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THE HAYLING COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I am delighted to reflect on what has been an exceptionally positive and purposeful start to 2026 at The Hayling College.

January began with our Year 11 mock examinations. I have been incredibly proud of the determination, resilience and maturity shown by the year group. Their focus in lessons, commitment to revision and conduct in the exam hall truly embodied our vision of being **happy, healthy and high performing**. There has been so much to admire in their approach. The mocks have provided valuable stepping stones towards the final examinations, and pupils will receive clear, focused feedback that they can use both in school and at home to sharpen their revision and strengthen their performance.

Today, during our INSET day, staff have been working collaboratively to plan detailed 10-week subject plans leading into the final exams. Every lesson is carefully mapped to maximise progress, revisit key knowledge and refine exam technique. This is teamwork in action, staff working together with professionalism and purpose to secure the very best outcomes for our pupils.

Beyond the classroom, this half term has been rich in opportunity and achievement.

We were immensely proud of our pupils who performed at **Dance Live 2026 at the Guildhall, Portsmouth**. Mrs Brooks' *Swan Song* was a powerful and beautifully executed piece, exploring themes of image and gender with maturity and creativity. Seeing younger and older pupils perform side by side, supporting one another on and off the stage, was a true reflection of our values of **teamwork, humility and hard work**. It was a "perfectly imperfect" evening that showcased not only talent, but courage and character.

Our **Careers Fair 2026** was another highlight of the term. Pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity to meet employers from a wide range of professions and businesses, exploring future pathways and gaining inspiration for their next steps. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school to share in this experience. Events like this bring our curriculum to life and help our pupils feel informed, ambitious and future-ready.

We have also embraced **National Apprenticeship Week**, sharing information and resources about the many exciting pathways available to our young people. Apprenticeships offer valuable opportunities to develop real-world skills and recognised qualifications while earning and we are proud to ensure our pupils understand the breadth of routes open to them.

Across the school, enrichment has continued to thrive. From assemblies focused on memorial reflection and energy saving, to our whole-school drive on punctuality, we are reinforcing the habits and values that underpin success. Our House competitions including logo design, bird watching, and the much-anticipated dodgeball competition have brought enthusiasm and healthy competition. Through **Red January**, pupils have been encouraged to stay active and earn house points, promoting wellbeing alongside performance.

We have celebrated creativity through English Poetry Live, supported greener living initiatives through Year 8's Green Briton competition, and prepared confidently for the future through Year 9 Options Evening. Our performing arts rehearsals and PE fixtures continue to demonstrate commitment beyond the classroom, with pupils giving their time and energy generously.

What stands out most this half term is the spirit of our community. Whether on stage, in examination halls, in assemblies or on the sports field, our pupils continue to demonstrate what it means to belong to The Hayling College. They work hard, support one another, and show humility in success.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment, to our families for your continued partnership, and to our pupils for the pride you bring to our college each day.

We are looking forward to next half term after a well-deserved rest for everyone. We return to school thinking about 40 days of Kindness, our run up to Easter, and making everyone one of the 25 days count of a short 5 week run under the banner of 25 to thrive. More information to come in assembly when we get back with plenty of raffle tickets and prizes to be won in our attempt to have our longest Attendance Streak to date for as many pupils as possible.

Together, we will continue striving to be a community that is truly **happy, healthy and high performing**.

With pride,

Martyn Reah

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Key dates for WC 23rd Feb

- Assembly—Welcome Back
- Forest School Trip
- Year 9 Parents Evening (26th)

Maths

The Maths Department is committed to keeping students engaged, even during school breaks. We are pleased to launch **Challenge '26**, a bespoke mathematical competition for the February half-term. Designed to promote logic, persistence, and creative problem-solving, the challenge is tailored to different year groups: **Junior Quest** for Years 7–8 and **Intermediate Trials** for Years 9–10. All materials are available on students' Google Classroom accounts.

We are also extremely proud of our Year 11 students, who have completed their second set of mock examinations with exemplary focus and dedication. These mocks serve as an important preparation for the summer GCSEs.

Students have received personalised feedback highlighting strengths and identifying knowledge gaps. They are encouraged to use this to guide focused revision, supported by tailored resources available on Google Classroom.

While maintaining momentum is important, we also stress the value of rest. Preparing for GCSEs is a marathon, not a sprint, and a balanced “little and often” revision approach over half-term will be more effective than long, exhausting study sessions.

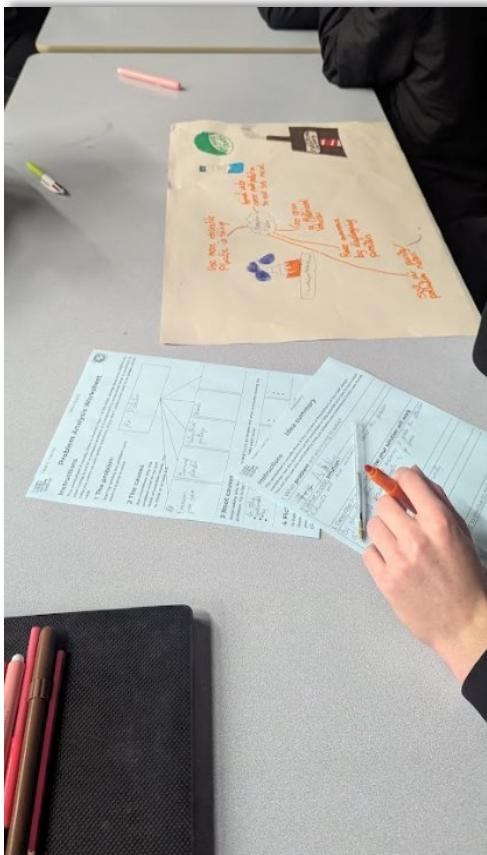
The Young Green Briton Challenge !

Today we welcomed Kat, Phil & Ben from The Young Green Briton Challenge, who worked with our Year 8 Students on becoming Ambassadors for Change.

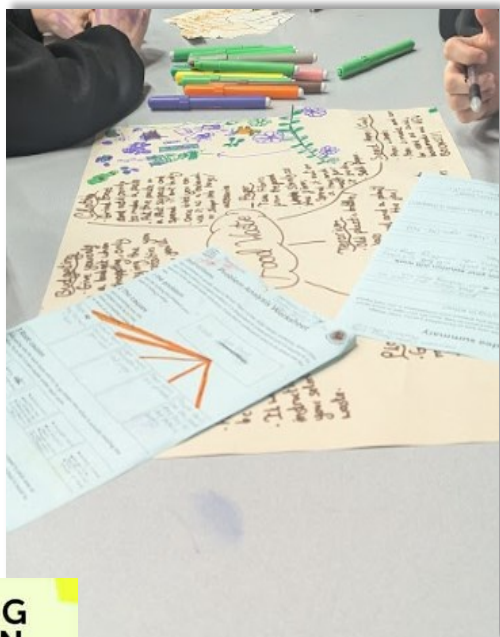
Students were encouraged to consider environmental issues in the school & local community & their causes before designing & prototyping possible solutions.

Notable ideas included recipe books to reduce food waste, fun bins, websites linking the community to eco-friendly companies & even a revamp for the island's ferry!

Year 8 were a credit to the school & we look forward to seeing if we can turn some of these ideas into reality.



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Year 7&8 Football

We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout at this week's Year 7 and 8 girls' football training session after school. There is still plenty of time for students to get involved, and we warmly encourage anyone interested to sign up.

Training takes place every Wednesday from 3.00–4.00pm in the Sports Hall, with competitive fixtures beginning after half-term. We look forward to welcoming even more players in the coming weeks.



D&T

Our Year 10 Design and Technology students have recently completed an impressive project in which they designed and manufactured their own personalised products. Throughout the process, students demonstrated excellent attention to detail, carefully considering quality at every stage—from initial design concepts and material selection to precise manufacturing and final finishing. The pride they have taken in producing thoughtful, high-quality outcomes is a real credit to their creativity, technical skill, and commitment.





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25 TO THRIVE

Let's Make Everyday Count

Dear Families

As we begin the second half of the Spring Term, we are launching our "25 to Thrive" attendance challenge!

There are 25 school days in this half-term and every single one plays a crucial role in helping students thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We are encouraging all students to go all in and aim for full attendance across all 25 days.

We know mornings can be tough and minor illnesses or low energy days can be tempting to let your child stay at home. But every day in school is a step forward, a chance to learn something new, build friendships and strengthen routines.

At The Hayling College, we believe that attendance is not just about ticking boxes. It is about showing up for learning, building resilience and forming the good habits that shape future success. Employers tell us time and again that reliability is one of the most important qualities they look for and it starts here, in school.

We want to thank those of [you](#) already making attendance a top priority, the families who encourage their children to push through the tough days and who understand that every single day adds up.

The "25 to Thrive" challenge is not just about rewards, although we will make sure there is some. It is about building a mindset, a belief that being present matters, that effort leads to growth and that success is built one day at a time.

Let's make these 25 days count together.
Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's success.

Yours sincerely,
The Attendance Team

25 To Thrive

As we begin the new half term, we are launching our ‘Attendance ’25 to Thrive’ initiative, reinforcing the vital link between strong attendance and student success. We are asking families to make a conscious effort to prioritise full attendance wherever possible, ensuring students are in school every day and ready to learn. To celebrate this commitment, there will be weekly prizes for students who achieve zero absences. Together, we can build positive habits that help every child thrive.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY PRIZE DRAW
WEEK 1	Monday 23rd February Be Present to Progress: Your attendance today builds a stronger tomorrow. "It's not always about being the most talented, it's about putting in the effort every day". Remember, this half-term, there are 25 school days, your target is to ensure you are here <u>gap,add every day</u> . Attendance really does matter. ✱	Tuesday 24th February Success Starts Counts: Being here means you won't miss out on learning". The more you show up, the more chances you have to succeed". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Wednesday 25th February Halfway There - Keep Showing Up: Your consistent attendance is paying off! "Small, regular actions add up to big results over time". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Thursday 26th February Almost a Full Week of Learning: Your presence is key to your success this week. "Believing you can do well is the first step to actually doing well". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Friday 27th February Don't Miss Your Moment: Attendance ensures you are part of every opportunity. "Each day at school is a chance to learn something new". Attendance Really does matter. ✱	Easter Egg raffle. All students with zero absences this week will receive 10 Attendance Merits and a raffle ticket
WEEK 2	Monday 2nd March Pave Your Path Every day you attend school lays another stone on the path to your future success. "Great futures are built one day at a time and today is another crucial building block". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Tuesday 3rd March The Importance of Being Present: Being present opens doors to new knowledge. "Getting started is often the hardest part, but showing up is the key". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Wednesday 4th March Stay Committed, Keep Attending: Your presence strengthens our school community. "When everyone plays their part, the whole team is stronger". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Thursday 5th March Nearly There - Your Attendance Matters: We hope you are having a great week. "Every lesson you attend helps you build a stronger foundation for the future". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Friday 6th March Another Week of Great Attendance: <u>WELL</u> done for <u>soooooo</u> many your learning! "Consistent effort in the right direction will always lead to progress". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Easter Egg raffle. All students with zero absence this week will receive 10 Attendance Merits and a raffle ticket.
WEEK 3	Monday 9th March Make Your Presence Known: Your attendance contributes to your achievements. "Being involved and present is the first step to achieving anything you want". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Tuesday 10th March Unlock Your Potential Being in class is the first step to success. "Your education helps you discover what you are capable of". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Wednesday 11th March Consistent Effort, Consistent Attendance: Keep up your great commitment to being here. "Like a plant needs regular watering, your mind needs regular learning to grow". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Thursday 12th March Building Your Future, One Day at a Time: Your attendance is a vital part of this. "The choices you make today, like attending school, shape your tomorrow". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Friday 13th March Excellent Attendance This Week: Your dedication to learning is commendable! "Every day you attend school, you're investing in yourself". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Easter Egg raffle. All students with zero absence this week will receive 10 Attendance Merits and a raffle ticket.
WEEK 4	Monday 16th March Your Effort Matters: Make the most of <u>this last chance</u> with full attendance. "Finishing strong is just as important as starting well". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Tuesday 17th March Every Day, Every Opportunity: Your presence today is a chance to learn something new and valuable. "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and every school day is a step forward". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Wednesday 18th March Stay on Track: Consistent attendance keeps you moving forward. "Consistency is more important than perfection." Attendance really does matter. ✱	Thursday 19th March Build Your Best Self: Each day you attend, you're building a stronger foundation for your future. "The best investment you can make is in yourself." Attendance really does matter. ✱	Friday 20th March Finishing Strong: Your dedication to learning shines through with full attendance. "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Attendance really does matter. ✱	Easter Egg raffle. All students with zero absence this week will receive 10 Attendance Merits and a raffle ticket.
WEEK 5	Monday 23rd March Final Push - Every Day Counts Make the most of this last week with full attendance. "Finishing strong is just as important as starting well". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Tuesday 24th March Almost There - Keep Your Attendance Strong: Don't let up now, everyday matters! "Don't give up on something that's important for your future". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Wednesday 25th March Your Commitment Shows: Your attendance demonstrates your dedication to learning. "Showing up, even when it's tough, shows real commitment and strength". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Thursday 26th March Be Proud of Your Attendance Matters! Thank you for your commitment! "You get back what you put in, your education is something you control. <u>WELL</u> Done on a fantastic half-term, one more day to finish strong. Attendance really does matter. ✱	Friday 27th March One More Day to Shine: Ensure you're present for the final day of term. "Make the most of every chance you get to learn". Attendance really does matter. ✱	Easter Egg raffle. All students with zero absences this week will receive 10 Attendance Merits and a raffle ticket.



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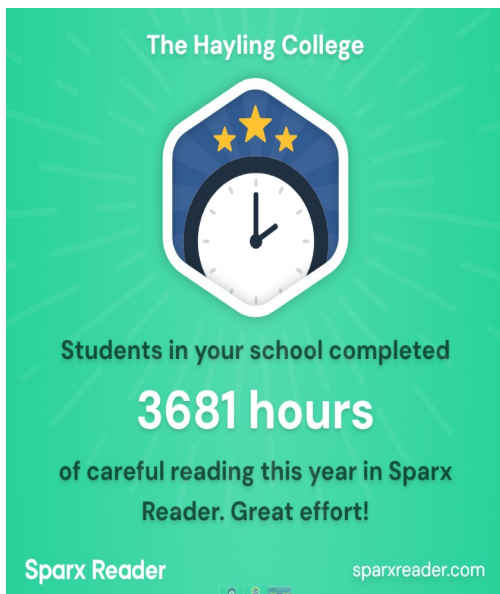
English

We would like to remind families about our free digital reading service, available through **Sora**, the student reading app. Sora extends our physical library by offering 24/7 access to a wide range of eBooks, audiobooks and magazines. Students can borrow titles from home, at weekends or during school holidays, with no risk of misplacing a book.

Sora supports readers of all ages and abilities. It can help build vocabulary, improve comprehension and pronunciation, develop critical listening skills, and introduce students to texts beyond their current reading level. The platform is particularly beneficial for reluctant or struggling readers, students learning English as an additional language, and those seeking greater challenge. With books available in a variety of languages, along with engaging features such as avatars and achievements, Sora helps motivate even the busiest students to make time for reading.

The free Sora app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or accessed via **soraapp.com**. When logging in, enter the code **hampshiresls**, search for *The Hayling College*, and use your child's usual Google Classroom username and password. Sora can also be accessed directly at <https://soraapp.com/library/hampshiresls>.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Lorraine.coram@hayling.hants.sch.uk



Top 3 Sparxs reader so far this academic year:	
James C (Year 9)	19,958 srp
Iris K (Year 7)	16,512 srp
Molly P (Year 7)	14,805 srp

Children's Mental Health Week 9 -15 February

Children's Mental Health Week is an annual mental health awareness week launched by children's mental health charity, Place2Be. The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK; these reads support those aims.

Over 60 titles >

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and for your continued support

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