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Dear Parent/ Carer

Headteacher's Update – Autumn Term

As 2025 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many successes which have been achieved this year. It has been a year defined by ambition, achievement and opportunity at The Hamble School. From the outstanding feedback in our Ofsted inspection to the record-breaking exam results achieved in the summer, our students and staff have demonstrated what can be accomplished through hard work, resilience and a shared commitment to 'Achieving Excellence'.

In March 2025, we welcomed Ofsted Inspectors and were delighted with the outcome of the inspection, which validated the hard work and dedication of our entire school community. The report highlighted our strong teaching and learning culture, inclusive practices and the breadth of opportunities available to students.

Summer brought further cause for celebration with record-breaking exam results. These outstanding outcomes reflect the perseverance of our students and the unwavering support of our staff and families. We are proud that so many students have progressed to exciting next steps in education and training.

Autumn Term Successes

The Autumn Term has been exceptionally successful. Our weekly messages have highlighted the breadth of opportunities available to students, from sporting triumphs and performing arts showcases to STEM enrichment activities, leadership programmes and charity initiatives. Students have embraced these experiences with enthusiasm, demonstrating ambition, creativity and dedication. Beyond the classroom, they have taken part in a variety of educational trips and visits, including a memorable Year 9 and 10 expedition to Iceland, which provided an incredible opportunity to explore geography and culture first-hand.

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More recently, our festive Christmas activities have brought the school community together, with a particular highlight being the pantomime attended by over 300 Year 7 and 8 students—a wonderful way to celebrate the season. We also announced the exciting launch of our Combined Cadet Force (CCF), offering unique opportunities for leadership and personal development.

Our Autumn Term 2 newsletter, published today, celebrates these achievements and shares many highlights from both inside and outside the classroom.

Rewards and Recognition

Our Rewards System continues to be highly valued by students, as shown during recent Student Voice. Proud Friday celebrations remain a popular way to empower students to celebrate their own success. This term alone:

- 132 students achieved their Bronze award.
- 729 students achieved their Silver award.
- 595 students achieved their Gold award.
- 221 students gained Ruby.
- 3 students were awarded Platinum – an exceptional achievement.

Congratulations to all students who have demonstrated excellence and effort this term.

Staff Changes

As the year closes, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Martinez Sykora, Head of MFL, who has made a significant impact during her time with us. We thank her for her dedication and wish her every success in the future. We are pleased to confirm that we are fully staffed for January, and any minor timetable changes will be available on Class Charts from Monday 5 January 2026. Students will receive printed copies of their timetables on return. There will be a small number of changes to tutors in January and if this will affect your son/ daughter you will receive an email separately introducing the new teacher.

Expectations and Uniform

We have high expectations at The Hamble School, including behaviour, attendance and uniform. Over the Christmas break, please ensure that your child:

- Has the correct school uniform and that it meets our requirements.
- Has all the necessary equipment for learning, including pens, pencils and other essentials.
- Is ready to return to school on Monday 5 January 2026 at 8:30am, prepared for a successful start to the new term.

Our uniform and equipment list is available on our website for your reference:

<https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/uniform/>

Safeguarding Over the Holidays

Our StaySafe@thehambleschool.co.uk and general@thehambleschool.co.uk mail boxes will not be checked as regularly over the Christmas holiday period therefore it is important that you report any concerns to Children's Services.

If you live in a Hampshire County Council postcode, such as SO31, please visit this website: <https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/report-a-concern/>

If you live in a Southampton City Council postcode, such as SO19, please visit this website: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/children-families/childrens-social-care/report-a-concern-about-a-child/>

If a child is in immediate danger, always call 999.

General wellbeing support and advice can be found on our website: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/student-wellbeing-support/>

Message from the Chair of Governors – Mrs H Craggs

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to express our gratitude to all staff, students and families for their continued support and commitment. This year's successes reflect the strength of our partnership and shared vision for excellence. It has been fantastic to see the school validated through Ofsted and external reviews, and we are excited about the next stage of our journey. Governors are grateful to the whole of 'Team Hamble' for working together to continually improve the education experience and outcomes for all students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Governing Body for their continued support and commitment to the school. Their guidance and strategic oversight have been invaluable in ensuring that we maintain high standards and deliver the very best for our students. This term, we have strengthened our approach to Visible Governance, ensuring that the work of our Governors is transparent, purposeful and aligned with our school priorities. Through regular engagement and clear communication, our Governors continue to play a vital role in shaping our vision and holding us to account, reinforcing a culture of excellence across the school community.

Finally, I wish you all a joyful festive season and a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you for being part of The Hamble School community – we look forward to another year of achievement and opportunity in 2026. Please note that school will reopen at **8:30am on Monday 5 January 2026.**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Cambridge', written in a cursive style.

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.