

Principal's Post

Thursday 27th November 2024



As winter takes hold, we have been greeted by snow and ice this past week, transforming the school grounds into a winter wonderland, equipped with an ice rink! While the wintry weather can be challenging, we appreciate all your support in ensuring everyone stays safe and warm.

This week also marks a significant milestone for our Year 11 students as they begin their mock exams. These assessments are a vital step in preparing for their final examinations, and we are incredibly proud of their focus and determination. We wish them all the very best as they put their hard work into practice.

We were also delighted to welcome a group of primary school headteachers to our school last week. They were excited to see how much our students have grown since the start of the academic year and were greeted like celebrities by the students! The kind words about our students' progress and enthusiasm for learning were a testament to the vibrant and supportive environment we strive to create.

With lots happening over the coming weeks, including a non-pupil day, Christmas jumper day for Operation Rudolph, theatre performances and Christmas Carol events to look forward to, it is a busy and exciting time for everyone. Keep an eye on the key dates section below and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at them.

Principal, Mrs C Brothwood



Early finish
on Friday 20th December.
Students will have an early lunch
and finish at 1pm.
Buses have been arranged.

INSET DAY
Monday 9th December



Students and staff are invited to join in our community event hosted by the Post-16 Students on the last day of term by wearing non-Uniform for a suggested donation of a £1. Money raised will go towards Honiton's Operation Rudolph which is our local community charity that help ensure nobody is struggling at Christmas and helping individuals and families who may find the Christmas season difficult financially or socially. They provide Christmas Day Meals, Gifts and Meat Boxes and we can really help make a difference. More information can be found here

<https://inspiring-connections.org/operation-rudolph/>



Students and Staff are encouraged to wear something Christmassy but please do not feel as though you need to go and buy a new jumper! Charity shops have a great range available or be creative and make your own! Tutors will be awarding prizes in tutor-time for the 'top looks'! Usual lessons will be taking place so shoes and clothing need to provide coverage. Footwear needs to be safe for practical lessons and normal PE kit to be worn if you have a sports lesson.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Assessment Week



Year 7, As you approach your first Assessment Week, I want to take a moment to remind you how proud I am of everything you have accomplished so far this year. This is an exciting time and a wonderful opportunity to show all the hard work you have put in.

Here are a few tips to help you feel prepared and confident:

- **Plan Ahead:** Take time each day to review the work in your booklets, especially subjects you might find challenging.
- **Stay Organized:** Make sure you have all your equipment and arrive to your lessons ready.
- **Ask for Help:** If you are unsure about anything, do not hesitate to ask your teachers for clarification. They are here to support you!
- **Look After Yourself:** Make sure you're getting enough sleep, eating well, and taking breaks to stay refreshed.

Remember, assessments are a chance for you to demonstrate your learning, but they are not the only measure of your success. Stay calm, give your best effort, and know that we believe in you.

Good luck, Year 7 — you've got this!

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7

It was great to meet so many families at our recent **Year 8** Progress meeting. Some of you mentioned to me that you would like to know a little, more about your child's tutors. I have included a photograph of the **Year 8** tutor team .



Ms. Schreiber Mr. Forsyth Mr. Taylor Mrs. Meek Mrs. Salter Miss. Robinson Ms. Gurney

Ms. Schreiber 8A - Hello! I am a cover teacher working at Honiton until Christmas. In my free time I like to read, learn languages, and explore Devon.

Mr. Forsyth 8B- I teach PE and Science and enjoy football and watching films. I was a student at HCC and many of your teachers also taught me!

Mr. Taylor 8C- I teach PE and have a Year 7 group for Maths. I have two girls at primary school so enjoy lots of family time with them too. I enjoy playing football and cycling. I support Spurs so enjoy watching their games when I can, and always follow Exeter City and their results.

Mrs. Robinson 8D - My name is Miss Katie Robinson, and I am the art teacher here at HCC. I did my degree in Brighton and before I became a teacher I had my own sculpture business. In my spare time (which is very little at the moment with two girls under 4 years old) I enjoy surfing, dancing and walks on Dartmoor.

Mrs. Salter 8D- My name is Mrs. Salter. I share my tutor group with Miss Robinson. I teach PE and health and social care. My main hobbies are riding my horse and playing netball.

Ms. Gurney 8E - Hi! I am Philippa Gurney, I teach Mathematics. I enjoy walking and taking photographs.

Mrs. E Meek, Head of Year 8



Year 10 have been working hard towards their first KS4 end-of-cycle assessments next week. We have been encouraging them to take these seriously and study up as if these were the real deal. Any encouragement to study at home would be hugely beneficial!

Many Year10s have been securing placements for work experience and we have been enthused by the variety of work placements that have come in already. If anyone is struggling with finding appropriate work experience, or needs some inspiration,

please come and find me or drop me an email. Eleanor.Lindsay@honiton.college



Year 11 have made a fabulous start to their mock exams this week. The exam invigilators have commented on the students' great attitude, and how quickly they have taken to the routines. Thanks to the students the mocks started promptly and have proceeded without issue. This set of mocks and results will be daunting for many students, but remember that they are a starting point. They will help to inform revision and teaching to ensure that you make lots of progress before the final exams. Remember to get plenty of rest in between revision sessions and plan your time wisely. You have made a great start in year 11 - keep it going.

Also, a massive thank you to those that were able to attend the Year 11 SLT progress evening last Tuesday. It was great to meet so many of you and put support in place as needed for the mocks/exams. Hopefully, you found the sessions helpful. A feedback form will be with you shortly. Please spend a few minutes filling this in, so that we can help to improve the evening further.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11



The Year 13 students have had a busy start of the term as their exams get ever closer. We all wish the BTEC students' good luck next week as they start their official exam season and congratulate the many amazing offers received for our university bound students. A great way to go into their few months of study.



Some traditions never fade in Post -16 and we look forward to next Tuesday when we officially start the Christmas celebrations; put the study books down and have a lovely evening decorating our tree, sing cheesy Christmas songs, enter the Christmas Quiz (always gets very competitive!), eat festive food and finish off by watching a Christmas Movie. A great wellbeing activity for some deserving hardworking students

Mrs S Burroughs, Assistant Principal - Director of Post 16



Year 9,10 and 11 have a fantastic opportunity to watch a performance of A Christmas Carol in the drama hall after school on Friday 13th December. Tickets are available now on Bromcom for £7.50.



ART CLUB
**CHRISTMAS PRINTMAKING
WORKSHOP**

Every Wednesday after school
15:05-16:00

Spaces limited.
If interested, please speak to
Miss Robinson or Mrs Creed in Art

All years invited to a Christmas printing art workshop creating greetings cards, bags, and decorations to take home. In C6 after school every Wednesday 15:05 -16:00.

Next Fortnightly Events



Monday 2nd December

- *Year 11 Mocks—end 6th Dec.
- *Assessment Week across the college

Tuesday 3 December

- *14 & U16 Netball v Exmouth @ Exmouth College (15:05-17:30)
- *Year 13 Business Mocks

Wednesday 4 December

- *Year 13 Business Mocks
- *Year 10 Rugby v Clyst Vale @ Clyst Vale (15:35-16:33)

Friday 6 December

- *ED Ability Counts - Secondary Inclusion
- *Festival @ King's School (12:00-15:30)

Monday 9 December

***INSET DAY**

Thursday 12 December

- *GCSE Photography Mock
- *Year 7 Football, Ted Wragg Cup @ TBC (15:05-18:00)

Friday 13 December

- *Year 7-11 Flu Immunisations
- *U15 Boys/Mixed indoor cricket East Devon Round @ Exmouth (08:30-16:30)



LED Pickleball Club – Final sessions
Monday 2nd December

(No session Monday 9th December Inset Day), Monday 16th December.
15:05 –16:00. Open to all year groups.

Homework and Assessment Week



Thank you for your support with homework so far this term. Students are getting settled into good routines and we are seeing excellent completion rates and progress in Sparx Science and Sparx Reader in KS3 and SENECA in KS4.

To support homework completion, we run a 'Catch-up' session every lunchtime in the Hub. Students are asked to attend if they have missed any homework and need to catch-up or they can attend to get ahead! They can bring their lunch and leave when they are up to date. We also run an after-school Independent Study Club, every day in C3. This is run by members of our Learning Support Team who are happy to help if needed. However, please note that there will be no after-school Independent Study Club on 20th Dec due to the early finish.

Next week is Assessment Week across the College (week 11 of the first cycle). For most of our students this will be a familiar part of their life at HCC, however, for Year 7 this will be the first time they have been through this routine. Teachers will be preparing and reassuring students in lessons. If students are unsure, encourage them to speak to their tutors and teachers. These assessments will then inform the teaching in Super Teach week (week 12 of the cycle).

Mrs. M.C Jefferies, Vice Principal

Community News



**FOUNDATION
HUBS**

**DEVON CRICKET
FOUNDATION**

Taster Session
16 December 2024
16:30-18:00

MONDAYS
13 JANUARY - 10 FEBRUARY 2025
& 24 FEBRUARY - 24 MARCH 2025
16:30-18:00

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

*Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are **not** eligible.

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GIRLS' HUB**

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