

Wednesday 22 July 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer

Headteacher's End of Year Update

As we come to the close of another successful year at The Hamble School, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements we have celebrated together. It has been a year filled with academic success, personal growth, leadership opportunities, enrichment experiences and memorable moments that have showcased the very best of our students and wider school community.

One of the most significant strengths of our school continues to be the positive culture we have built together. We remain committed to recognising and celebrating student success in all its forms, whether this is academic achievement, leadership, kindness, resilience, contribution to school life or progress in learning. I am delighted to share that:

- 100% of students achieved enough positive points to earn their Bronze Award
- 96% of students achieved their Silver Award
- 93% of students achieved their Ruby Award and attended our Film Event
- 85% of students earned a place on one of our major reward trips
- More than 1,000 Proud Friday Certificates were awarded
- 250 Headteacher Commendations were presented
- Over 120 students achieved more than 2,500 positive points
- More than 85 students achieved over 3,000 positive points
- Four students achieved an incredible 4,000 positive points

These figures represent thousands of positive choices made by our students every day and demonstrate the high standards, aspirations and values that characterise The Hamble School.

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This year has also been filled with opportunities for students to learn beyond the classroom. Students have participated in a wide range of educational visits and enrichment activities, including visits to Iceland, Barcelona, Paris and our Zanzibar expedition. These experiences have encouraged independence, resilience and a greater understanding of the wider world.

Our students have continued to demonstrate excellence through leadership and service. Members of our Student Leadership Team, House Captains, Prefects, Transition Prefects, Cyber Ambassadors and Sports Leaders have played an invaluable role in supporting school events, welcoming new students, representing the school and contributing positively to our community. Their maturity, commitment and sense of responsibility make them excellent ambassadors for The Hamble School.

We have also celebrated considerable success in sport, the arts and enrichment. Students have excelled through music performances, Arts Week, Dance Live, our Art Exhibition and numerous sporting fixtures and competitions. Many students have also developed valuable teamwork, resilience and leadership skills through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme and our extensive programme of House competitions.

Throughout the year, our students have demonstrated compassion and a strong commitment to helping others. Through fundraising and charitable initiatives, including Children in Need, Red Nose Day and the Shoebox Appeal, they have made a positive contribution to both local and wider communities. We were also delighted to receive national recognition through the Pearson National Teaching Awards and the Hampshire ARC Silver Award, reflecting our commitment to inclusion, wellbeing and ensuring every student feels valued and supported.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Team Hamble. Our staff work tirelessly every day to support students both academically and personally. I am also grateful to our Governors for their continued guidance and challenge, and to our Parents/ Carers for the ongoing support and partnership that plays such an important role in the success of our school.

Staffing

As a school, we remain committed to supporting our staff, and at the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to valued colleagues. Miss Hillier, our Head of Maths, and Mrs Woodford, Site Assistant, will be retiring after many years of dedicated service to education. We thank them both for their commitment, professionalism and the positive impact they have had on countless students and colleagues over the years; we wish them a long and happy retirement. Miss Allen, Teacher of Dance, and Miss Williams, Assistant Head of Science, will be taking the opportunity to travel and pursue personal ambitions before embarking on the next stage of their careers. Mr Andrews, Assistant Headteacher, and Mrs Clarkson, Teacher of PE, have chosen to pursue exciting opportunities beyond the school education sector, and we wish them every success in their new ventures.

As a school, we remain committed to providing high-quality professional development opportunities that enable our staff to grow and develop throughout their careers, and we are particularly proud that a number of colleagues have secured promotions this year. Mrs Brant, Cover Manager and SLT PA, Mr Clark-Lyons, Assistant Head of English, Ms Crockett, School

Inclusion Administrator, and Mr Holley, Teacher of MFL, have all achieved career progression opportunities, reflecting both their individual talents and the strong culture of professional development that we strive to foster at The Hamble School. While we will be sorry to see them leave, we are immensely proud of their achievements and the next steps they are taking in their careers.

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank all departing colleagues for their dedication, commitment and contribution to The Hamble School. I am pleased to confirm that we continue to be in a strong position for September and will write to you later in the summer with staffing updates and introductions to new members of the team.

Summer Resources

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

Please be aware that our StaySafe@thehambleschool.co.uk and general@thehambleschool.co.uk mailboxes will not be monitored as regularly during the holiday period.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child during the summer break, please contact your local Children's Services team directly:

- Hampshire County Council residents (for example, SO31 postcodes):
<https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/report-a-concern/>
- Southampton City Council residents (for example, SO19 postcodes):
<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/children-families/childrens-social-care/report-a-concern-about-a-child>

If a child is at immediate risk of harm or in danger, always call 999.

For general wellbeing advice, mental health support and useful resources for young people and families, please visit: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/student-wellbeing-support/>

We encourage all families to seek support if needed and wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy summer holiday.

Reading remains one of the most valuable activities students can undertake over the summer holidays. It supports academic success, develops vocabulary and creativity, and promotes wellbeing. We encourage all students to make time for reading during the break and to explore our recommended reading lists: <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/library/recommended-reads/>

Next Academic Year

Students will return to school in September ready for another exciting year of learning and achievement. We are particularly pleased to be launching an updated Achieving Excellence Course, designed to further support students and Parents/ Carers in working together to maximise success both in and beyond the classroom. We strongly encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity. Further information about the programme, including how to sign up, can be found in last week's Weekly Message.

We ask Parents/ Carers to support their child in preparing for the new academic year by ensuring they have the correct uniform and equipment. Please continue to reinforce our core expectations that students are **Ready, Respectful and Safe** and encourage them to make the most of the many opportunities available to them when they return in September.

Further information about uniform requirements, Student Leadership roles for next year and the new Achieving Excellence Course can be found in last week's Weekly Message:

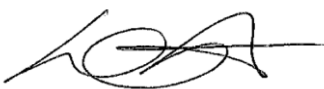
<https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/weekly-message-17-july-2026/>

Details regarding the start of term, school organisation and any updates for September will be communicated before the end of the summer holiday.

Once again, I am incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved this year. Their resilience, ambition, kindness and commitment continue to make The Hamble School a special place to learn and work.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I look forward to welcoming our students back on **Wednesday 2 September 2026**.

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.