



Dates for the Diary

Week B

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| Mon 25 | Trip: Yr12 Health & Social Care @ Busy Bees Fixture: Yr10 Rugby @ HCC |
| Tues 26 | Fixture: U16 Netball @ HCC |
| Wed 27 | Yr11/12 Oxford Uni Step Up Event @ HCC Fixture: U14 Football @ Uffculme |
| Thu 28 | Fixture: U13 Rugby @ Sidmouth Yr6 Open Evening 5—7pm |
| Fri 29 | n/a |

Parent Engagement Group



As a new academic year begins, I am looking for parents and carers who would like the opportunity to attend regular meetings at Honiton Community College, which will provide you with an opportunity to listen to some information, of various topics, relating to our school and provide us with parental voice. Last year, parents in the group were involved in our school improvement journey, deciding on our vision and values, and gave feedback on the introduction of the house system and our curriculum offer, which led to the booklet bags being launched this year. The opportunity is open to parents who were part of the group last year, and new parents who would like to join us. There will be **6 sessions in the year, one each half term, on a Thursday, held in the evenings between 6 and 7pm**. Parents and carers will ideally need to commit to attending as many of the sessions as possible, dates below:

5th October 2023
23rd November 2023
25th January 2024
14th March 2024
2nd May 2024
20th June 2024

Spaces are limited, so if you would like to be a part of this group, please return your expression of interest via this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Gc7gFFnkBN>

I look forward to hearing from you. Mrs Natalie Hunt

Equipment Reminder:

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| Rucksack style bag | Pencil case |
| Ruler & rubber | Pencil |
| Scientific calculator | Sharpener |
| Drinks bottle | Booklet bag |
| Pens (black or blue and a green one) | |



EVERY DAY please to avoid lost learning time

SPARX CLASSROOM and HOME LEARNING



This academic year we are very fortunate to have been included in a Sparx Science trial. Few schools have been offered this trial, and therefore we find ourselves in a very privileged position, to further support and extend our students scientific understanding. All students have logged on to the Sparx platform via their math lessons and will now start to see science sessions as part of their usual login. Sparx science home learning will be set every week on a Tuesday 9AM, and will be due the following Monday 3PM. **This replaces the Science Knowledge Organiser requirement and still allows students to follow the timetable**
The following start dates will apply:

Years 10 and 11: Tuesday 19th September

Year 8 and 9: Tuesday 26th September

Year 7: TBC

Years 10 and 11 will be set approximately 1 hour of science per week. Years 8 and 9 will be set approximately 30 minutes of science per week. Timings are approximate and may take longer to start with as the system and the team get used to the quantity set. Sparx and the science team will review the amount and difficulty regularly to hone this over the next couple of weeks.

We encourage the completion of the Sparx science home learning ideally on the Tuesday evening that it is set. Early completion will allow students to attend the Thursday lunchtime support sessions in S9, if they are struggling for any reason. Our expectation is that students will repeat questions until they reach a 100% completion. Sparx offer support to complete this on the platform. However, science teachers and the Thursday lunchtime support session is also available if needed.

Thank you. Mrs Knight, Head of Science



Community Breakfasts



This week saw the start of our new community breakfasts! Hartridge House was the first to attend as winners of our kindness competition, where tokens were given for genuinely kind behaviour. Ellie Lindsay, Head of House said, "It is so lovely to see a mixture of year groups interacting and taking part in discussion together".

Our aim is to develop a stronger community, build strong relationships across different year groups, and enhance enrichment opportunities. Overall, leading to a culture rich, positive environment for our students. We hope the students will enjoy the experience. Mrs Blight, PD Lead.