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Dear Parent/ Carer

Headteacher's Update – Spring Term

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many successes, experiences and achievements across our school community over the last term. It has been a very successful twelve weeks full of academic excellence and wide-ranging opportunities for our students. There have been so many highlights and I hope you will take the time to read these in the Newsletter published earlier today, which provides a detailed celebration of the term.

Spring Term Successes

Our Weekly Messages have captured a vibrant and impactful range of activities this term:

- Creative Arts Week saw students across Years 7–10 embrace new experiences, build confidence and showcase their exceptional creativity through a wide range of workshops and performances.
- Science Week launched with an exciting *Science Tricks Show*, featuring hands-on demonstrations, interactive physics and kitchen chemistry that left students inspired and eager to learn more.
- Students participated in memorable enrichment opportunities such as the Barcelona Art and Spanish Trip, which provided valuable cultural and linguistic learning and the Sky Studios experience, where selected students explored media production.
- The National Year of Reading community activities and World Book Day enabled students to focus on reading with themed lessons, competitions, costumes and literacy activities across the curriculum.

These events exemplify the wide range of opportunities our staff provide for students at The Hamble School.

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Rewards and Recognition

Throughout the term, students have demonstrated commitment, resilience and positivity. Proud Friday celebrations, House Events and Double Points Days have enabled students to work towards the Reward Goals. We look forward to further acknowledging their achievements in the Summer Term and students are already very excited about the much-anticipated reward trips.

Parents and Carers – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent Parent Survey. Your feedback plays a central role in guiding school improvement and shaping the experiences we offer. We will share the feedback with the school community after Easter.

We are grateful to all who attended our Parent Forums this term, which have focussed on Inclusion and PSHCRE/RSE. Attendance at Year 8 and 9 Parents' Evenings has been very high this term and we know that this positive working relationship between home and school is so important to ensure your child achieves the very best outcomes.

Staffing Update

I am pleased to confirm that we are fully staffed for the Summer Term. This stability ensures that all students receive continuity, high-quality teaching and effective support as we head into an important part of the academic year.

Science Block Update

The refurbishment of our Science Block is ahead of schedule and we are on track to have the building handed back to the school at the end of April. We are incredibly excited to welcome students into the newly updated facilities, which will enhance the delivery of practical science and enrich their learning experience.

Year 11 – Easter Revision and Exam Preparation

Our Year 11 students have worked exceptionally hard throughout their mock examinations, showing maturity, determination and a positive approach to feedback.

The Easter holiday is a crucial time for revision and we strongly encourage students to use this period effectively by consolidating their learning, completing revision tasks and practising exam techniques.

We would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to all staff who are giving up their time to run Easter Intervention sessions. These sessions play a vital role in boosting confidence and preparing students for success in the Summer exams.

Please do ensure that your Year 11 child has a revision timetable and is using this to plan their time over the next two weeks.

Expectations and Uniform

In preparation for the Summer Term, please ensure your child:

- Has the correct uniform and equipment ready for the Summer Term
- Attends school punctually and consistently
- Maintains good organisation and daily routines

Strong habits make a significant difference to student progress and wellbeing. Full details of our uniform and equipment expectations are available on our website:

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

Safeguarding Over the Easter Break

Although school will be closed for the holiday, safeguarding remains our highest priority.

Our StaySafe@thehambleschool.co.uk and general@thehambleschool.co.uk mail boxes will not be checked as regularly over the holiday period.

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

This term, the Governing Body has focused closely on Teaching and Learning and the ongoing improvement work taking place across the school site.

We have monitored the progress of the Science Block refurbishment and are delighted that the project is ahead of schedule. As we move into the Summer Term, we will continue to support and challenge school leaders to ensure every student is well prepared for the opportunities and assessments ahead. We are also looking forward to the many events which are planned to take place over the coming months.

The Governing Body would like to thank students, staff and families for their commitment and positivity throughout the Spring Term.

Looking Ahead

The Summer Term brings many exciting opportunities, including enrichment activities, curriculum events, sporting competitions and of course, the final preparations for Year 11 examinations. We are looking forward to another term filled with progress, achievement and celebration.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 13 April 2026 at 8:30am. Wishing you a safe and restful Easter.

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.