

Principal's Post

Friday 7th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into February, it has been a busy few weeks at school, with plenty happening across all year groups. Our Year 9 students have been thinking carefully about their next steps as they prepare to make their option choices following their initial expressions of interest, which many of you discussed at our recent Year 9 Progress Evening. Meanwhile, our Year 13 students are in the midst of their mock exams, demonstrating great resilience as they prepare for the challenges ahead.

Our school values—kindness, curiosity, and resilience—continue to be at the heart of everything we do. A key focus this term has been ensuring that our school day best supports student learning. Following valuable feedback from staff, students, and parents, we will be adopting a revised structure that includes a longer tutor time at the start of the day. This will allow tutors to check in with students, ensuring they are ready for the day ahead, followed by focused reading of a year group text. This approach will further embed a culture of reading across the school, nurturing curiosity, and broadening students' horizons.

I am also excited to announce that our **3G pitch project planning application is now live** on the East Devon Council website. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop a valuable community asset, and we would greatly appreciate your support. If you can, please take a moment to **add your comments** to help strengthen our application: [Planning Application Link](#).

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



Students have sat their penultimate set of exams this week before they leave the compulsory education system and I am sure they will have shone through in their ability and a great payback for all of their hard work.

Their last Progress Evening at HCC will be on **Thursday 13th March** with bookings going live on Thursday 27th February and we very much hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Aside from these last weeks of coursework, revision, and assessment, the students are also having the last few sessions in their Personal Development, which is including Financial Planning, CPR training and how to cook on a budget with the Ready Steady Cook Challenge at the end of the term. The team very much hopes to send them on their way with as many real-life skills as we can think of.... we also cover how to use an iron!

The very last traditional 24 hour Challenge has been set for the **27th / 28th March** which I believe will be the toughest yet. The students have chosen the Exeter Branch of the **Samaritans** as the Charity of choice with the Student Committee set to launch the event with gusto after their exams this week. They are incredibly determined to go out with a bang this year!

As part of this event, we will be holding a 24 hour Raffle with a prize being drawn for each hour. If anyone would like to donate a prize – please email me or drop into reception.



The Samaritans are an amazing charity; available round the clock, 365 days a year in support of anyone who needs them and we are very proud and pleased to be able to support them.



Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16



Year 7, as we welcome the start of February, we are beginning to notice the first signs of Spring. The days are getting longer, and the promise of warmer weather is just around the corner. It is a time for new beginnings, fresh

opportunities, and growth, much like the season itself.

Just as the flowers start to bloom and the days stretch longer, we encourage you to embrace this time of change. Take advantage of the extra daylight to focus on your studies, set new goals, and enjoy time with friends and family. Spring reminds us that after every challenging season, there is always a chance for renewal.

Let us use this opportunity to reflect on how far we have come and continue to grow as individuals and as a Year 7 community. Together, we will make the most of these brighter days ahead continuing to demonstrate our kindness, curiosity, and resilience.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



As we creep towards half term we reflect on the busy 6 weeks post-Christmas. In among the cold, wet, windy days there has been so much positivity among the year 9's. Many students are taking up the great opportunities in Music.

D of E continues with many students well on their way to completing 3 months of their volunteering, skill or physical. We had a successful Progress Evening and lots of discussion about options subjects; we look forward to seeing many of you at Options Evening at the end of February.

Year 9's have accumulated vast numbers of praise points and the golden ticket is still in operation for all those acts of kindness.

There's an opportunity over half term to have an experience day at Wyvern Barracks should anyone be considering a military route in the future. Do ask for details.

We wish everyone a restful half term.

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



As we approach the much-anticipated half-term holiday, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work Year 8 students have been doing around the school. It's been such a pleasure seeing how each of you

has been demonstrating kindness, respect, and generosity to those around you. You should be immensely proud of your efforts, and I have been thrilled to see Year 8 students winning the **Golden Ticket Prize** for kindness in the last couple of weeks. Keep up the splendid work!

This week in assembly we have celebrated diversity as part of **LGBTQ+ History Month**, a time for all of us to reflect on the history, struggles, and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community. It is an opportunity to learn more about the importance of inclusivity, acceptance, and respect for everyone, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation. We have talked about the importance of not being a bystander but someone who is able to stand up for others who are being discriminated against.

This week has seen the start of mid-cycle assessments in classes, and I have been impressed with the attitude Year 8 students have been approaching these assessments. They are all working so hard and deserve a well-earned rest and recharge

Thank you, Year 8; your kindness, and enthusiasm make a difference every day.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8

Uniform Reminder



Please can parents/carers ensure that students are wearing their uniform correctly on arrival to school. They need to wear their blazers, shirt and tie (with the shirt tucked in and top button done up). If students need an extra layer, they should wear a HCC school jumper under their blazer.

◆ Leggings should not be worn unless under a skirt. Hoodies and other non-school jumpers are not to be worn on school site.



Year 10 students continue to impress with their dedication and drive. They are embracing challenges, pushing themselves academically, and making the most of the opportunities available.

This week a small group of students attended an Academic Insights event at Exeter College which was a huge success and the students behaved immaculately. Last week, the Year 10s also had a fantastic assembly delivered by ASK, all about apprenticeships – I think this gave all students some food for thought and highlighted some of the alternatives to academia that our young people can pursue Post -16.

Let's keep encouraging them to stay focused, resilient, and committed to their goals—every lesson, every effort counts!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 10



We are now well into our revision programme. I could not be more impressed at the number of students attending the after-school revision sessions. Our weekly rewards started this week and huge congratulations to the winner – they have demonstrated the hard work and effort expected over the past week. I look forward to the celebration assembly next Tuesday to announce the next winner.

Now that the pressure and expectation has started to increase, I think it is important to have a timely reminder for students to look after themselves. Remember to get plenty of sleep and to do something nice, after all your hard work. It is important to revise and stick to your revision programme, but it is equally important to have some time out to prevent burn out.

Year 11 photos will be taking place on **13th February**, so please ensure that you have completed the consent form if you wish for your child to be included in the group photograph and individual photographs. If the consent form is not completed the student will not be able to have their photo taken. For the consent link, please check emails and let us know of any issues.

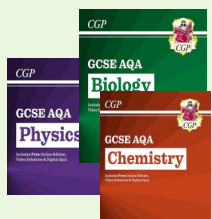
A great start to year 11, keep it going!

Also Exeter College Open Events can be found on their website so please do have a look ahead. Plus they are offering 30 minutes appointments with advisors for those who are unsure about courses. Book on this link if required: <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/school-leavers/support/college-advice-team/appointments/>.

Exeter College are also offering an Apprenticeship Expo at the college on 13th February. Look for more info on the website.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11

Year 10 Students – Science Revision Guides



These have now arrived at the school, and we will start to hand them out shortly.

Any parents in year 10 that still wish to purchase a science revision guide at half the retail price can do so via the normal payment method. The payment should be visible under the 'stores' area of the MCAS app

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Thursday 27th February
5:00 -7:00pm



Come along and meet our subject teachers and department heads who will be available to showcase their subjects and answer any question you may have.

KS3 Reading at HCC

Following discussion at our recent Parent Engagement Group, we wanted to share with you the books that students are reading together this year, within tutor time. Each year group currently has two chosen texts for the year. We hope they enjoy them.

YEAR 7 BOOKS:

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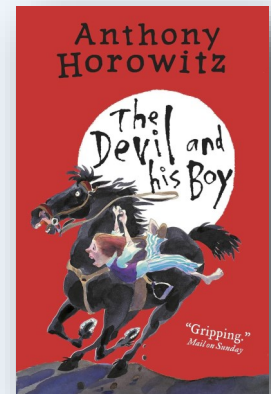
Crater Lake
(Jennifer Killick)



YEAR 8 BOOKS:

Terms 2-3:

The Devil and His Boy
(Anthony Horowitz)



YEAR 7 BOOKS:

Terms 2-3:

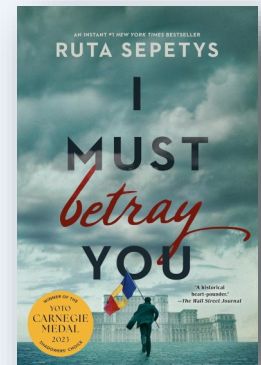
Beyond the Bright Sea
(Lauren Wolk)



YEAR 9 BOOKS:

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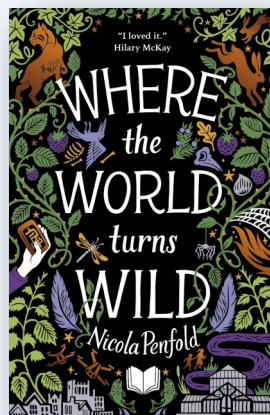
I Must Betray You
(Ruta Sepetys)



YEAR 8 BOOKS:

Terms 1-2:

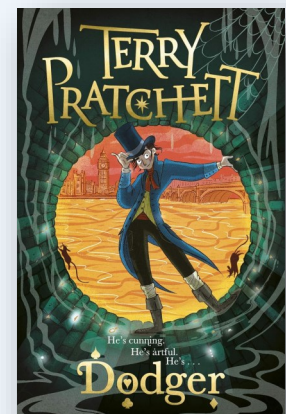
Where the World Turns Wild
(Nicola Penfold)



YEAR 9 BOOKS:

Terms 2-3:

Dodger
(Terry Pratchett)



PARENTS... Also a reminder that our college library is open to students every lunchtime. Please encourage your child to come and borrow a book! They can borrow two at any time.



Sparx Reader

It has been fantastic to see the progress being made in SparxReader. This week we wanted to share our top readers in Year 7&8. Research shows that improving literacy through reading leads to a wider vocabulary and the greater a student's vocabulary the better their GCSE outcomes. Keep up the great work Year 7&8!

Leaders Board

Top Groups: 7A English 3, 7B English 1, 8B English 2

Year 7 Students:  Selina  Bo  Amelia  Poppy

Year 8 Students:  Amelia  Oscar  Toby  Imogen

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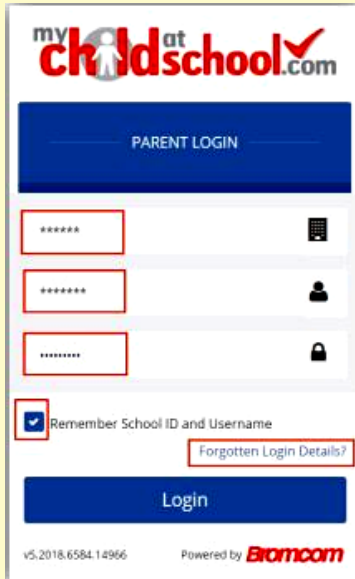


HCC hosted the Honiton Learning Community Year 6 Youth Speak Competition on Wednesday 29th January

The event was sponsored by Otter Vale Rotary and supported by HCC students. There were 8 teams of 3 pupils from 4 of the local primary schools taking part and debating topics chosen by themselves such as 'What is beyond our Universe?' and 'Is it fair to use animals for research purposes?'.

The standard was very high with the pupils demonstrating excellent research, presentation and speaking skills. The judge had a difficult time deciding on the winners however, Honiton Primary B were worthy champions with their well balance arguments on 'Should young people be made to do National Service?' Well done to all involved.





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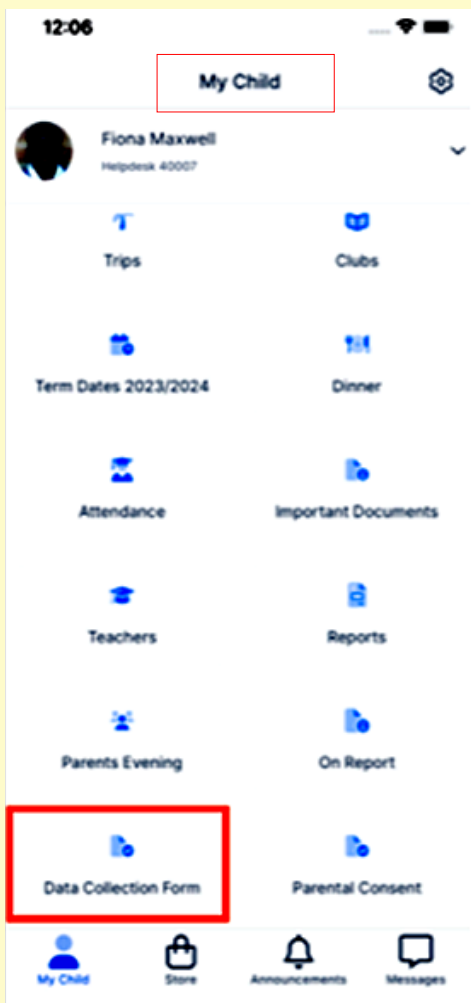
There are occasions when the College needs to be able to make contact with home for a student during the school day. Please can families check that all emails addresses and phone details are up to date and correct to help ensure this works as smoothly as possible.

To check and update details please follow the steps below:

Go to **My Child** then either click on **Data Collection Form**, you may need to scroll down to see this depending on how your school has configured your view.

Click on the relevant field in **Student Information** or **Parent Information** for example **Medical Information**, then make amendments to the relevant sections. After all changes have been made, make sure to click **Save Changes**.

Thank you advance.



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My Child

Fiona Maxwell
Helpdesk 40007

Trips Clubs

Term Dates 2023/2024 Dinner

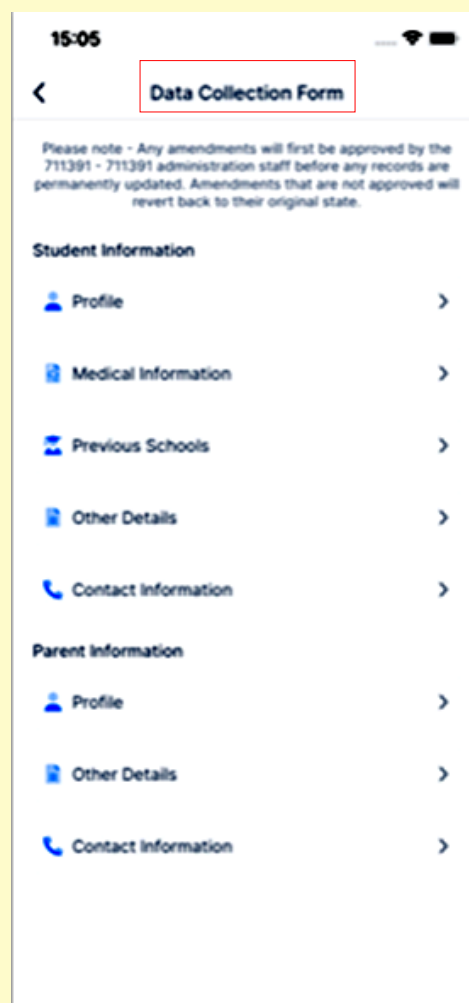
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Teachers Reports

Parents Evening On Report

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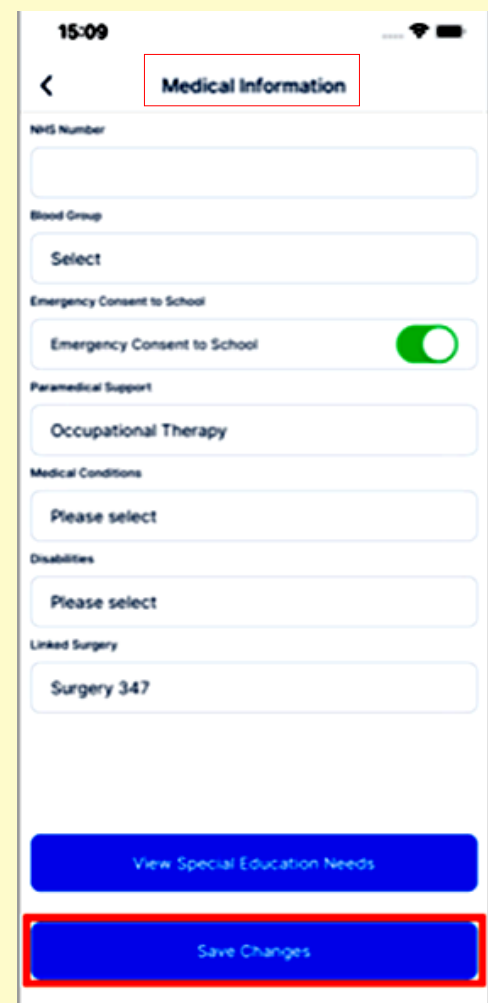
Please note - Any amendments will first be approved by the 711391 - 711391 administration staff before any records are permanently updated. Amendments that are not approved will revert back to their original state.

Student Information

- Profile
- Medical Information
- Previous Schools
- Other Details
- Contact Information

Parent Information

- Profile
- Other Details
- Contact Information



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Medical Information

NHS Number

Blood Group

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Emergency Consent to School

Paramedical Support

Occupational Therapy

Medical Conditions

Please select

Disabilities

Please select

Linked Surgery

Surgery 347

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Next Fortnightly Events

Monday 10 February (Week B)

*Food & Nutrition NEA 2 Practical Element
(All week)

Tuesday 11 February

*Year 11 Fine Art Trip @ St Ives Tate Gallery
(07:00-19:30)

Wednesday 12 February

*U13 girls 7 a-side football @ Axe Valley
Academy (14:05-17:30)

Thursday 13 February

*Year 7 and 8 Netball Vs Axe Valley @ HCC
(15:05-17:00)

*Year 11 Tempest Photos in Drama Hall
(08:00-11:00)

Friday 14 February

*Post-16 Charity Bake Off and Sale for the rest
of the college in aid of British Heart
Foundation

Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
Half Term Holiday

Cake Sale – Friday February 14th.



To embrace Heart Awareness Month the Post-16 Students are holding a Bake-Off contest between themselves and Staff followed by a cake sale for all students at breaktime. The cakes will be priced between 50p and £1.50.

All monies raised will be donated to the British Heart Foundation and we welcome all of your support. Thank you.

◆ Please note that as we cannot guarantee any cakes suitable for any allergy requirements and would ask anyone with food allergies not to purchase and eat the cakes. Thank you

Rewards update



As we approach the half way point in the academic year, I am delighted to inform you that there have been 470 reward sessions taken by students when they have reached their required thresholds.

These include skip the lunch queue passes, movie afternoon, Poppy the dog walk, fitness suite and archery sessions.

Based on student feedback, we have also added a library session to the rewards menu.



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CAR PARK CHARGES



Due to the college's proximity to the town centre and our desire to always ensure we have spaces for visitors and staff, we employ the use of ANPR cameras to manage our car park. Whilst this means that the car parks are not free to use, when visiting college for events/meetings etc., we do have the facility to log your car registration in reception to avoid charges.

Please remember to log in your car registration number at the College reception whenever using our car parks for college business.