

Tuesday 24 July 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer



Headteacher End of Year Update

I am writing to you at the end of another busy and successful year at The Hamble School. Our students have achieved so much, both inside and outside of the classroom and I am immensely proud of them all. One of the most fundamental changes at The Hamble School over the last year has been a shift in culture and ethos with a clear focus on positive praise. Our Reward System recognises student's hard work throughout the year and I am so pleased that 100% of students have achieved their Bronze Award, over 700 certificates have been awarded at Proud Friday, 270 students have taken part in offsite rewards trips and nearly 900 students have attended the Film Events over the last few days. Yesterday I had the pleasure of awarding 15 Headteacher Commendations and today, during period 4, we have our Celebration Assemblies where we will congratulate students on all their academic and extra-curricular achievements. It is clear that through our high expectations and aspirations, students are always striving for the very best outcomes.

I have thoroughly enjoyed attending a number of different events this year. A few recent highlights have been the school production, the Art Exhibition, Annual Prize-Giving, House competitions, Sports Day and charity fundraisers, as well as a trip to Downing Street and Winchester to protest against the Quarry. Every week I read the Weekly Message and am always delighted to hear about the many wider curriculum opportunities such as extracurricular activities and trips/ visits we are now providing as a school – I know more are planned for the next academic year and beyond.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank 'Team Hamble'. We have a fantastic team of dedicated staff who work tirelessly to ensure that the students fulfil their potential. Thank you to our Governors for their hard work and support to drive the school forward. Our parent partnership is extremely important and I am very grateful to the newly formed PTA for support at events and, as well as the Parent Forum who give up their time to meet monthly with the Senior Leadership Team to review aspects of the improvement plan and provide valuable feedback.

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Ofsted

In February 2024 our impressive improvement journey was validated by Ofsted. The inspectors highlighted the many significant transformational changes that have happened at the school.

The feedback included:

1. We have high aspirations for all students – ‘no ceilings are imposed’
2. Inspectors observed that lessons are ‘calm and purposeful’ and students are focussed and engaged
3. Adaptive teaching is evident and there is strong curriculum development
4. There is a measured approach to improving behaviour
5. There is a calm atmosphere around the school in unstructured time (break and lunchtimes)
6. Students show respect and courtesy to staff and each other – they are able to self-regulate
7. There is a considered approach and well-managed action plan for SEND
8. SEND is ‘inclusion by design rather than a bolt on’
9. There is a significant focus on communication
10. Leaders at all levels are empowered to be visionary and progressive
11. Staff understand the local context and are outward looking
12. There is significant work to support the community.

We have summarised all the improvements since the 2022 Ofsted here

<https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/ofsted-report/> and I do hope you will take the opportunity to read this, if you have not already done so. This document also includes impact evidence from other external sources, such as Hampshire Improvement and Advisory Service (HIAS) as well as valuable feedback from parent and student voice.

Staffing

As a school we provide excellent Professional Development for staff – Four members of the team have passed National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) and six have completed PiXL Training Programmes in the last few months. 12 staff were nominated for the Hampshire Education Awards and four members of the team were shortlisted to attend the awards evening – This is higher than any other school in Hampshire.

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 promoted positions. We also have a small number of staff relocating elsewhere in the UK (or to Thailand) due to personal circumstances or leaving for jobs in industry:

- Mr Bailey – Teacher of Science and Raising Standards Leader
- Miss Barra – Teacher of Science
- Mr Blowers – Assistant Head of Maths
- Ms Chilcott – HR Officer
- Mr Dryden – Head of Maths
- Mr Ford – Food Tech Teacher

- Miss Hulbert – SSO
- Mrs Jackson – HTLA – English
- Mr Jarvis – SSO
- Miss Kerry – Teacher of Art
- Mr Knight – Assistant Head of Science
- Mr Parkes – Teacher of History
- Miss Petty – Teacher of Art
- Mr Richard – Cover Manager
- Mrs Vincent – Head of Media Studies
- Mr Vine – Teacher of RE
- Mrs Wilmott – Teacher of English.

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 I will write to you at the end of the summer to introduce new staff and confirm changes to roles.

A message from the Governors

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for working together to support the development of The Hamble School this year. From the Quarry opposition to the launch of the new PTA, it has been a pleasure to see all stakeholders getting involved in making the school a real hub of the community. We were also really pleased with the feedback from the Ofsted monitoring visit, where the inspectors confirmed that the work being done to improve the curriculum, culture and ethos of the school is positive and effective. We are looking forward to continuing to work alongside the Senior Leadership Team and the entire community to continue this journey of improvement to make sure that The Hamble School is the 'high performing local school of choice' for years to come.

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-19-july-2024/>

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

All students will return to school on Tuesday 3 September at 8:30am – this will be a Week 1. On this first day of term students will receive their new timetables, spend time with their Tutors and then start lessons.

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 particularly 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. 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. Hair must be a natural colour, in a style suitable for school. Please also note that from September 2024 if your child wears shorts in PE, these must be loose fitting in plain black or navy – tight shorts are no longer permitted.

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 2024, 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 Tuesday 3 September. 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.