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Headteacher's Half Termly Update - October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this half term draws to a close, I am writing to give you an overview of the main highlights since our start back in September.

Superb Year 11 results

It was lovely to start the term off by celebrating the Year 11 results. The hard work of the students and staff certainly paid off and we will have the opportunity to recognise this outstanding achievement at their Presentation Evening on 23rd November. The current Year 11 students are already on track to fulfil their potential, with 100% attendance at our extended days on a Tuesday and Thursday and many having already signed up for our half term school. It is this type of commitment to their studies which pays dividends.

Attendance

You will be aware from my end of term letter that raising attendance is one of our key focusses this year. With all the research identifying a strong link between attendance and achievement we certainly feel that our students should be aware of its importance. I am sure you will therefore be pleased to hear that we have already made progress on this, with our current whole school attendance at 96.2%. This is significantly higher than at the same time last year. I would like to thank you for your support with this and hope that this increase in attendance can continue over the course of the year.

Developing our facilities

The summer holidays are always a busy time for our site team and this summer saw extensive redecorating, the delivery of new dining room tables and the replacement of many of our older computers. Making the school an inspiring and well equipped place to be is an important part of our development plan and thanks should go to all those involved in these projects for ensuring our aims are realised. The Progress Zone, with equipment supplied by The Friends of Hamble, is enabling our students to study and have use of laptops during lunchtime and after school. This is proving to be a great success and is being very well utilised. We have also seen the opening of our Hamble Early Years provision this half term. This is providing high quality child care and learning opportunities for local families and we are delighted with the uptake of places. This facility will also be extremely beneficial for our staff for child care and will certainly help us to continue to recruit and retain high calibre staff. In other good news, the Sports Complex tendering process is going well and we are on schedule to have a professional sports provider operating the facility from 1st June 2018. The further development of sporting opportunities, coaching qualifications and leadership development for students at Hamble are included in our requirements from a provider and this is another exciting addition to our educational offer.

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Extra-curricular activities.

This half term there have been a number of extra-curricular opportunities at The Hamble School including trips, such as the Year 7 visit to the Natural History museum. This proved a great success and it was lovely to have the support of several parent helpers. The trip to Venice departed this week and, also, we are very much looking forward to the school production of Oliver towards the end of next half term. Rehearsals for this are progressing well and it is great to see so many students involved.

Our students continue to receive regular praise for their contribution to the school and I would particularly like to express my thanks to the many students who helped with our recent Open Evening. Prospective parents and students were full of praise about the way our students conducted themselves and many remarked about their pride in the school shining through.

As you can see, it has been both a busy and successful half term and I look forward to providing you with further updates about the school in December. It just leaves me to wish you and your family a very happy half term break and we look forward to welcoming your son(s) or daughter(s) back to school on Monday 30th October.

With my best wishes,



Lisa Croke
Headteacher
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If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.