients list a week before their cooking date.

## Anti-Bullying



We were so pleased to welcome Duke Harrison-Hunter to speak to our Year 9 and 10's this week. The pupils were engaged and enjoyed his motivational speech. Duke also spent time with our Anti-bullying ambassadors talking about their work and how to continue moving forward to ensure a tolerant and kind school environment. We hope to continue working with Duke in the future.



## Attendance

| Attendance | Week Ending 17/1/25 |
|------------|---------------------|
| 7          | 93.8                |
| 8          | 95.3                |
| 9          | 91.8                |
| 10         | 89.3                |
| 11         | 87.3                |

The top tutor group this week for attendance with 99.3% was 8EWI – brilliant attendance!



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### National Careers Week 2025

National Careers Week takes place between 3 – 7 March 2025. Further details and resources will be shared in the near future, but for those interested in a career in the military, the Army Careers Newsletter can be [downloaded here](#).

### Performing Arts Fundraising



The Performing Arts Department are looking to fundraise to help with the cost of putting on shows for our pupils to perform in both to their peers, parents and the wider community. We are now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use Easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-hayling-college/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=email-1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-hayling-college/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1) or use the QR Code.

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