

Principal's Post

Thursday 14th November 2024



Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break and is recharged for the new half term ahead. As we settle back into the school routine, we are excited to continue fostering an environment rooted in our core values: kindness, curiosity, and resilience. These principles guide us daily and inspire a nurturing and stimulating learning community for all.



It was an honour to attend the Armistice Day service with our students this week, who laid a wreath in remembrance at the town's war memorial. This act of respect was accompanied by the whole school observing the two-minute silence, paying tribute to those who have served and sacrificed. Moments like these are a poignant reminder of our shared history and the values we uphold as a community.

Looking ahead, we're excited to support Children in Need this Friday. It's always inspiring to see the enthusiasm of our students and staff come together for such a meaningful cause. This marks the start of what promises to be a busy and fulfilling half term, filled with learning, activities, and opportunities to showcase kindness and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued engagement, and let's embrace the new term with enthusiasm and purpose!

Principal, Mrs. C Brothwood

Friday 15th November

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Recommended
Donation £1

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



Whilst this allows students the opportunity to express themselves as individuals, it must be done so in an appropriate way. Please remind students that the school is still a working environment, and that their dress is suitable clothing for the day.

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.

Career Drop In's



To continue the career advice for our Year 11 Students for their next step, they will be welcome to come along on a Friday lunchtime to gain help and support at the Careers Meeting Room.

This could be application advice, Interview skills or just general advice about being a Post-16 student. This will start on Friday 22nd November.

Rewarding Good Attendance



TARGET = 98%
and above

This half term, students will receive an attendance praise point and accolade on Class Charts if their attendance is 98% or higher each week.

Parents/Carers will be informed through Class Charts if their child has received the praise point each week.

If students receive this award five times over the half term, they will be entered into a praise draw before Christmas.



I continue to be so proud of all that you are achieving and your behavior and conduct around the school. You have made incredible progress over the first half term and continue to amaze me with your kindness and positivity. I am extremely happy to have had so many applications for Primary Mentor roles. It is lovely that so many of you want to support the next cohort of students moving up to us at HCC. Miss Blight and I will be selecting our next group this week and will feedback via your tutors.

I also wanted to say well done for being the Year group with the highest attendance in the last half term. As Mrs. Hunt explained in her assembly this week, your attendance really does matter.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



As we dive into the Autumn term, you're in an exciting stage of your school journey. This year is about exploring new subjects more deeply, growing your independence, and finding what truly interests you. It's a chance to start shaping your future and setting some goals that matter to you.

Mrs. L Roberts, Head of Year 9



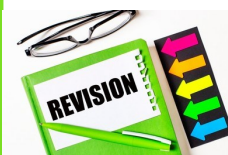
20 teaching weeks until the real exams start and only a couple of weeks until the 1st set of mock exams (wb 25th Nov). There really is no better time to get revision started if students haven't already.

'Getting started' revision sessions are now underway, with science taking the first session. In the science session we discussed good practice for the exams and students received a revision planner. See the programme below for the next sessions. Year 11 have also received an invitation for a pop in career guidance session during their assembly this week. We have really started the half term with a push towards next steps and future plans.

A quick reminder to parents/carers to book on to your progress meeting with a member of our senior leadership team to discuss all aspects of careers and revision. This will be a great time to discuss and resolve issues around prep for the exams, with this in mind please ensure that students are present for the session.

Looking forward to meeting with you all.
Year 11 – Keep pushing forward – You have got this.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11



Year 11 'Getting started' revision sessions are taking place each Monday after school for 1 hour.

Each session is led by a subject specialist, providing the students with hints and tips on how best to revise for their subject. The full programme is shown below:

Monday 11th November – Science - Completed
Monday 18th November – English
Monday 25th November – Mathematics
Monday 2nd December – Geography
Monday 16th December – CREATE/Languages



Year 8 students have had a fantastic start back to school after half term. I have been really impressed with the kindness that they are showing each other and other staff and students within school as well.



In Personal Development lessons this week all Year 8 students have been learning some very important basic life-saving skills, we have all had fun doing this and hopefully learnt a skill for life. All students will get refreshers on this every year through Honiton Community College.

We have Parents Evening this week and I know staff are looking forward to sharing the successes of students in these meetings. We are all looking forward to celebrating Children in Need on Friday and wearing non-uniform for the day.

Well done Year 8 remember to keep aiming high and celebrating all the success along the way!

Mrs. E Meek, Head of Year 8



Year 11 Revision Guidance



A quick reminder that students will have received an email (sent 25th Oct) that includes their mock timetables as well as a revision guide for the mocks.

Please have a look at these with your child. The guide will give handy hints and tips that the students can be using for revision.

*Tuesday 19 November
Year 11 Progress
meeting with
Senior Leadership*

All parents/carers should have received an email alerting them to book in for a session with our Senior Leadership team to discuss progress with regards to revision and careers.

We are really looking forward to meeting with you all. Please ensure that students attend the session as it will be a 1:1 session with student, parent and staff member. It is a supportive meeting to ensure that student is prepared for the exams and has all the information needed for the career aspirations. Please book on for your session using the link in the email.



Sparx Science

Improving scientific knowledge through thoughtful practice.

Year 7 students will now be completing their science homework on Sparx Science. All students are able to log on through their Sparx Maths account. Once logged in they will find a 'Sparx Science' button to press that will switch them to the site.

A huge well done to those year 7s who have already completed their Sparx Science work 5 days early – we are incredibly impressed with their attitude and effort.



LED Pickleball Club - The last 3 sessions will be **Monday 18th November, Monday 25th November, Monday 2nd December** – all students welcome.

Next Fortnightly Events

Monday 18 November

- Year 8 Football @ Uffculme (15:05-17:30)

Tuesday 19 November

- Year 10 Rugby @ Taunton (13.30-17:30)
- U13 Girls and boys Badminton @ HCC (14:00-17:00)
- Year11 Student Progress Meetings with SLT (14:30-19:00)

Wednesday 20 November

- East Devon Schools Cross Country reserve date @ Bicton (09:00-16:00)
- Year 8 Rugby @ Clyst Vale (15:05-17:30)
- U14 & U16 Netball @ Axe Valley (15:05-17:30)

Thursday 21 November

- Year 11 Art Exam (08:30-15:00)
- Year 9 boys 6-a-side football @ TBC (15:05-18:00)
- U14 & U16 Netball @ Axe Valley (15:05-17:30)

Monday 25-Friday 29 November

- Year 11 mocks

Wednesday 27 November

- U15 Girls and Boys Badminton @ Sidmouth (13:30-17:30)
- Year 9 Rugby HCC (16:00-17:00)

Thursday 28 November

- East Devon v Exeter Schools Cross Country TBC @ Okehampton (09:15-15:05)
- Year 7 Football @ Uffculme (15.05-17.30)
- U14 & U16 Netball @ HCC (16:00-17:00)

Friday 29 November

- Year 10 Hospitality & Catering Trip @ Exeter College (08: 30-15:30)