



# HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## INSIDE LOOK

MAY 2022

SUMMER TERM





**Mr Glenn Smith**

## Message from the Principal

Examination season is well and truly underway and I would like to thank various groups for their work and effort to date.

Firstly, a massive well done to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students for keeping focused despite the ongoing impact of Covid-19. It is human nature to move on but we must not forget the effect the pandemic has had on our young adults. I make an effort to be there at the start of as many of the examinations as I can and I have been so proud of the mature and focused approach of both year groups. Yes, anxiety levels seem to be higher than in previous formal examination years but that is not surprising!

Secondly, I want to acknowledge the amazing work of all the staff that either deliver lessons or work to support that delivery. As a team we have battled through the last couple of years and done our utmost to support all our students and especially those who are undertaking external exams this summer.

Lastly, I want to thank you - the parents and carers - for your ongoing support. It has not been an easy ride and the journey continues.

I hope all of our students get time to recharge next week. I anticipate most of Year 11 and Year 13 will strike a good balance between resting and revising. The half-term week is a perfect opportunity to reinforce knowledge and understanding before the exams commence again on our return.



**Mr Chris Meek**

## Message from Chair of Governors

The Summer Term is one of the busiest in the college calendar and I'd like to wish all the students who are taking exams. - BTEch, A-Level, and GCSE - the very best of luck. A huge thank you and congratulations is also in order for all college staff, both teaching and associate, for getting our students into the best possible shape for succeeding this summer.

This term has seen Margaret Evans step down as a governor of the college and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the role she has played and especially for her expert insight into the college finances and resources. We are grateful that Margaret has decided to stay involved with the college and has now become a member. Members have an important role in the academy, holding governors to account for the governance of the College.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022 – **Half-Term**

Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June - **Year 12 Mocks**

Friday 10 June - Sports Day

Thursday 16 June - Year 7 Progress Evening

Monday 27 June 2022 – Non-Student Day

Tuesday 28 June to Friday 8 July - **Year 10 Mocks**

Thursday 30 June - Year 6 (Transition) Information Evening

Friday 1 July - Year 11 Prom

Thursday 14 July to Saturday 16 July HCC Summer Musical

Friday 22 July 2022 – **Last Day of Term**

## POST-16 STUDENTS RAISED £1454.00



Post-16 students and staff recently completed 24 hours of continuous dancing to raise money for our local branch of the Wave Project who support young people with their mental health and wellbeing in the means of surf therapy. Very fitting as it was in Mental Health Awareness Week last week.



Aside from the money raised, which was a cause for celebration in itself, the whole event saw our very own young (and old!) students and staff embrace their own wellbeing by dancing continuously for 24 hours.

Music and dance is a fantastic tonic for all and each hour represented one month that these students have lived in the world of COVID.



Everyone in their own way has been affected throughout the last 2 years and what a better way to hopefully come out the other side than to dance to a range of tracks with each hour being a different genre of music.



# 24-Hour Danceathon



Mr Smith kindly accepted the offer to have an hour's play list of his favourite tracks as this will sadly be his last 24 hour event. Having started them 7 years ago – he has taken part in everyone so a great way to bow out gracefully!



Top moments included having over 30 members of our Dementia Memory Café coming to join us for a dance and a cream tea with our amazing students fully engaging with our community and generally everyone taking a role in this whole event being a success with a sense of pride, friendship and fun. Miss Barnard put us through our paces with an hour of Zumba and still the positive vibes at 3.00am were oozing everywhere with the glow sticks in full force for the rave hour. No surprise that ABBA hour was also a popular one!



The students also ran an hourly raffle with some very generous prizes being donated from the following local companies : Combe Garden Centre, The Kitchen at Combe, Dilly Florist, Blackmore Car Valeting, From Me to You, Honiton Sports, Just Cards, Little Shop of Seasons, Porkies the Butchers, Skydive Buzz and Smugglers Restaurant in Beer.

Honiton Golf Club kindly lent us the dancefloor which added the key focal point and dancers were treated to a Breakfast Bap from our catering company to see us through for the next few hours.

Really pleased and proud to report that the money raised so far is £1454 which will make a huge difference to some young people.

**Thank you on behalf of all the students to everyone who supported this event including the staff who gave their time and support for this to happen.**

*Selena Burroughs, Assistant Principal - Director of Post-16*



# Food & Nutrition

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On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, one of our Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition groups were visited by Scott Bastin who is a local Fishmonger and we had a Fish Filleting workshop in



Students worked extremely well and all successfully descaled, gutted and filleted a Seabass, and made a salsa and flatbreads to accompany their dish.



Filleting a fish is one of the key skills in GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. Learning to fillet successfully enables them to develop their skills, and also allows students to demonstrate this skill in their GCSE exam should they wish.



# Year 10 Project Rugby



Year 10 Project Rugby students travelled to the StoneX Stadium in North London, which is home of Saracens RFC to take part in the Project Rugby Festival. Project Rugby is a rugby programme delivered by Richard Bright from the Exeter Chiefs Community rugby programme during PE lessons throughout this year.

**SPORT & PE**  
Honiton Community College



During the day, the students listened to a Q&A from a panel including former England international Jack Clifford and hosted by the BBC's Jill Douglas!

This was followed by the obligatory PR shots via a drone as the event was also celebrating the 75,000<sup>th</sup> participant involved in the Project Rugby programme.



Once the publicity was done, a Touch Rugby Tournament ensued, in which our students played against representatives from Newcastle Falcons, Worcester Warriors and Northampton Saints. The tournament was all about playing in the spirit of the game, with participation and enjoyment being the main focus. All the students represented the College, and themselves, extremely well in what was a long day!





**HAVEN BANKS**  
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Over 70 students from Years 7 – 9 spent an afternoon at Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre, enjoying a variety of adventurous activities.



From taking to the water to paddle down the Quay in canoes or kayaks; sharpshooting in archery or dizzying heights on the climbing and abseiling our wall; our students thoroughly enjoyed pushing their limits and experiencing something new.

Thankfully, the great British weather was on our side too! It was a long day, not returning to HCC until 6:30pm and there were a few tired students the next day (myself included!)



A huge thank you to Miss Barnard, Mr Leach, Miss Burr, Mrs Meek and Mrs Burroughs for taking our students. We look forward to turning to Haven Banks next year.



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Over the Easter holidays, our bronze and silver DofE students started their training for their expeditions.

Their training included map reading, practising navigational skills, pitching a tent and training walks.

They also learned many other essential skills in preparation for their assessed expeditions.

We look forward to seeing them implement what they've learned in the upcoming expeditions.



*Ms A Meyer, Teacher of PE, Outdoor Education Coordinator*

# East Devon Athletics Trials

Well done to the Honiton Community College Athletics team who travelled to Exeter Arena on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May to compete against East Devon Schools, hoping to qualify for the East Devon team to compete against Exeter Schools on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The weather stayed fairly kind and allowed for an excellent competition.

## Notable performances :

- ◆ **Abbie Empson** – 4<sup>th</sup> in Junior Girls 200m (31.21)
- ◆ **Charlotte Maynard** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Girls 800m (2.49.82) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Javelin (12.97m)
- ◆ **Millie Elliott** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Girls Shot (8.01m)
- ◆ **Tilly Whitworth** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Girls High Jump (1.30m)
- ◆ **George Pemberton** – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Boys 1500m (4.53.58)
- ◆ **Hamish Terry** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Boys 800m (2.27.94)
- ◆ **Ben Matthews** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Boys Triple Jump (10.99m) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m (12.31)
- ◆ **Ben Baily** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Boys High Jump (1.49m)
- ◆ **Jonny Piekarski** – 4<sup>th</sup> in Inter Boys 400m (61.84)
- ◆ **Ben Howard** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Inter Boys 800m (2.23.85)
- ◆ **Patrick Small** – 4<sup>th</sup> in Inter Boys 100m (12.00)
- ◆ **Mathew Thompson** -1<sup>st</sup> in Inter Boys Discus (26.01m) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shot (10.83m)
- ◆ **Alfie Johnson** – 4<sup>th</sup> in Inter Boys Long Jump (5.00m)
- ◆ **Jay Pike and Ben Howard** – 4<sup>th</sup> in Inter Boys High Jump (1.41m)



# East Devon Athletics Trials (Thursday 19th May)

Honiton Community College Athletics team returned to Exeter Arena on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May to compete against Exeter & East Devon Schools hoping to qualify for the Exeter & East Devon team to compete at the Devon Schools Championships on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was beautiful and allowed for an excellent competition.

## Qualified for Devon Championships:

- Millie Elliott** – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Girls Shot (7.82m)
- Tilly Whitworth** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Girls High Jump (1.41m)
- Charlotte Maynard** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior Girls Javelin (16.30m)
- George Pemberton** – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Boys 1500m (4.42)
- Ben Matthews** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Boys Triple Jump (11.25m) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m (12.50)
- Ben Baily** – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Boys High Jump (1.45m)
- Mathew Thompson** -1<sup>st</sup> in Inter Boys Discus (33.26m) and 1<sup>st</sup> in Shot (11.30m)
- Saskia Spiller** – Senior girls 800m





# Outstanding Efforts



A great performance from HHC girls netball team on Friday 1st April playing 4 matches in the hot sun.

A successful win in the first match against Cullompton winning 12-2. An excellent start from all the team.

Second match against Uffculme win by 11-4.

The match against Colyton was the most intense, competitive match of the afternoon! Only losing by just 1 goal making it 5-6 to Colyton. An outstanding effort from all the girls during this match.

The final match was against Kings, again another competitive game however the team pushed through but unfortunately lost 8-11. The girls kept going when it was challenging and fought for the ball back!

## Team List:

JJ Ayres, Saffron Doble, Maddie Lawton, Lila Arscott  
Jess Humphries, Jess Smith, Evie Foxwell, Ellie Glaser  
Tori Scully, Fay Rabjohns & Charlotte Maynard

A big well done and thank you to Charlotte Maynard for stepping in and playing up a year!



Our year 8 girls enjoyed their first experience of outdoor cricket in the beautiful sunshine at Exmouth Cricket Club and performed really well.

The girls quickly adapted to the rules of pairs cricket and started with a strong performance against Tiverton, with some excellent batting on display. The quality of cricket on display was a joy to watch as the girls repeatedly put in some excellent performances. Although results did not always go our way, spirits remained high throughout and we challenged schools right until the very last over.

An enjoyable day out and we look forward to future cricket tournaments.

## Team List:

Daisy Drew, Katie Rich, Emily Greenland, Ellie Rich  
Ella Yaxley-Doble, Isabella Ferrante, Imogen Cregan  
Kiera Endersby & Ella Groves

Players player (nominated by the team) – Isabella Ferrante  
Teacher's player of the tournament – Ellie Rich



Students in years 7,8,&9 (plus a few Year 10s completed 'Race For Life' event, during their PE lessons

in their classes each student had the opportunity to cover as much ground as possible, in order to raise money via sponsorship for cancer research. Music was played as students opted to run, walk, 3 legged run, or even piggyback the course for the hour.

A big congratulations to Aston Prinsloo who is our biggest fundraiser so far with a grand total of £257.75.

Sponsorship is still being collected, big and small, so please get it to Mrs Bown in the PE department ASAP.



# A Very Successful TEN TORS Challenge Weekend

The students (in two equally balanced teams; A & B) did amazingly well, completing the 35 miles (closer to 38 in reality) by 14:08hrs and 14:59hrs, respectively, on the Sunday afternoon.

There were a lot of proud faces at the finish (some a little sunburnt too)



**Team A:** Hannah Epsom (C) , Sam Dawkins (VC), Lauren Anderson, Jacob Farns, Millicent Morgan & Charlie Hurford.



**Team B:** Oliver Davis (C), Billy White (VC), Hope Roberts, , Will Smith, Jack Vernon & Sam Buckley.



Massive thank you to all the College staff volunteers and especially Helen Howarth, Jon Taylor and Warren Oak, who are not staff but still give their time freely for supporting, guiding, training, counselling and encouraging the students (and me) throughout all the training days/weekends as well as preparation, planning and administration needed.

*Glenn Smith, Principal*

# Year 11 Celebration Barbecue

On a warm and pleasant Friday afternoon, Year 11 were treated to a celebratory BBQ with beach games, music and ice pops as a final thank you from the HCC staff for all their hard work over the past 5 years. It has been a very strange journey for Year 11, but they have shown their grit and resilience, particularly throughout Year 11 by preparing well for their upcoming exams which start on 16<sup>th</sup> May.



special thank you to the caretakers, Michelle and the PSOs, Louis Lane, Gill Nicholls, the fantastic PE and Food Tech departments (for sharing their teaching spaces) and of course, my wonderful tutor team for assisting in the flipping of 160 burgers in 90 minutes – my McDonalds employment background certainly came in handy!

Tom Skelding, Head of Pastoral for Year 11

## CET Team

The College Executive Team (CET) is an elected body of student representative whose activities include organising fundraisers, identifying important issues about the College, and providing a voice for students.



**The CET students raised £137.50 for Childhood Brain Cancer.**



This half-term the CET Team decided it was only fair to be gunged by staff. Everyone had great fun watching the teachers pouring the gunge over Abby Norris, Ami Gregory, Amber Spence, Lizzie Lanning and Alfie Hancock the volunteered students.



# CET Team

Led by the CET team, students are being encouraged to create ECOBRICKS. The plastic in an ecobrick is very durable and will never break down, making it an ideal building material. They're used in developing countries to construct furniture and even buildings, and they're also used in the UK to build children's playgrounds. We encourage students to collect plastic to fill up a variety of plastic bottles, with any clean plastic waste.

## HOW TO MAKE AN ECOBRICK

### STEP 1

Collect clean and dry plastic waste at home



### STEP 2

Find a clean, dry 2-litre cooldrink bottle with a lid



### STEP 3

Compress waste into the bottle with a stick



### STEP 4

Pack tightly throughout the process to ensure it is compressed



### STEP 5

Put the lid back on and your EcoBrick is ready to be built with



1. **Choose a bottle.** Any size bottle will work as an ecobrick, but the average size tends to be between 500ml to 1.5l. You should also make sure that you're using a bottle from a product that you use regularly – you don't want to end up having to buy a plastic bottle just to make an ecobrick!
2. **Prepare your plastic.** Any plastic that you put in your brick needs to be clean and dry – any dirt can lead to microbiological growth and methane forming inside your brick which can make the bottle bloat and the cap even pop off.
3. **Get a stick.** You'll need a stick to poke the plastic in your bottle down so you can fit as much as possible in!
4. **What not to put in your ecobrick.** Remember – the things you put in your ecobrick can't be recycled or won't break down, so be sure not to include metal, paper, card, food waste or glass.
5. **Weigh your ecobrick.** You need to make sure that your ecobrick is packed as tightly as possible to make it really strong. Bricks that are too soft can't be used for building because they might not be robust enough. Plus, the more you fit in your bottle, the less plastic will be getting out into the environment! Obviously the weight of your brick depends on the size of your bottle, but as a rough guide a 500ml bottle should weigh around 175g when it's full, and a 1.5l bottle should weigh around 500g.

**Be careful not to overfill your brick.** Although your brick should be packed full of plastic, it shouldn't be pushing against the lid because it could end up making the lid come off.

If you are able to bring in clean plastic waste or create a brick at home we would welcome your creations. Please drop them into the box in H4.





Details here : <https://www.rainbowflagaward.co.uk/members-area/useful-information/>

Honiton Community College is proud to be working with local organisation, The Intercom Trust, in applying for the Rainbow Flag Award. This is quite an undertaking, showing what the College is doing to promote diversity and to make all students, particularly those who are LGBT+ feel safe, valued, and ready to take their place alongside their peers as learners here. It will involve the College submitting evidence showing that in all subject areas and through the College's policies and ethos, that the work we do is diverse and inclusive; meaning that all students have appropriate role models and feel that they have a sense of belonging.

Mr Maplesden and Mrs Harvey-Ingram went on an introductory meeting this term, but will be working alongside all members of staff, students and parents and carers to ensure the College gets the recognition for the work it has already started; including the regular Student LGBT+ group which has been meeting for several years already.

If anyone is interested in helping with this, or if you or your child have any questions we can be contacted at College on [lgbt@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:lgbt@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk)

*Mr Maplesden and Mrs Harvey-Ingram*



**LET'S TALK TEENAGERS**

**Dates:**

- Wednesday 15 June
- Wednesday 22 June
- Wednesday 29 June

**Free support sessions for parents and carers**

Have you got teenagers? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, and find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running sessions throughout June, covering topics such as:

- drugs and alcohol
- body image
- safety online
- mental health
- social risks
- peer pressure

Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm

Visit [devon.cc/teenagers](http://devon.cc/teenagers) to find out more about each session and book your free place.




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