Principal's Post Thursday 27th March 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we approach the final few weeks before the Easter holidays, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic efforts and achievements of our school community. Our values of **kindness, curiosity, and resilience** continue to shine through in everything we do, from the

classroom to extracurricular activities.

A special highlight this term is our **Post -16 24-hour fundraising event** in support of the Samaritans. This incredible initiative embodies our school's spirit of kindness and resilience, and we encourage everyone to get involved and donate if they can. Your support will make a real difference to those in need.

We also need your help in supporting our **3G Astro pitch planning application**. This facility will provide huge benefits to our students and the wider **community**, and we encourage you to add **positive** comments to support the application. Your voices can make a real impact in helping us secure this fantastic resource!

Thank you for your continued commitment and enthusiasm. Let's make these last few weeks of term as positive and productive as ever!

Best wishes,

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



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Please note that the College will be finishing on Friday 4th April for the Easter break at 13:00.

Buses have been arranged for a 13:00 departure after final registration.



Congratulations went to our BTEC students last week as they received their Exam Results from January exams. These Level 3 BTEC qualifications in Sport, Health and Social Care and Business are equivalent to A-levels, with students completing a

combination of coursework and exams for their final grades. Well done to all of our students!

The College was an array of colour this week with mismatching colourful socks as we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day on the 21st March. Assemblies all week included an explanation of why it is always celebrated on the 21st of the 3rd month (people who have Downs Syndrome have 3 of chromosome 21) and the important message that "We are all the same....just different"

24-hour challenge update....

Students and Staff are all ready to make a difference this Thursday and Friday with the 24-hour event. To date, money raised from our Just Giving site and the raffle is approximately £1299.25 which will mean 112 more phone calls can be taken from people who are in real need from the amazing charity – The Samaritans.

More details to follow in the end of term Newsletter. Donations can be made here: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/page/honiton24hr</u>





The Challenge is underway!!

Or scan to donate





Thank you for your support







A huge well done to all our Year 7 students for showing such resilience and determination during assessment week! I know it can be a challenging time, but your positive attitude and hard work have been truly impressive. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Looking ahead, don't forget to sign up for the Year 7 Residential during Activities Week. This is a brilliant opportunity to challenge yourself, make lasting memories with friends, and enjoy exciting outdoor adventures. If you haven't already signed up, make sure to do so soon!

As we move into Spring, and the Easter break approaches, take some time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the longer days ahead. Whether you're spending time with family, getting outdoors, or indulging in some well-earned Easter treats, make the most of this season of new beginnings.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



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Well done Year 8 for all your hard work in the recent end of cycle assessments, you should all have been receiving your results this week. So many of you have been receiving Tutor Award Certificates last week and this week due to all the praise points

you have achieved so far, this academic year. You should be seeing lots of evidence of your positive work ethic and embodiment of school values. Our new cycle will be starting next week, this is an opportunity to reflect on what you have achieved so far this year and set a goal for your achievements at the end of Year 8.

It was great to see some of our Year 8 students wearing odd socks for Downs' Syndrome Awareness Day last Friday and we are looking forward to cheering on the Post-16 students in their last ever 24-hour event!

Year 8 students have shown bravery and resilience this week while getting their HPV immunisations. The Nursing Team that came into school on Wednesday commented to me how impressed they were with the attitude and polite manner of the students they saw, what lovely feedback to receive!

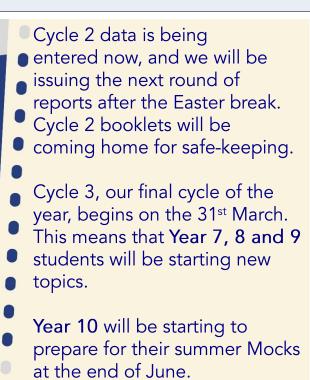
As we move towards the Easter break, I hope you all have the opportunity to get outside in the warmer weather and enjoy some relaxing time with family and friends.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8

Don't Forg Year 7 Progress Evening Thursday 24th April 15:45-19:00

You will be sent details next week of how to book your individual appointments with the system going live on Thursday 3rd April at 18:30.

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th









Students will be receiving their certificates this week for meeting certain thresholds with their praise points. Please do chat to them about what level they have received.

The students are now at the end of cycle 2 and recently had assessments. Reports will be coming out after the Easter break.

Some amazing work has been done this term and students should be praised for everything they have accomplished.

I hope that they all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



With just under two weeks to go until the Easter break, Year 10, you should all be proud of the hard work you've put into your Cycle 2 assessments—well done for your effort and focus! Now is the time to make sure your work experience placements are sorted, with the

deadline of Friday 2nd May fast approaching. If you haven't already, log in to UniFrog to explore the platform and add your placement.

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part in Ten Tors training—your resilience and commitment are truly inspiring.

We are now over halfway through the year and have plenty of exciting things to look forward to in the Summer term: Ten Tors, Duke of Edinburgh, more sports fixtures and Activities Week! Let's keep up the momentum and finish the Spring term strong!

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 10



I can't believe that Year 11 have 4 teaching weeks to go before the start of their exams (approximately 18 days). It feels like no time at all, that I was welcoming them back from the summer break, and here we are!

The students were exceptionally well behaved throughout the mock exams and really showed what they are capable of. It was the closest run, in terms of procedures, to the real exams and students really rose to the challenge. Real practical exams have also been taking place over the past couple of weeks, with photography taking center stage this week.

Please encourage and support Year 11 to continue attending the after-school revision sessions; they will be ongoing until the exams start. A few subjects are planning revision sessions during the Easter break, and students will be invited to these by the teachers involved.

Thirteen of our students visited Exeter College for a taster day this week, to get a feel for life as a Post-16 student and were absolutely fantastic throughout. I believe many students have already applied for their next locations, but if you feel that your child could do with further support, please do let us know.

Good luck to Year 11 GCSE PE students with their practical moderation on Thursday 3rd April which involves an external moderator visiting for the day to quality assure their marks.

Although I know the students will be preparing for the exams, I do hope that they have a really enjoyable Easter break and have a good rest.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11



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Spring Term Music Exhibition Concert



Thursday 3rd April 2025

18:00 to 19:00

Support our musicians in their first exhibition concert this academic year!

FEATURING

HCC House Band

 Taiko Drumming Ensemble
Singing Group – (featuring a performance from the workshop on the 3rd April with Devon Youth Choir coaches) Guitar Group
Other Individual and group performances

Admission: Free

To register for a seat in the audience apply through the link or QRCode: https://forms.office.com/e/L16ZHjp20W



FOOD AND NUTRITION

It's fabulous to see so many students creating delicious recipes in their Food and Nutrition practical lessons. Please ensure students are equipped with a container to bring their wonderful creations safely home in.

As always, the dates of when they will be cooking are posted on Classcharts and will always be displayed on the information board outside the Food room.

Instrument Lessons at the College

If your child would like to have music instrument lessons (fees apply), please apply through the link or QR Code below:



Instrumental Lessons at Honiton Community College

https://forms.office.com/e/n8AJsdJSyb





Next Events

Monday 31 March U13 Girls Football @ HCC (after-school)

Thursday 3 April

End of Term Concert (after-school)

Friday 4 April Last day of Term early finish @ 13:00

College Holiday Monday 7 April (First day of Easter Holidays) Tuesday 22 April (First day of Summer Term)

> Wednesday 23 April ♦ Bikeability @ HCC

Thursday 24 April ♦ Bikeability @ HCC Year 7 Progress Evening (15:45 - 19:00)

Friday 25 April Ten Tors Training (08:30 -16:00)

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- Flu reception year 11
- MMR catch up
- HPV year 8 year 11
- Meningitis ACWY year 9 year 11
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) year 9 year 11

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CORNWALL & DEVON School Age Immunisation Service

Delivered by Kernow Health CIC

MMR

DTP

Meningitis

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- Home educated children
- 🗸 Anxious children
- Children who missed the session at school

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team



Call us on 01392 342678

kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net





Heads Up for Summer Term clubs

Lots of enrichment opportunities for students to try:

- ♦ Monday's at lunchtime Cricket and Girls Neon Colour Run – Couch to 2K.
- Wednesday's at lunchtime Volleyball and Girls Rugby.
- Thursday's at lunch Tennis and Rounders.
- Thursday's after College Athletics.

More information will follow.



Honiton 3G Pitch



Please take a moment to support our plans for a fantastic 3G pitch, that will benefit our schools, local sports clubs and community in general.

Please add your voice in support of this exciting opportunity by clicking this link and registering to 'Make a comment'.

Other supporting comments are available for you to view. Thank you in advance for your time.

<u>3G Pitch planning - please add your support here</u>

