

Dear Parent/ Carer

Headteacher End of Year Update

As we come to the end of this academic year, I reflect back with immense pride on my first term as Headteacher of The Hamble School. Our students have continued to aim high in their learning and have made excellent progress in all aspects of school life. Over the last term there have been so many highlights both inside and outside of the classroom.

Recently we have said 'goodbye and good luck' to the Class of 2023 and welcomed the newest members of our community during the transition events. I have attended a number of whole school events such as Sports Day, the Art Exhibition and Prize-Giving which have all encapsulated the true ethos of this school – 'Achieving Excellence Together'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff. Since January we have experienced a period of rapid and transformational change. It is due to the hard work and dedication of the staff and support of our parents/ carers that we are able to ensure our learners achieve the very best outcomes. We believe that a positive working relationship with parents/ carers and the wider community is vital to ensure academic achievement and student well-being. Thank you to all our parents/ carers for your continued support and encouragement. It really does have a positive impact on the young people in our care.

Congratulations

Last term we launched a new Rewards System and our students have enjoyed the trips and film events over the last few days. I am delighted to announce that the following students have been awarded the most reward points this academic year:

- Year 7 – Eva P 7-9
- Year 8 – Freya A 8-3
- Year 9 – Elizabeth W 9-1
- Year 10 – Frederick F 10-1

During period 4 today we have our Celebration Assemblies and will congratulate students on all their academic, artistic and sporting achievements.

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Staff Departures

The end of the school year always sees valued members of staff leaving The Hamble School to pursue other pathways or the next step in their careers. This year we say 'goodbye' to the following staff:

- Miss Agusti – MFL Teacher
- Mrs Applin – Acting Head of Science
- Mrs Bryant – Receptionist
- Miss Corten – SEND Administration Support
- Mr Denford – PE Teacher
- Mrs Draga-Williams – Assistant Head of Science
- Mrs Hart – Counsellor
- Mrs Hoolahan – Maths Teacher
- Mrs Robinson – Senior Bursar
- Mr Skinner – Student Support and Guidance Manager
- Mrs Smith – Head of Science
- Miss Soares – Teacher of Geography

I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to 'Team Hamble' and wish them well for the future.

I am delighted to inform you that we are fully staffed in September and have managed to secure additional staff for our Inclusion provision. I will write to you at the end of the summer to introduce new staff and confirm changes to roles.

Governors

Mr Nigel Groves has been our Chair of Governors since 2017 and is stepping down this year to spend more time with his family. I would like to thank Mr Groves for all his support, dedication and hard work. Mrs Hannah Craggs who is currently our Vice Chair of Governors will become Chair in September 2023; she will write to you at the start of the new academic year to introduce herself.

Summer Resources for Our Families

Pastoral support is very important to us, the school will be closed over the summer holidays. However, we have provided some support and guidance below, this may be useful to some families.

Within the Parents section on The Hamble School website you can view all the Student Wellbeing Resources. You will find information on:

- [Mental Health](#)
- [Emotional Wellbeing](#)

- [Alcohol & Drugs](#)
- [Sexual Health](#)
- [Sexuality & Gender Identity](#)
- [Online Safety](#)
- [Crime](#)
- [Bereavement](#)
- [Careers](#)
- [Counselling Services](#)
- [Community Support](#)

I would also like to share with our families the following resources for Rail and Water Safety:

https://nrwessex.co.uk/communitysafety/videos/NR_You-vs-Train_v02-1080.mp4

<https://rnli.org/safety/float>

This is the third summer of delivering the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. It is funded by the Department for Education to provide holiday schemes give healthy food and enriching activities to children who receive income-based free school meals during term time. For more information, please click here: [Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) information](#)
Information about restaurants and cafes where children can eat free is available here:

<https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

Reading

Reading is a fantastic activity for students to engage with 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' are available here:

<https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/library/recommended-reads/>

Next Academic Year

As we look ahead to the start of the next academic year, I would like to share some key information with you that will ensure that the start of term establishes a positive foundation for the year ahead. All students will return to school at 08:30am on Monday 4 September – We will be starting the timetable on Week 2. On this day they will receive their new timetables, spend time with their Tutors and then start lessons.

Behaviour

At The Hamble School we expect students to 'Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe'. We would ask that before September you remind your son/ daughter of the school rules, so that we can all have a successful start to the new academic year. Please read through the rules with your child <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/ready-respectful-safe/> and ensure they understand the expectations.

School Uniform and Equipment

Thank you to all families who have continued to support us in ensuring that students attend school in the correct uniform and with the equipment that they need each day to be successful in their lessons. We would ask that all families refer to the uniform and shoe guidance on our website <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/uniform/> , which outlines our expectations and ensure that students are in the full correct uniform for the return to school in September.

I would like to draw your attention to a few key points which we will be focusing on in the new academic year. All students will be issued with a planner in September and they are expected to bring this to school every day. Shoes must be formal, leather-style and plain black. Skirts must be knee length and not rolled up. All students require a school bag which is large enough for A4 books/ folders and a pencil case so that they are fully equipped and ready to learn each day. Students will need to 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. Jewellery will be confiscated if it is seen. Hair must be of a natural colour, in a style suitable for school – no extreme hairstyles.

Attendance

Attendance has the greatest impact on achievement. Your child must be in school everyday and ensure they attend all lessons on time. If your child is absent through illness please report this on the Class Charts App or email attendance@thehambleschool.co.uk I must remind you that holidays should not be taken in term time.

Tutor Groups

At The Hamble School we take great pride in the high standard of pastoral care that we provide for our students. The tutor is the first point of contact for parents/ carers and an important person to support your child. Whilst we try to ensure that the same person stays with students between Year 7 and 10, sometimes we have to make changes to tutors. I have outlined the new tutors for September below:

- 7-2 Mr Tweedle will become 8-2 Mrs Kinahan/ Mrs Day
- 7-3 Mr Denford will become 8-3 Mr Knight

- 7-4 Ms Heggs will become 8-4 Ms Young/ Mrs Winchester
- 7-7 Mr Wood/ Mr Couchman will become 8-7 Mr Needham
- 8-5 Miss Agusti will become 9-5 Miss Williams
- 8-6 Miss Clucas will become 9-6 Miss Clucas but will be joined by Mrs Stratford, who will also be working with the tutor group as Miss Clucas will take up the role of Assistant Progress Leader for Year 9.
- 9-1 Mrs Wilmott/ Mrs Webb will become 10-1 Mrs Wilmott/ Mrs Cooper
- 9-4 Mrs Holden/ Mrs Stratford will become 10-4 Mrs Holden/ Miss Kerry
- 9-6 Mr Vine will become 10-6 Mr Vine but will be joined by Mr Wells, who will also be working with the tutor group as Mr Vine will take up the role of Assistant Progress Leader for Year 10.

A reminder that we have already written home with the new Year 11 tutors for September 2023 as these students will now be in intervention groups.

Further information on pastoral care and tutor groups is available on our website: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/pastoral-care/> . Please note that from September 2023 our Heads of Year will have a change of title and become Progress Leaders

Once again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and wish everyone a safe and healthy summer. I look forward to seeing our Year 11s on Results Day and the rest of the school on Monday 4 September 2023 at 08:30am.

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.