

Principal's Post



Thursday 12th September 2024

Welcome Back Students!



Welcome to our first **Principal's Post**! Despite the very wet weather at the beginning of this term, the students have had a strong start to the year, settling back into the rhythm and routines of school, whilst demonstrating the school values of kindness, curiosity, and resilience. I know both myself and the Year 7's have really appreciated the kindness of older students helping us find our way around the school. I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome I have already received from many of you.

I believe that open communication and collaboration are key to achieving success, and I am eager to get to know each of you and work together to support your children's educational journey. This regular **Principal's Post** will keep you updated on our upcoming events and recent celebrations, and over the next three weeks, there are opportunities where I look forward to meeting many of you and being able to put a face to a name.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend when it arrives.

Caroline Brothwood



I am so proud of the positive start **Year 7** has made. They have approached the challenge of getting used to the College site, meeting new teachers and starting their learning journey with kindness, curiosity and resilience. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and all that we achieve.

It is lovely to see so many Year 7 students attending the homework club which runs every day after college.

Tutors have shared the Autumn Enrichment Activities program with their tutor groups. This is a great opportunity for students to meet new people, make new friends in different year groups and try something new.

The journey is just beginning, stay focused, stay strong and make it unforgettable.

Mrs B Dupré



Year 9, great things happen when you believe in yourself and never give up. Make your 'To-Be' List and follow it.

Mrs L Roberts



Well done to **Year 11** students, who have made a great start to their final GCSE year. I have been really impressed with the attitudes and efforts shown in lessons. We have spent time thinking about the structure of the year ahead and how quickly the final exams will creep up. We have discussed how this half term is a great time to start putting revision plans in place and getting revision tools started.

Remember also to be kind to yourselves and give yourself breaks and treats in between. Make this term count and believe in yourselves, because you have got this.

Miss K Knight



I am so impressed with the start that **Year 8** students have made to the new academic year. I am so excited to be your new Head of Year and I can't wait for all the wonderful things we are going to do throughout your time at Honiton Community College.

Remember; every challenge is a chance to grow so embrace it and show Honiton Community College what you're made of!

Mrs E Meek



Year 10 have got off to a fantastic start with renewed focus since choosing options subjects. I have had so many great comments from teachers.

Success starts with the effort you put in today, so give it your best shot!

Ms E Lindsay



A warm welcome back to all of our **Post 16** students as they prepare for their last year here with us. Post 16 students need to email me selena.burroughs@honiton.college on every day of absence as well as their

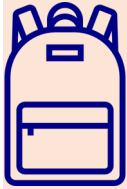
Any students applying to University for a September 2025 start have been reminded to check out any Open Day events at <https://www.opendays.com/> and to complete their personal statement. Any help or advice I can offer with careers or University applications, please do get in touch.

Mrs S Burroughs





Equipment Reminder



School Rucksack and HCC Booklet Bag

Water Bottle

A Pencil Case to carry your equipment

Pens (blue or black + green)

Pencil and rubber

Sharpener and ruler

Scientific Calculator



Bromcom and Class Charts are our two communication platforms that allow you to contact us, report absence, make payments, update your personal information and view information on your child's progress. Information was emailed out this week to all our new Year 7 families, and technical support is available if needed by contacting us via admin@honiton.

We will be sharing the parent/carer guides again shortly with all our families. Please do sign up to MCAS (My Child at School) if you haven't already, and check you have the updated version of the APP, as it is a much-improved version.

If you think you have missed any communication, or need to update your contact information, please do contact admin@honiton.college

Key Dates

- Year 7 - Meet the Teachers Evening – Thursday 19th September
- Years 5 & 6 - Open Evening – Thursday 26th September

Progress Evenings 2024 – 25

An opportunity to book face-to-face appointments with your child's teachers

- Year 10 -Thursday 3rd October (3.45-7pm)
- Year 8 - Thursday 14th November (3.34-7pm)

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- Year 11 - Thursday 16th January (3.45-7pm)
- Year 9 - Thursday 30th January (3.45-7pm)
- Post-16 -Thursday 13th March (3.45-7pm)
- Year 7 - Thursday 24th April (3.45-7pm)

A huge thank you to our Primary Mentors who supported the Year 7 students on their first day with us at HCC. They are such strong role models and have formed friendships with students in the year group and will continue to support them throughout the year ahead.



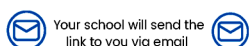
We are very pleased to be launching our Trust-wide parent/carer survey on Monday. We would love to hear from you about things you and your children love about our school, feedback on our current practice, and we welcome any suggestions you may have for new ideas. Please do take the time to complete the survey when it launches on **Monday 16 September**. The closing date for responses is **Sunday 7th October**.



Parent Survey

The Annual TWT Parent Survey will be launched on Monday 16 September 2024.

We want to hear your views and opinions to help us improve across our Trust of schools.



Prize Draw

Complete our parent survey (anonymously) and then leave your name to be entered into our prize draw for the chance to win a £50 voucher

(All answers will remain anonymous and the prize draw is administered by Ecurio to ensure confidentiality is maintained)





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Community Activities



WORRY WORKSHOP

Skills Workshop with Parental Minds

An online support hub focused on learning how to navigate our own anxieties while providing calm, reassuring support to our loved ones.

Parental Minds material is informed by families lived experience, with professional input and supporting evidence is cited, where it exists, by Dr Abby Russell's research students from the University of Exeter.



PARENTAL MINDS C.I.C



PARENTAL MINDS SUPPORT

Online, Zoom

Monday 23rd September 2024
19.15 - 20.45

bit.ly/PMWorry24



**HRFC U13s Yr8
Rugby Training
EVERY TUESDAY
6:00-7:30PM**