



HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JULY 2022
SUMMER TERM



INSIDE LOOK





Glenn Smith, Principal

Ten Tors Challenge Celebration

On Monday evening, 4th July, Students, parents/carers, staff and volunteers met to celebrate the Ten Tors Challenge 2022.

It was a lovely evening in which all were treated to a multi-media extravaganza (an image montage to music) presentation, speeches from key personnel, a vote of thanks from Millicent (which was superb), the exchange of thank you cards and gifts and a general basking in the success of the talented students who kept going even when the going got tough. Special thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made the whole thing possible, especially Helen Howarth, Warren Oak and Jon Taylor.



Year 10 Celebration afternoon

To mark Year 10s excellent attitude to learning, as well as their brilliant approach to Mock examinations this summer, we wanted to reward the whole cohort.

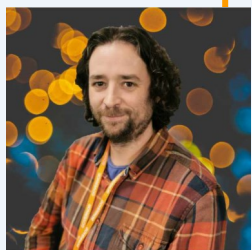
It was a fabulous end to two weeks of examinations and thoroughly deserved. Year 10 are on course to produce an excellent set of GCSE results and if they maintain this attitude they should achieve great things next year!



And it's goodbye from me...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has sent me thank you messages, cards and presents, or spoken to me personally about my retirement. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be the principal of HCC for the last 13 years. Undoubtedly, it has been the best times of my career. I've loved working with students, staff and governors and I will take away many special memories. They say the harder you work, the harder it is to surrender – and it's been really hard! But now I can spend more time with family and friends, travel more and get to notice more of the things I never stopped to notice whilst working. I like to think that I have made the most of the opportunities that have come my way and I hope the members of HCC will do the same now and in the future.

Kindest regards, Glenn



Chris Meek
Chair of Governors

The end of a term is always marked by comings and goings. The Governors all wish our year 13s and year 11s the best of luck as they move on from HCC. Matt Burrell is also leaving us as a governor this summer and I'd like to thank him for everything he has done for the College. This leads me to our Principal, Mr. Smith. The impact he has had on the College over his 13 years of service is genuinely immeasurable. Because of him the lives and opportunities of tens of thousands of students (including myself!), both here and at other institutions have been improved. The Governing Body wish him a happy, well-earned retirement.

In September we look forward to welcoming our new Principal, Mr Kirkbride, and our biggest intake of year 7 students in some years. We also welcome Nathan Riggs as a staff ambassador to the Governing Body.

With some of these comings and goings we do have vacancies for governors. We are currently looking for people with expertise in finance or accounting to join our resources committee but welcome any enquiries about joining; these people need not be parents so if you have someone in your networks, please encourage them to get in touch. We will also be recruiting for a parent governor in September. Please get in touch with our governance professional, Sarah Matthews (smatthews@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk) if you feel this is something of interest.

PROM 2022



Year 11 enjoyed perfect weather for the perfect end to their formal education as the annual HCC prom came around once more. Exeter Golf and Country Club hosted the event, with the students enjoying mocktails, dancing and the obligatory Prom Awards! All students looked fantastic and were impeccably behaved throughout the evening and danced the night away!

Special thanks to all the staff that turned up to celebrate with Year 11 and of course to Miss Thomas and Miss Venn who organised the event from start to finish – thank you both.
Mr Skelding



Bath University Residential - Year 12s



Twenty four students had a real life taster of University Life at Bath in June which included staying on the campus overnight. The visit was part of the continuing careers programme looking at the opportunities available after they complete their studies in Year 13. Students were given a tour of the campus as well as seminars on how to choose a course and location. The team building event at the sports village was enjoyed by all and the student ambassadors gave an insightful view of being an undergraduate at Bath and how to budget on limited money. An evening walk after supper led us to a beautiful viewpoint overlooking Bath and then we returned to the lake for a student led quiz.

Before we left the following morning students were given a lecture by a PhD student on cannabis use disorder and adolescent brain development with some interesting debate and questions that followed. This was a great opportunity for students to experience a top university and thanks goes to Ms Money and Mr Smith who came with us.



Welcome and Goodbye!

End of term is always a bag of mixed emotions for us in the Post-16 Team. New Year 12 students attended their 2-day Step Up Programme for their September start which is always an exciting time to meet the students who will be with us for the next 2 years. As well as having taster lessons for their chosen subjects they learnt about the other wide range of opportunities available here to them as Post 16 students and how they can enhance their chances of success for their next step. Luckily the weather just held out for a friendly game of rounders between the new students and the current Year 12s after the 1st day came to an end. We all look forward to welcoming the students in September to be part of the Post-16 community.

Bidding a fond farewell to our Year 13 students is never easy but we do this with a sense of pride and best wishes for their future. Many will be entering the world of employment, higher education or just taking a short break in their educational journey to travel and explore and who can blame them after the COVID times! Good luck to everyone and thank you to them all who have made Post-16 the successful place it is.

Selena Burroughs Assistant Principal - Director of Post-16

DEVON ARTIST NETWORK



Year 10 Photography students at Honiton Community College recently had a fabulous opportunity to get involved with the Devon Artist Network and exhibiting artist **Nicky Thompson**. The Thelma Hulbert Gallery sited their Creative Cabin workshop at HCC for two days and ran a series of workshops that gave the students the opportunity to experience traditional photographic developing skills. The photography workshop introduced students to Nicky's work but also the work of the photographer Ingrid Pollard – whose exhibition is currently running at THG. This opportunity was funded by the Honiton Arts Society. The workshop also encompassed a research project run by MA student Zoe Davison – allowing the students an insight into postgraduate education. The students created a variety of traditional photograms and experimental Cyanotypes, resulting in series of outcomes that not only have inspired them but will also count towards their GCSE portfolio.



Summer Concert

On the evening of Thursday 15th July the Music Create Department put on a summer concert with a variety of musical performances to showcase the students' skills.



In addition, the Music department would like to celebrate some music exam results from throughout the term

Voice

- Emily Summers Grade 3 merit
- Sophia Brown Grade 3 merit
- Rebecca Firth Grade 3 merit
- Millicent Morgan Holloway Grade 8 Distinction

Guitar

- Ethan Blackmore - Grade 2 - Merit

Piano

- Jack Vernon - Initial Grade
- Lilian King - Grade 1 - Merit

Congratulations to all students - fantastic results!

Science and Technology Showcase



On Wednesday 6th July, forty-nine of our Year 8s took a coach trip to Plymouth for a Science and Technology Showcase exhibition. The aim of the day was to find out about opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers, and to experience first hand some of the innovative work being done at Plymouth University.



We had a tour of the campus, STEM talk and then spent the rest of the time looking at exhibits that were presented by current researchers. Some of the highlights were the robotics stands, making autonomous vehicles, programming challenges and even an automatic cocktail maker! Another popular stand was the aerodynamic cycle, which we were surprised at just how roomy it was. Others preferred the forensic lab, plastic retrieval from the oceans and VR headset which allowed us to go anywhere in the world.

Everyone was amazed by the biological research which included organisms that can survive the most extreme environments, weird creatures from the deepest oceans and, last but absolutely no means least, the stick insects.

Robotics Collaborative Project



On Monday 11th July, Some of our top programmers and scientists got together at Colyton Grammar School, along with five other local schools in a "Robotics Collaborative Project". This involved a series of challenges to program VeX robots to complete tasks without any human input.



Highlights of the day included when one of our groups refusing to accept that one of the tasks (releasing objects from the purple tower) couldn't be done, and immediately set about proving that it could. A true example of dogged determination – I was so proud! Another great moment was the robot dancing where one of our groups produced a perfect "mirror" dance with the robot from another school. Overall the group were a credit to HCC, showing the level of programming and engineering talent we have here, along with the resilience to keep going when things don't go as planned.

Well Done All.

Brian Woodward, Teacher of Science



Ogden Physics Trust



On Wednesday 29th June, we took fifteen aspiring scientists and engineers to the “Ogden Physics Trust” Space day at Exmouth Community College. We had workshops from Exoplanet climatologists, using VR headsets to model what the climate might be like on planets in different solar system, a session on what it would be like to live and work in Space, made a Spectroscope and learned how to use it to identify which gases are present in stars and had a visit to a planetarium.

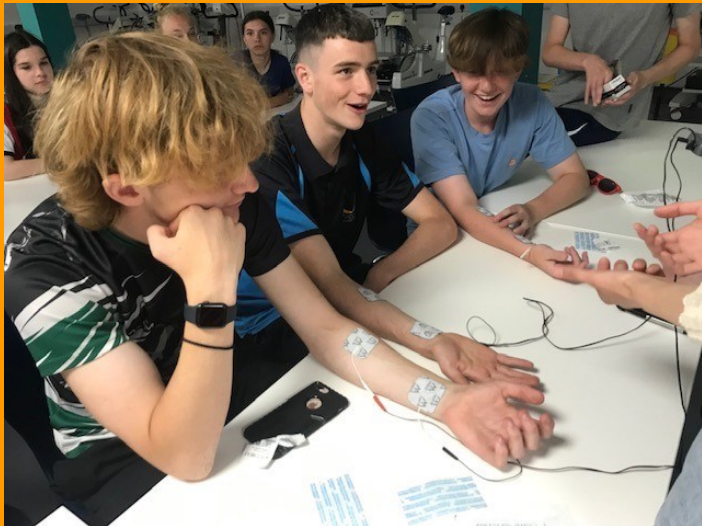
Well done to all the students involved who asked (and answered) some great questions. Tim Peek look out – you have some challengers on their way to be the next generation of space exploration.

Brian Woodward, Teacher of Science

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER SPORTS SCIENCE STUDENTS

On Wednesday 15th June, Year 10 Sport Science students went to Exeter University. We started the day with an introduction lecture from Dr Dom Farris followed by a tour around the facilities and some laboratory testing including force/pressure plates and nerve stimulation. It was a great opportunity to get an insight to university life and see the campus.

Write-up by Maddie Lawton (Year 10 student).





Over the last month, our students have completed their bronze and silver assessed expeditions for their **Duke of Edinburgh awards**.

All their training was put to the test across our beautiful countryside on Exmoor and Dartmoor, with Mother Nature adding to the challenge as well. Despite the rain and testing conditions, our students demonstrated excellent resilience, teamwork and enthusiasm to accomplish achieve their goals.

Once the students have completed their other sections (volunteering, physical and skills), they will have achieved their awards and will be able to progress onto the next level.

A Meyer Teacher of PE, Outdoor Education Coordinator



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Over the last 12 months, despite the pandemic and other challenges our young people have faced, they have excelled in their DofE awards and dedicated an impressive 494 volunteering hours to our local community. From volunteering at sports clubs, helping out in the local library and making a difference at local charities, our young people have demonstrated great independence, maturity and enthusiasm to make a difference. Excellent work

Thank you

to the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from
Honiton Community College

who spent
494 hours

volunteering between
1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community

The social value of these hours is
£2282.28

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RUTH MARVEL CEO

SPORTS DAY



On Monday 13th June, the sun was shining, the air was still and it could only mean one thing. Sports Day was back. It was great to be back running a full sports day again after a few years of restrictions. The students were a credit to themselves and there were some great performances throughout the day. Congratulations to the winning tutor groups and to the year 10 athletes who competed not as a tutor group but individually.



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1 st	KKN	PSM	ADY
2 nd	HBW	BDU	CBE
3 rd	EBA	MTH	MBR
4 th	HFL	MCU	EBR
5 th	ERE	AME	SMR

We had some first-class College records: 6 records in Year 7, 1 record in Year 8, 5 records in Year 9 and 2 records in Year 10.

Thank you to the students for their behaviour, work rate, competitiveness and for creating such a good atmosphere. Thank you to those Year 10s who helped with leadership throughout the day; to the staff for supporting the event and most of all to the PE department for the work they put in to help the day run smoothly. I'm looking forward to Sports Day 2023 already.



The six School Games values - Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Teamwork.

We encourage all participants, leaders, team managers and spectators to adopt and demonstrate the 'Spirit of the Games'.

PE HIGHLY ABLE WORKSHOP - KAYAKING



Introducing the PE Highly Able students for 2022-23! Watch this space next academic year for updates!



Tom Skelding, Teacher of Physical Education & Sport. Sports

DEVON ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP (11th & 18th JUNE)



Well done to the following students who represented HCC at the Devon Schools Athletics Championships on **Saturday 11th June** at Exeter Arena.

- Milly Elliott, junior girls shot put.
- Tilly Whitworth, junior girls high jump.
- Charlotte Maynard, junior girls javelin.
- George Pemberton, junior boys 1500m.
- Ben Baily, junior boys high jump.
- Mathew Thompson, intermediate boys shot and discus.

George (1st in 1500m, 4:43min), Ben M (1st in triple jump, 11.52m) and Mathew (1st in discus, 34.28m) have all been



Congratulations to Mathew Thompson, George Pemberton and Ben Matthews who competed at the South-West Schools Athletics Championships at Exeter Arena on **Saturday 18th June, 2022.**

Mathew Thompson - Discus, 4th, 33.33m
George Pemberton - 1500m, 8th, 4:39.42 (new personal best)
Ben Matthews – Triple jump, 3rd, 11.36m

Ben Matthews has been selected for the Devon team for the ESSA Track and Field Championships on 8th & 9th July in Manchester. Good luck Ben!

Mr A Taylor, Head of Sport & PE



EAST DEVON SCHOOLS U14 ROUNDEES



A huge well done to the year 9s rounders team who put in an excellent display at the U14 rounders competition at Uffculme on Tuesday 14th June.

Despite the very hot weather, the girls demonstrated some ruthless fielding, fast bowling, outstanding catching, clever batting and excellent sportsmanship. Winning the first two games, the team got off to an excellent start, followed by a narrow loss which came down to the very last ball of the innings! Overall, the girls won 2, drew 2 and lost 2 in some very competitive games that could've gone either way. A lovely afternoon for rounders.

Well Done Girls!

A Meyer Teacher of PE, Outdoor Education Coordinator

EAST DEVON ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Thursday 30th June over a hundred students from HCC travelled to Exeter Arena for the East Devon Schools' Championships. Athletes experienced all weather conditions over the course of the day. Athletics club has been well attended throughout the term and students have been practising for their events and supporting each other. A great day and many excellent performances. Well done to all involved.

Thanks to Post-16 Sports Leaders Nathan Turner, Erin Blackmore and Chloe-Mae Outram for their support throughout the day.

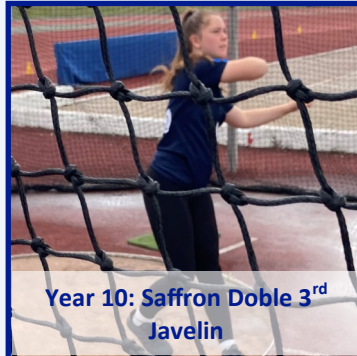
Notable Performances



Year 7: Tom Lane 3rd 1500m



Year 9: George Pemberton 2nd 1500m



Year 10: Saffron Doble 3rd Javelin



Year 10: Tommy Griffiths 2nd 100m



Year 7: Josh Lane 1st Javelin

Year 7: Theo Lawton 3rd 800m

Year 7: Thea Parsons 3rd Hurdles

Year 8: Hamish Terry 1st 800m

Year 8: Harvey Blackmore 3rd Shot Put

Year 8 boys: 3rd in the Relay

Year 9: Ben Matthews 1st Triple Jump

Year 9: Charlotte Maynard 2nd 800m

Year 9: Tilly Whitworth 1st High Jump & 3rd Hurdles

Year 9: Milly Elliott 1st Shot Put

Year 10: Alfie Johnson 1st 200m & 3rd long jump

Year 10: Alex Lane 3rd 800m

Year 10: James Ellis 2nd Discus

Year 10 boys: 2nd in the Relay



SPORTS ACADEMY ROYAL NAVY WORKSHOP 2022

Workshop Content:

- Careers talk, PLTs (Practical Leadership Tasks)
- Mine fields, gutter ball and the towers of Hanoi
- MTA bags – Wheelbarrow Challenge



YEAR 10 FUTURE WEEK

Tuesday to Friday this week, we created a programme of opportunities to strike a balance between enriching your education experience and rewarding the students' commitment and resilience over the year.



Tuesday began with an introduction to the English Speaking Union's 'National Public Speaking Competition'. Students learnt about the different roles and skills required. The different roles allow students to practise and excel in different skill sets and the competition's unique format, which pairs the speaker from one school with the chair and questioner of another, encourages quick thinking and relationship building. Most importantly, it's great fun and a terrific way for students to develop their oracy skills in a friendly, supportive environment.

There was a class competition, where many students excelled, but just one winning team made it through to compete in front of the whole of year 10. These students were particularly brave and all scored highly despite having not had much experience of this kind of competition. We recognised all students who performed in front of the year group with the traditional prize at this time of year (a bag of sweets!).

In addition, one student from each class was nominated by the class teacher for their excellent team work and hard work during the class rounds: Poppy Cregan, Brooke Mason, Ciara Tiacoh and Jess Humphries received this further prize. To present these prizes we had the privilege of being joined by Shelby Homes from New College Oxford. We are very grateful that she took time out of her day with our Year 12 students to acknowledge the efforts of Year 10 students. We hope to film a range of speeches so that we can share them to encourage younger students and I have had many students express an interest in entering the regional rounds of the competition next year.



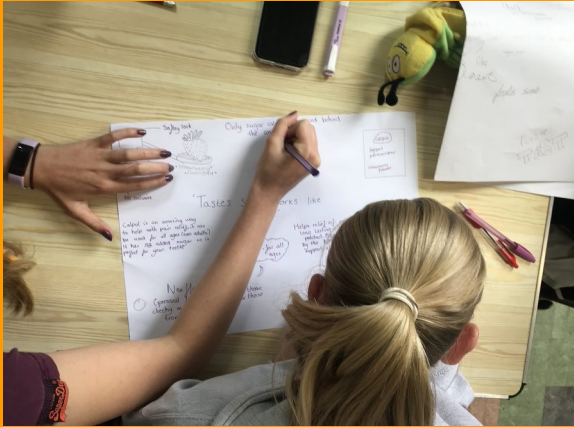
On Wednesday we arranged for students to have a chance to develop their skills and give something back to their community. Over the course of the day, some students helped with a Honiton Learning Community Sports Event, others contributed images to the a new mural for our dining hall, many created films that would support younger students joining HCC and a few students helped to prepare primary students' pots for the kiln. All of these activities are valuable additions to any CV as they demonstrate students' growing confidence and commitment to their community.



On Thursday was our Creative and Digital Future's Day, organised by our Careers Lead. Year 10 students were involved in talks and interactive workshops with visiting employers and universities, learning about the LMI (labour market information) and jobs of the future. Today had a particular focus on digital and creative career progression. It was great to have a dedicated and physical day with a focus on careers after so many restrictions!

YEAR 10 FUTURE WEEK

Interactive workshops



FRIDAY FILM CLUB

was a chance to relax a little! But, to keep it interesting everyone watched two films – we paired popular films with ones that were more diverse in their subject matter or themes but all were a '12' certificate!

- *He named me Malala* and *Kung Fu Panda*
- *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* and *Black Panther*
- *Jojo Rabbit* and *Next Goal Wins*
- *Hidden Figures* and *Ready Player One*

All films were accompanied with a discussion around the themes.

For example,

- What do we do to feel peaceful?
- How can we make sure we protect ourselves from harmful ideologies?
- What do you think are the qualities of a good team and good leaders?

Overall the students behaved excellently and benefited from a series of condensed extra-curricular activities that had been missed due to Covid disruption. I appreciate that they would perhaps have preferred to have been on activities week with their younger peers but they have gained much from the opportunity to develop their vital team work, communication and critical thinking skills. Roll on year 11!

A big thank you to Tom Baines from Cosmic in Honiton, Andrew Wallis from Falmouth University, Sue Dimond from Bath University and James Parkes from My Day for their time and energy.



school diversity week

Friday 24th June 2022 was HCC's first Rainbow Day; the culmination of Diversity Week. Throughout the week, students had assemblies about what it means to be in an Inclusive School and also how their actions can make the College a more welcoming, tolerant and friendly place to work and study. Students looked at what it means to be LGBT+ and the history of Pride Month back from the first Pride in 1972. On the Friday, staff manned a stall at lunchtime giving out rainbow stickers and students had the opportunity to make pronoun badges, buy a rainbow ribbon and lively music was played whilst some staff and students showed solidarity for their allies by having a rainbow painted on their face!

This will become a regular event in the College Calendar and the money raised can support the Student LGBT+ group, which has recently been renamed Skittles. The group meets fortnightly on Wednesday lunchtimes and details are on the LGBT+ noticeboard near to Reception or by emailing lgbt@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk

EVERYONE GETTING INVOLVED!!

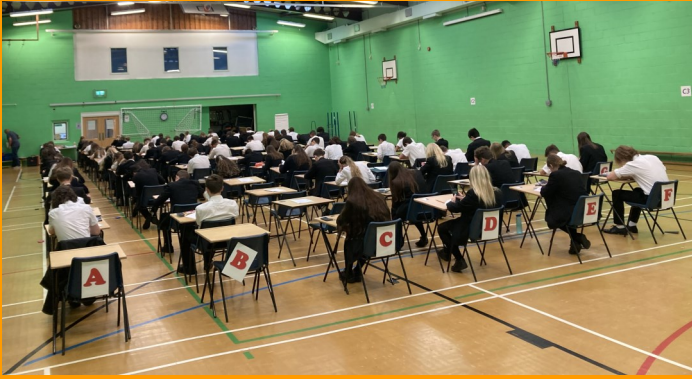


Six members of staff came into the bake off tent (C4- College Equivalent!) to take on the technical challenge of Sausage Rolls. It was a brilliant session, and the final pieces were judged by the CET – with Mr Smith being crowned the winner! Closely followed by Mrs Flooks who had added flare to her sausage rolls with a poppy seed topping and apple and sausage filling.

Yum! It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and thank you to everyone who got involved.



CELEBRATIONS



Year 10s celebrated the end of their Mocks on Friday 8th July by spending period 5 on the field in the sun. Lots of games, laughing and chocolate.

Thank you to all of the students who have made the mocks run smoothly. They have been professional and acted as role models to all of our younger years – a very well deserved mini-celebration. Thank you to the PE staff who set the games up and all of the teachers who joined in to celebrate. Next stop, GCSEs!

Miss Blight, Head Pastoral Year 10

HCC CELEBRATION DAY



What a way to see out the College year before embarking on Activities Week! Years 7-10 enjoyed STEM activities, recreational PE, a year group quiz followed by a festival on the College field.

The students wandered around the stalls earning tokens that could be exchanged for prizes. We also had live music from our excellent students and an ice cream van to boot!

Congratulations to all the students for their behaviour on what was a really fun day. Also a massive thanks to all the staff, teaching and non-teaching for chipping in and making the day so special for our students.

Mr Skelding, Celebration Day Organiser



CONGRATULATIONS



On Tuesday 28th June, Fay Rabjohns competed in the South West Chef of the Year competition at Exeter College.

Fay submitted her crab ravioli with a cream and tomato basil sauce recipe to the competition and was shortlisted to go through to the next round and cook and present her dish to three judges. Fay did really well in a tough competition, she kept her cool and made a brilliant dish. Fay didn't win but received excellent feedback from the judges. Well done!



English Schools Track and Field Championships, Manchester. July 2022.

Congratulations to Ben Matthews who came 9th in the Junior Boys Triple Jump with a new PB of 11.74m. Ben is only the 3rd student from HCC to compete at the Athletics Nationals.



Ben Crabb attended the Welsh Taekwondo Championships 2022 in Cardiff.

Successful won:
Gold in Individual Sparring (Lightweight Division)
Gold in Team Tag Sparring (Lightweight Division)

College Term Dates 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 5 September 2022 – Non-Student Day

Tuesday 6 September 2022 – Non-Student Day

Wednesday 7 September 2022 – Start of Term

Monday 24 to Friday 28 October 2022 – Half Term

Tuesday 20 December 2022 – Last Day of Term

SPRING TERM 2023

Tuesday 3 January 2023 – Non-Student Day

Wednesday 4 January 2023 – Start of Term

Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2023 – Half Term

Friday 31 March 2023 – Last Day of Term

SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17 April 2023 – Start of Term

Monday 1 May 2023 – Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May to 2 June 2023 – Half Term

Monday 26 June 2023 – Non-Student Day

Friday 21 July 2023 – Last Day of Term