

Friday 18 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher End of Year Update

As we come to the close of another rewarding year at The Hamble School, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many successes we have shared. Our students have accomplished so much, both academically and outside of the classroom. I could not be prouder of their efforts and achievements.

One of the most significant developments this year has been the transformation in our school culture, with a renewed emphasis on positive praise and recognition. Our Reward System has gone from strength to strength, celebrating the dedication and resilience of our students. I am delighted to share that:

- Over 750 Proud Friday certificates have been presented
- Nearly 800 students enjoyed offsite reward trips
- Over 900 students attended our recent Film Events
- More than 150 Headteacher Commendations have been awarded
- During Period 4 today, we hosted our Celebration Assemblies to honour both academic and extra-curricular accomplishments.

These achievements are a testament to the high standards and aspirations we hold as a school community. Our students continue to rise to the challenge and strive for excellence in all they do.

This year has also been filled with memorable events that have brought our community together. From the school production and Art Exhibition to Sports Day, House competitions, and charity fundraisers, there has been so much to celebrate. I particularly enjoyed attending the Annual Prize-Giving last night and the opportunity to celebrate as a school.

I would like to extend my thanks to 'Team Hamble' - our dedicated staff work hard every day to support our students. I am also grateful to our Governors for their continued guidance and to our parents/carers for their invaluable partnership. A special thank you to our newly formed PTA and the Parent Forum, whose time and feedback have been instrumental in shaping our school's ongoing improvement.

Together, we have achieved so much—and I look forward to building on this momentum in the new academic year.

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Ofsted

In March 2025 following a 2-day inspection, Ofsted concluded that the school is now 'Good' in all areas. The Inspectors highlighted that:

- The Hamble School is a happy, inclusive and calm place to learn.
- Pupils embrace the school's high expectations for their behaviour.
- Pupils are courteous, friendly and considerate of others.
- They like helping others, for example by taking on responsibilities such as 'transition prefect' and 'cyber ambassador'.
- Pupils feel safe because they know staff will listen and help if they have any worries.
- Pupils enjoy coming to school.
- They like the positive ethos and the many ways to celebrate success.
- Pupils are encouraged to develop their talents and interests, for example by joining one of the school's many after-school sports clubs or performance groups.
- The school is ambitious for pupils' achievement.
- There is a consistent approach to teaching.
- Some highly bespoke provisions within the school help a small minority of pupils who need extra support to improve their behaviour, mental health or learning.

This feedback as well as feedback from the Local Authority, Governors and other schools reinforces all the positive improvements we have made to the school in a very short period of time.

As a school we achieved the Leading Parent Partnership Award in November which recognises our commitment to developing and maintaining positive working relationships with Parents/Carers. In October we were awarded the SEND Inclusion Award, in recognition of our effective provision for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We are also delighted that this academic year we became the first Hampshire Secondary School to achieve the Arc Pathway Bronze Award, which demonstrates how we have developed strategies to support children through Trauma Informed Attachment Aware practice. Most recently we were nominated for the Hamble Community Awards. We are very proud of all these achievements.

Staffing

As a school we provide excellent Professional Development for staff – Five members of the team have passed National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) and eight staff achieved Certificate of Excellence in the Pearson Teaching Awards.

We are dedicated to ensuring that staff are outward facing and have opportunities to develop their careers further. This does, however, mean that at the end of the school year we say 'goodbye' to some staff as their experience gained at The Hamble School has ensured they have achieved alternative positions.

- Mrs Phipps – School Inclusion Officer
- Mrs Goodhead – LSA
- Ms Steadman – Teacher of Science
- Ms Balch – Teacher of Science

Thank you for your hard work and we wish you well for the future.

I am delighted to inform you that we are fully staffed in September and I will write to you at the end of the summer to introduce new staff and confirm changes to roles.

Summer Resources

Pastoral and wellbeing support is very important to us as a school. Our StaySafe@thehambleschool.co.uk and general@thehambleschool.co.uk mail boxes will not be checked as regularly over the summer holiday period, however, we have provided some resources to support families in the last Weekly Message <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/weekly-message-11-july-2025/>

Reading is a fantastic activity for students to engage in over the summer holidays. It is a (free) form of entertainment, improves academic success and is good for mental health and wellbeing. Information about our 'recommended reads' is available here: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/library/recommended-reads/>

Next Academic Year

As a reminder, following the consultation with Governors, staff, parents/carers and students, our school day in September will change to 8.30am until 3pm. On a Monday, tutor time will be extended to 30 minutes. Period 5 lessons will be extended by 5 minutes. The bus company are aware of this change and have adapted pick up times accordingly.

Students return to school on Thursday 4 September at 8:30am – this will be a Week 1. On this first day of term students will receive their new timetables, planners and will spend time with their Tutors and then start lessons during period 2.

Over the summer we would ask that you support your child to prepare for the new school year by ensuring that they have all the correct uniform and equipment. Please read through our uniform guidance here: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/uniform/> which outlines our expectations and ensure that your son/daughter follows the uniform rules.

I would like to draw your attention to the shoe guidance on this webpage – They must be a formal, leather-style and plain black. Skirts must be knee length and not rolled up. From September, items of clothing such as tracksuit bottoms and non-uniform shorts must not be worn visibly under school trousers. All students require a school bag which is large enough for A4 books/folders and a pencil case and planner. The school planner will be provided on the first day of term. Students will return to school in blazers. Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school, with the exception of one small pair of stud earrings worn in the lobe of each ear, a wrist watch or medical alert.

Students are allowed to carry a mobile phone or wear a smart watch for use to/from school. However, they must be in their bags during the school day, turned off. Mobile phones must not be carried in blazer or trouser pockets. If a student needs to contact a parent/carer during the school day due to personal reasons or medical needs they must do so using a school telephone with the Pastoral Team. If a mobile phone or smart watch is physically seen, even if in a pocket

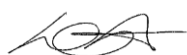
and regardless of whether the child is using the device, it will be confiscated and recorded on Class Charts. Students will then be able to collect the mobile phone or smart watch in accordance with our confiscation guidelines. Hair must be a natural colour, in a style suitable for school.

At The Hamble School we expect students to 'Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe'. We would ask that before September you remind your child about our school rules and our Reward System. Details of our expectations can be found here: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/ready-respectful-safe/> and you can find out more about rewards and recognition here: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/rewards-recognition/>

The role of the Pastoral Team is very important in the lives of our students and their parents/carers. We would always encourage you to contact your child's tutor via general@thehambleschool.co.uk if you have any questions or concerns. We have already written to you regarding the Pastoral Structure from September 2025, however, if you need further details, you can find information on Tutor Teams here: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/pastoral-care/>

Once again, I am very proud of everything we have achieved as a community this year and would like to thank you for your ongoing support and positive feedback. I look forward to seeing our Year 11 students on GCSE Results Day and the rest of the school on Thursday 4 September 2025. May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe, healthy and relaxing summer.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Cambridge

Headteacher

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.