



28 February 2025

Monday 3 March is **Week A**

Diary Dates

Monday 3 – Saturday 8 March – National Careers Week

Thursday 6 March – World Book Day

Friday 7 March – International Women's Day (transferred from Saturday 8 March)

Monday 10 March – Childhood Anxiety Workshop for Parents (see information later in this bulletin)

Thursday 13 March – Year 9 Options Evening

Dear Hayling College Community,

As we embark on this new chapter following the half-term holidays, I am filled with a sense of pride and optimism for the half term ahead. The energy and enthusiasm that our pupils and staff have brought back to our classrooms and corridors is truly invigorating, setting a positive tone for the weeks to come.

It is with great pleasure that I share some encouraging news: our attendance has seen a remarkable improvement, with a 2.5% increase compared to last year. This uptick is a testament to the collective effort of our pupils, parents, and staff in prioritising education and engagement. Your commitment to regular attendance is laying the foundation for academic success and personal growth.

The spirit of healthy competition is alive and well at The Hayling College, with our House Competition back in full swing. Pupils have the opportunity to earn merits and raffle tickets, adding an element of excitement to their daily achievements. As the term progresses, we eagerly anticipate seeing which house will rise to the challenge and close the gap. Remember, every merit counts, and your contributions could make all the difference!

In the wake of our recent INSET day, we have renewed our focus on establishing robust routines and fostering behaviours conducive to learning. As part of this initiative, we are placing a collective emphasis on active listening for the coming month. This skill is not only crucial for academic success but also for developing empathy and understanding in our wider community.

We find ourselves navigating challenging times in the world, and it is our responsibility as educators to provide a measured, common-sense approach to support our pupils. Rest assured, we are committed to offering guidance and perspective, helping our young people make sense of global events while maintaining a focus on their personal growth and education.

There is much to celebrate within our school community. Our Year 11 and Year 10 pupils have shown remarkable dedication during their mock examinations this week, demonstrating their resilience and commitment to their studies. Year 9 has approached the options process with a maturity beyond their years, making thoughtful decisions about their academic futures. Our Year 8 pupils have been at the centre of an exciting focus on classroom dynamics, led by our Leadership Team and Teaching and Learning teams. Not to be outdone, Year 7 has taken the lead in our "Participation Counts" after-school programme, showcasing their enthusiasm for extracurricular engagement.



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I am delighted to announce the winners of our #REDJan25 bobble hat challenge. Four exceptional pupils went above and beyond in this wellbeing initiative, exemplifying the spirit of personal growth and community involvement. Additionally, two pupils have been awarded Participation Counts vouchers, recognising their outstanding contributions to school life. These achievements are a source of inspiration for us all.

It warms my heart to receive positive communications from our wider school community. Your words of encouragement and support are deeply appreciated and serve as a reminder of the strong partnership that sits between the vast majority of you at home and our school.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting array of events and initiatives on the horizon. Our "Forty Days of Kindness" campaign kicks off on Wednesday, 5th March, providing an opportunity for us all to make a positive impact on those around us. National Careers Week begins on 3rd March, offering valuable insights into future pathways for our pupils. We're also looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, with a search for "Booky" and The Masked Readers amongst other activities and International Women's Day which recognises the achievements and potential of women and girls in our community and beyond.

This half term, our House focus turns to STEAM activities, encouraging creativity and innovation across science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. For those with green fingers, our Sunflower Growing Competition promises to add a touch of sunshine to our school grounds. And for our fitness enthusiasts, the "100 miles in March" challenge offers a chance to keep the momentum of #REDJan24 going strong.

As we approach the end of term, pupils have the opportunity to participate in our attendance streak initiative. Moreover, there are plenty of chances to win Easter eggs, and don't forget about the exciting iPad raffle at the end of term – keep those raffle tickets coming in!

Lastly, we're beginning preparations for our VE Day commemorations, a poignant reminder of the importance of peace and unity in our world.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and engagement with The Hayling College. Together, we are capable of creating an environment where every pupil can thrive, learn, and prepare for a bright future. Let's embrace the opportunities this term brings with open minds and determined spirits.

Martyn Reah Headteacher

Year 10

Any year 10 students interested in taking on the job of a prefect should send a letter of interest, via Reception, to Mr Reah by 2.30pm on Friday 7 March.



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Debate Club

Huge congratulations to our superb Debate teams for their presentations in this week's Youth Speaks Debate. The English Department are so proud of them! Whilst our team didn't win, they did an incredible job and received fantastic feedback from the judges.

Our intermediate team were praised for their fearless engagement with the audience, use of humour and their ability to summarise points.

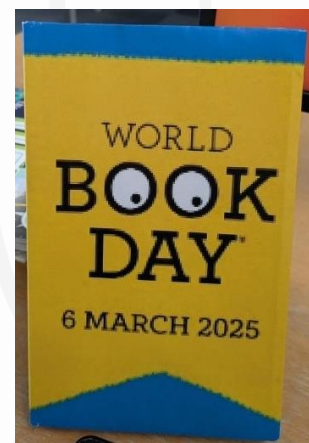
Our senior team, who debated if money makes us happy, were commended on their research and the clarity of their approach. The judges said 'Wow! It was about happiness and we were happy when listening to you!'



World Book Day: Unlocking the Power of Stories!

The Hayling College is excited to celebrate World Book Day 2025 on Thursday 6 March, bringing the magic of literature to life! From thought-provoking discussions to creative activities and book-inspired competitions, students will have the chance to explore new worlds, share their favourite reads, and embrace the power of storytelling. Whether you're a fiction fanatic, poetry lover, or non-fiction enthusiast, there's something for everyone. Get ready to turn the page on an unforgettable celebration - because every book holds an adventure waiting to be discovered!

Throughout the week there will be opportunities for students to win a prize by finding where Booky has been hidden, and also identifying the Masked Reader.



Assemblies

This week during assembly Mr Reah reminded students about Active listening during lessons and events.

40 Acts of Kindness was also launched – by taking part in this it reflects our school value of Humility, Hard work and Teamwork. During 5 March – 19 April 2025 all students are encouraged to complete 40 Acts of Kindness, this could be anything, but could include:

- Be a friend to someone lonely
- Be an active listener when in the company of others
- Be kind to someone serving you in a shop or restaurant
- Buy second-hand and reuse instead of buying new
- Write only positive comments online
- Give people compliments
- Cook a meal for someone ...

Next weeks assemblies will be led by Mr Fisher and will be on the topic of National Careers Week.



National Careers Week 2025



National Careers Week takes place between 3 – 8 March 2025. Further details are available on the website <https://nationalcareersweek.com/>

Information will be given to students this week in their various lessons about where the subject could take them in the future.

Attendance

Attendance	Week Ending 28/2/25
7	93.7
8	93.8
9	91.8
10	89.6
11	88.7



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Food Tech

Year 10 – 10A and 10D – Tuesday 4 March, 10C – Thursday 6 March - Mayonnaise:

2 egg yolks
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
250ml sunflower oil
2 tsp white wine vinegar or lemon juice
And any flavourings...

Help For Parents

Low Mood / Depression – Understanding and Supporting your child

This workshop aims to upskill parents and carers to understand low mood and depression, the signs and symptoms of this in young people, and provide some simple skills and strategies for you to take away and use to support your young person who may be struggling with their mood.

The workshop will be mostly informative, with some optional opportunities for discussion, input, and questions via the digital chat function. You will not need to have your video-camera or microphone on for the workshop.

Wednesday 5 March, 1pm – 2.30pm

Zoom Link: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/65483889716?pwd=PshZWVhbmblfb8lSkVT5Su1hTe4goY.1>



We're pleased to be able to share details of the Mental Health Support Team workshops offering support for parents and carers. These are free to attend and are on Zoom.

Psychological Perspectives in Education and Primary Care (PPEPCare) for Parents and Carers - Spring/Summer 2025

These are education sessions that last 1.5 hours and are delivered to Parents and Carers across Hampshire online via Zoom. No sign up is required, simply join the link at the time of delivery, and type in the meeting ID and Passcode listed. *For confidentiality reasons, please only type your first name when joining.*



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Module	Date/Time/Zoom link
Childhood Anxiety	Monday 10 th March 2025 12.00-1.30pm https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/64171420299?pwd=fuR7UfuxshO3AKbgNaK7YeDI3aX2Ug.1 Meeting ID: 641 7142 0299 Passcode: 850217
Autism and Mental Health	Monday 17 th March 2025 12.00-1.30pm https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/69832634319?pwd=5j3FsBLoHGvW72SzMt4GEPaI3bFrly.1 Meeting ID: 698 3263 4319 Passcode: 786520
Low Mood	Monday 28 th April 2025 12.00-1.30pm https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/62973973486?pwd=34sBIk7HYA6xcJoiGdPavcB4aWPjn5.1 Meeting ID: 629 7397 3486 Passcode: 020088
Self-Harm	Monday 12 th May 2025 12.00-1.30pm https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/65548397146?pwd=kOxXWPUeErBJTOJA8fk8DOPFBXUDzU.1 Meeting ID: 655 4839 7146 Passcode: 818718
Back to Basics – supporting family wellbeing	Monday 2 nd June 2025 12.00-1.30pm https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/65212484219?pwd=a288enE94paXbZrijfXpZrKiLHffdg.1 Meeting ID: 652 1248 4219 Passcode: 980819