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Dear Parent / Carer

## High Flyer Programme – Year 8

At The Hamble School we pride ourselves on offering all our students the best possible opportunities to challenge them, and to ensure that they are prepared for life beyond secondary education. For our students with the most potential to be high performing, this preparation includes applications to the top sixth form colleges, apprenticeships and, subsequently, universities in the country. Since starting as a student at The Hamble School, your child continues to be identified as a high attainer. This letter intends to reinforce what this means to your child, what this means to the school and how we can further support your child together to achieve excellence.

For high attainers nationally we see that these students typically attain the highest grades. We endeavour to empower our students by developing their skills and confidence in an effort to embrace their aspirations in gaining places at Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities. To support students in developing these aspirations, The Hamble School provides a broad, rigorous and academically rich Key Stage 3 and GCSE curriculum so that all students can attend a university of their choice.

Your child may also have previously been registered on their primary school's 'Gifted and Talented' programme. The High Flyer programme is a further development of this programme and will replace it moving forwards. All students identified as KS2 high attaining, 'gifted' and/or 'talented' are now identified at The Hamble School as a 'High Flyer' to develop a consistent language and approach.

To promote every child achieving excellence in their learning, we use our experience as a school to ensure that students are in the right classes, with others of similar ability, to enable them to better maximise their potential. To succeed as a high attainer, and to support consistency in understanding our highest expectations, students are expected to demonstrate excellence in their behaviour for, and attitude to, learning; students will explore what it means to achieve excellence as a High Flyer through a dedicated assembly programme.

Encouraging your child's drive to achieve excellence is where your support, as parents and carers, is extremely important. We therefore invite you to attend our first KS3 Raising Achievement Evening for High Flyers on **Thursday 07 December 2017** from **5.30-6.30pm**. This evening will explore what it means to be a High Flyer, raising aspirations and practical strategies to support your child.

On your arrival to the Raising Achievement Evening, you will need to register your attendance outside the **Main Hall**. Prefects will be on hand throughout the evening to serve refreshments, guide you to your seats, and answer any queries you might have.

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This is an important evening for students to attend alongside their parents / carers. To support us in maintaining our highest expectations, we ask you to ensure that your child attends the evening wearing **full school uniform**. This reinforces our '*be smart, think smart*' mantra that has had a very positive impact on the students' approach to school and their learning.

To secure your booking for this critical event we ask you to please use the Parents Evening Booking System, which is available [here](#) or via the school website using the 'Useful Links' at the bottom of the webpage. When using this online system, you will need to click on the event titled 'Raising Achievement Evening – December (KS3)'. Enter the name of your child, and then the parent. You will next enter the booking page where you will need to select the 'book a seat' icon. You will need to repeat this process for up to a maximum of 3 seats per family.

If you are not able to book online, or encounter any difficulties, please contact Emma Loveday on 023 8045 2105 who will be able to book on your behalf or assist with any booking enquiries.

We hope that you agree that this is an exciting opportunity for both you and your child to realise their potential and best prepare for the year ahead. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mr S Knight at the school between the hours of 8am-4pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can email Mr S Knight on [sknight@thehambleschool.co.uk](mailto:sknight@thehambleschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



Mr S Knight  
*Director of Progress and Attainment*

*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.*