

5 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Assemblies this week:

Years 7 to 10 have assemblies given by their Head of Achievement this week. The focus will be on starting the term on a positive note. Year 9 assembly moves from Wednesday to Friday this week.

Year 11 students will have a slightly extended assembly on Wednesday and will hear from guest speaker Lawrence Tijjani (<https://lawrencetijjani.com/my-story/>) as part of his UK Resilience Tour. Lawrence will focus on how 'Setbacks are not the end. They are the set up for a comeback' and **the importance of self-motivation** and moving past difficulties.

Year 9 focus day on Thursday, 8 January periods 1 to 4 (organised by Mrs Mandrill):

- A focus on enterprise and business planning, run by the organisation Unloc
- A focus on gambling awareness, run by school staff

Forthcoming opportunities and events:

- Advance notice that the **Apprenticeship Bus** is visiting Springfield on 10 February. On board will be approximately 25 apprentices working in the local area. **All Year 10s who have not already been on a careers fair trip will be invited**, which will mean that all pupils in the cohort have had a chance to speak to a wide range of local businesses, building their confidence and awareness of the labour market.
- Some **Year 10s** will be involved in personal development events run by Unloc in the next two months - an enterprise session and a skills session linked to courses run by City of Portsmouth College (communications to those selected will be on Google Classroom). Those not involved this time will be prioritised for other stakeholder visits later in the year.
- Outside school: Lockheed Martin, which specialises in **defence tech**, including through the space industry, is holding a webinar aimed at school aged young people on Tuesday, 29 January 18:00 to 18:45. If your child is interested in technology and engineering, and would like to find more about a prominent defence company, the link to sign up is here <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2282bb45-d36e-4237-a2d8-ab9721f174c3@241c1b6c-8d47-473b-93f8-d0b6b95cf845>
- Outside school: for those **of all ages** interested in **creative industries**, the talks previously shared by ERIC in November as part of creative careers month are now available as recordings. This includes talks on gaming, film and TV, art and design. <https://www.meet-eric.com/2025-dccm-schools>

Careers link of the week:

If your child is interested in an **aviation** career, the British Airways page Speedbird gives useful information about preparing to apply to the company and about the industry in general. <https://careers.ba.com/Speedbird-Pilot-Academy-Preparation>

Best wishes



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