



HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Summer Term - July 2023

INSIDE LOOK



2022-23 Academic Year



As the 2022-23 academic year draws to a close, we can reflect upon what has been a resoundingly positive year for our students. We saw the College greet OFSTED just nine weeks into the year, validating and commenting on the huge amount of work that had already been done around Safeguarding and Behaviour, as well as recognising the potential of the new curriculum. Since then, we have continued, at pace, to improve and develop across all areas.

As we now look towards our next academic year, there is much to be excited about. We will see Honiton welcome its largest year group in many years, with our incoming Year 7 cohort. Lessons will be taught almost exclusively by subject specialists, a first in Honiton's recent history. We will also be welcoming back Honiton's much-loved House system, encouraging a sense of pride and belonging within our student groups. Coupled with the reintroduction of our Houses, we will see the College begin House Breakfasts.



Our IT network will see nearly a quarter of a million pound investment over the summer, bringing it in line with the best networks within schools. We are now also backed by one of the most successful Multi Academy Trusts in the Southwest following our joining of the Ted Wragg Trust. Our library is being moved closer to the English department, as well as being expanded. And finally, we will see our new and challenging curriculum really take root, with three, 12 -week cycles and systematic assessment points, all designed to help Honiton students make maximum progress.

More information on each of these improvements, and more, will be contained within my letter to parents/carers, which will be released around the time of the national examination results' release.

This year has seen much change. I am very grateful for the support of the local community, and parents/carers in particular, through this period of change and transition. Our staff team and student body are already well prepared for September, and we are looking forward to beginning a new year after what I hope will be a positive Summer break for all.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Kirkbride, **Principal**

Community Breakfast



As part of our ongoing work around school culture, wellbeing and community, we have recently seen our highest rewarded students engage in a weeklong 'Community Breakfast' initiative. During the last week of term, students attended a communal breakfast where they were encouraged to eat breakfast together whilst discussing thought-provoking topics, amongst other things.

We know that our students have all been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. From national attendance metrics, mental health service referrals, and a number of other sources, we know that more students are anxious and struggling with daily activities and life in general. The most affected have been female and SEND students, but that all students have been impacted. Indeed, the [February 22nd State of the Nation](#) publication from the government stated that;

"Rates of probable mental health disorders among children and young people remained higher in 2021 than they were in 2017."

When we dig deeper, we can see from a range of different sources (DfE, NSPCC, BMJ etc) that the reasons our young people are struggling can be attributed to;

- Fear of, and feelings of, isolation and loneliness
- Difficulty forming healthy relationships
- Unhealthy eating habits (large rise in obesity)
- Significant feelings of self-doubt and lack of confidence

Again, referring to the State of the Nation publication, the role that our school can take in reversing these trends is potentially huge. This is particularly true of our high expectations around student behaviour in establishing calm and safe environments for our students.



House Breakfast



“Children and young people’s school experience plays a significant role in their wellbeing. Safe, calm, supportive, and inclusive school environments can promote good wellbeing and social and emotional development in a range of ways. This may include by engendering a sense of belonging or connectedness to a school or college community.”

In the upcoming academic year, we are looking forward to having students breakfast with other students in their newly-formed houses. Students will be seated at tables of 6, each student having a separate role and contributing to the team having breakfast and discussing the topic at hand. The sessions will start with an introduction by the Head of House, followed by students reading famous quotes together. They will then be provided with a topic for discussion, as well as cereal and fruit. After this, the students will then be asked to reflect upon their past week and share something kind that someone has done for them. The Head of House will invite students from each table to share their stories of kindness with the House. To finish, the students will return back to the quote that they started with and then help their team pack away and tidy up.



The House Breakfasts that were run as part of the trial included the following;

- **Topic** – *Curiosity*
- **Famous quote**, *“Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don’t just give up.” Stephen Hawking*
- **Breakfast Conversation** - *Is it good to be curious, or is it bad/dangerous?*

The House Breakfasts have been designed to engineer a sense of belonging and identity. Again, this has been widely recognised as being one of the biggest factors in student wellbeing. Through these breakfasts, we should see;

A greater connection between students and their school and peers, and a greater sense of ‘belonging’ (belonging is considered to be one of the largest factors in student wellbeing)

- Students building self-confidence, and in doing so, reduce anxiety
- All students develop and practice the skills required to have thoughtful and considered **conversations at mealtimes**, in addition to those they have at home
- Improved general student happiness and motivation to succeed

Whilst there will be no charge for the breakfasts, if you feel as though you can make a donation, any contributions would be gratefully received to help us grow & develop our offer. Please contact finance@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk if you or anyone you know wishes to support this initiative.

We are very excited about the House Breakfasts launching part way into the Autumn Term. If you require any further information, please contact Miss Blight after the 4th September. Thank you.

Alex Kirkbride, **Principal**

Activities Week



Year 7 Jurassic Coast Path Walk

Year 7 made us proud this activities week by showing determination, commitment and resilience in bucket loads. Walking the Jurassic coast path is no easy feat but the students walked from Budleigh to Sidmouth, a tough 10km walk, up and down hills and even walking up to the trig point on Peak Hill- the highest point in the area.

Being out and about in nature they heard lots of crickets, saw all sorts of butterflies and enjoyed the 360 degree views from the top of Peak Hill. It was hot at times; seagulls stole sandwiches; tree roots tripped us up but they did it and should be very proud of themselves. I hope they can look back on this walk and realise that they can achieve whatever they set their mind to however difficult it may seem! Well done to all of you.





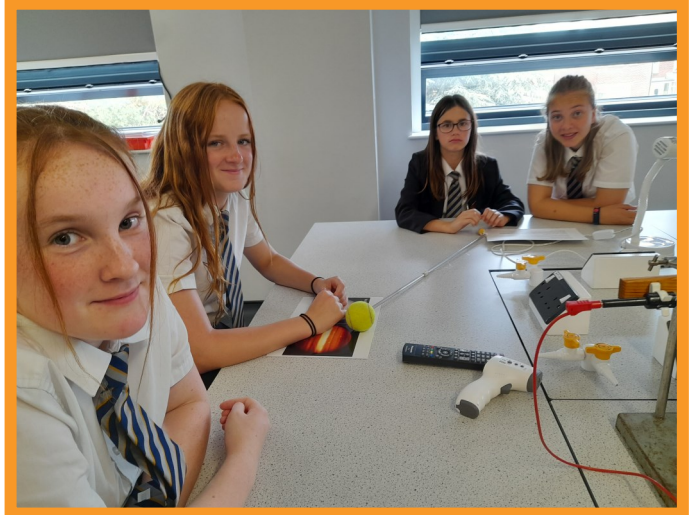
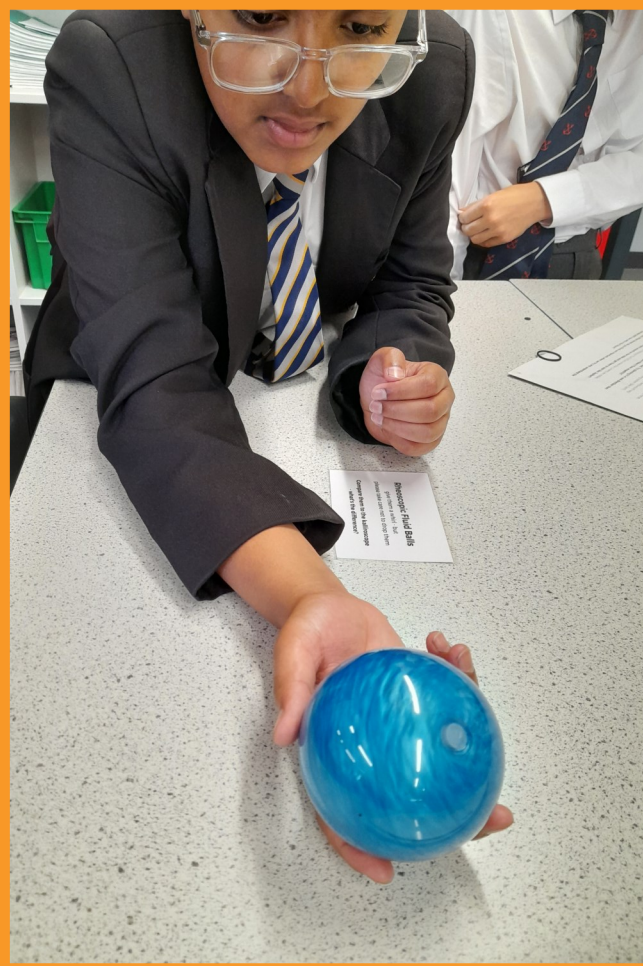
Year 9 Residential at The Ultimate Adventure Centre



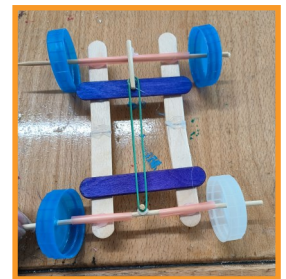
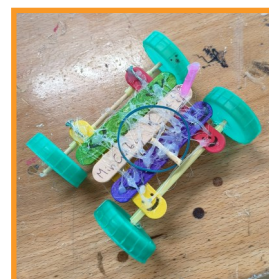


Making physics matter

Some of our talented Scientists went to the Ogden trust Space day at Exmouth on 28th June. We had a great time, learning about cutting-edge research in Astronomy, including the search for Exoplanets that we could potentially live on, and how Physicists can tell what the atmosphere of a planet (or corona of a star) is like without going there and we found out about many more aspects of space exploration.



We have been doing lots of mini projects this term including using recycled materials (bin bags) to make rope strong enough to hold masses and designing routes for line-tracking robots to follow. We finished with elastic band powered cars as shown in the photos. STEM club will restart in September so please come along if you want to be creative and enjoy making things.





Year 7 have been working with clay this term. The students have created some wonderful pieces inspired by the artist Van Gogh. We've been really impressed with their initial designs on paper and can't wait to see their final clay tile outcomes.



Young Artists Visit Thelma Hulbert Gallery



'Hood in the Wood'



After some final nerve-wracking dress and tech rehearsals for our 'Hood in the Wood' production, including a Saturday where we had the incredible opportunity of having Mr. M. Culwick and the show's playwright, Rachel Swain, visit and provide valuable advice, the cast and crew went on to absolutely smash their performances on 13th-15th July.



There was much cheering for the heroes, booing for the villains, and laughs at the cast's hilarious telling of the play's many jokes. "Fabulous!", "Fantastic!", "Funny!", "Energetic and so funny!" were written multiple times on the whiteboard provided, at the end of the performances; in addition to the "10/10 Great show!" and, "Amazing! I loved it." One audience member said that it was one of the best shows he'd ever seen (and he'd seen over 20 shows!), and another even wrote a letter stating that it was a "riveting performance"; students should all be "very proud of

their work and dedication", and that he looked forward to "seeing you all on the West End very soon".

To celebrate coming to the end of this incredible journey, the whole team had a wonderful celebration with snacks, awards, and final photos before the final Saturday show. Some of the awards included "Most likely to do the show by themselves if everyone dropped out" (won by William N.), "Most likely to actually stab someone accidentally" (won by Tekka M.), "Most likely to get the loudest laugh or most laughs from the audience" (won by Taran D.), and "Most likely to surprise the audience with their acting talents" (won by Adam C. and Theo M.).

As the final curtains fell on the last performance and cards and flowers were handed over, some tears were definitely shed in the changing rooms as they said goodbye to each other before coming out singing "Let It Go" together as they made their way down the corridors for a final time.

I've had a great time working on this show and couldn't be prouder of everyone who was a part of our production. I have been blown away at how much talent, hard work, and soul everyone put in, and I can't wait to see what has turned into a little family return and expand next year with more cast and crew to bring a new script to the HCC stage!"

Yessica Krösschell, **Drama Teacher.**

Sports Day



HCC annual Sports Day was a roaring success this year where the only thing that beat the records being broken, was the number of ice creams consumed! This whole college activity was a celebration of everything that makes HCC so great, with a combination of fun, resilience and excellence on display throughout the day! Seeing the children conquer their nerves and thrive in the sunshine brought immense pride to all the staff who were supporting on the day. Well done to everyone involved - the whole day was a triumph!

Results

Year 7	1 st - 7F	2 nd - 7A	3 rd - 7C
Year 8	1 st - 8D	2 nd - 8E	3 rd - 8A
Year 9	1 st - 9A	2 nd - 9E	3 rd - 9C

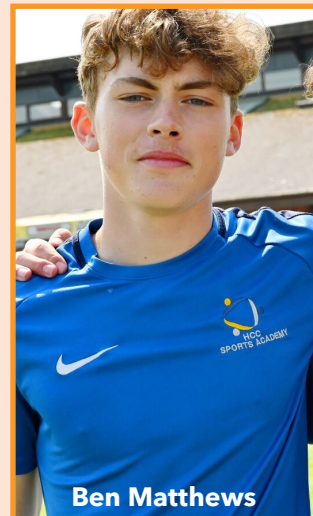




Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Devon Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday 10th June at Exeter Arena.

- H Terry** - Junior Boys 800m
- H Blackmore** - Junior Boys Shot
- G Pemberton** - Inter Boys 1500m
- B Matthews** - Inter Boys Triple Jump
- T Whitworth** - Inter Girls High Jump
- M Elliott** - Inter Girls Shot
- C Maynard** - Inter Girls Triple Jump
- M Thompson** - Senior Boys Shot and Discus

Well done to **Ben Matthews** who qualified for the South West Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday 17th June at Exeter Arena. Ben won his event with a jump of 13.32m and ranked 6th in the county. Ben also qualified for the English Schools Athletics competition at Birmingham on Friday 30th June / Saturday 1st July for Intermediate Boys Triple Jump and came 5th in the Intermediate Boys Triple Jump at the English Schools' Track and Field Championships.



Ben Matthews

Kayaking & Paddleboarding



Honiton Community College PE High Able students enjoyed a well-deserved team building excursion to Exmouth Watersports Adventure Camps where they experienced some fun water sports as well as the culinary delights of a Mr Skelding and Mr Taylor BBQ!





East Devon Athletics Championships

On a beautifully hot day on June 22nd the PE department took 117 students from Years 7 to 10 to Exeter Arena for the annual East Devon Athletics Championships.

All students were excited to be taking part and ready to put in 100%. With some of the HCC PE staff and Post -16 leaders out in the field measuring discus, high jump and long jump for the day, the students behaved responsibly, ensuring they got to events on time and supported each other.

We had a number of first timers who performed brilliantly on such a hot day. Ten students got through the 100 and 200 metre heats into the finals. **C. Allen** came 2nd in the 100m for the Year 7 girls and **C. Huxton** was 4th overall in the 100m Year 8 girls. The 200m events saw **A. Long**, **J. Lane**, **T Waldron-Key** competing in the finals and **B. Bailey** competing in the 400m final.

In distance events, **I. Ferrante** was 2nd in the Year 9 800m and **C Maynard** was 2nd in the Year 10 800m. **G. Pemberton** placed 3rd in a very tough 1500m race and **T. Lane** was placed 3rd in Year 8. **H. Terry** won the Year 9 800m clearly with a good 50m ahead of any other runner. **A. Long** also won the 800m with a solid run.

M. Elliot had a great Shot Putt event winning with a distance of 9m 32cm, breaking the championship record. **B. Matthews** also had a cracking day beating his own personal best in the Year 10 Triple Jump and securing a new Championship Record of 13.63m - Congratulations!



T. Lane



J. Stevensons



M. Podbery



H. Haysom

Sport and PE



B. Matthews

M. Elliot



I. Clarke



B. Rich

Other Notable Performances:

- Year 7 - **C. Lawrence** - 3rd in high jump
- Year 7 - **J. Buckley** - 1st in long jump
- Year 8 - **N. Storey** - 2nd in javelin
- Year 8 - **H. Rich** - 3rd in shot putt.
- Year 8 - **A. Long** - 3rd in 200m
- Year 8 - **M. Podbery** - 3rd in high jump
- Year 8 - **E. Newcombe** - 2nd in triple jump
- Year 8 - **E. Newcombe** - 3rd in hurdles
- Year 9 - **J. Stevenson** - 3rd in 100m
- Year 9 - **L. Symons** - 3rd in long jump
- Year 9 - **H. Blackmore** - 3rd in shot putt
- Year 9 - **Boys** - 3rd in relay
- Year 10 - **T. Whitworth** - 1st in high jump
- Year 10 - **M. Elliott** - 3rd in javelin

Overall HCC came a commendable 4th place overall in East Devon. With 8 schools taking part we are very proud of how they conducted themselves on the day and how they performed. Well done to everyone involved in a fantastic day!



Honiton Community College has achieved the School Game Silver Award

We are excited to announce that we, Honiton Community College, have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme which was launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



There have been hundreds of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

We are committed to using the School Games to try to engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try to ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most whether they take part as a leader, official or volunteer.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to the PE department for the extensive extra-curricular club provision you continue to provide, Kevin Moran (School Games Organiser) and parents/carers for supporting fixtures and picking students up on a weekly basis. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

Mr. A Taylor (Head of Sport & PE)

Duke of Edinburgh



A massive congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their expeditions as part of their Bronze and Silver Awards. Over the summer term, Year 9 and 10 students have worked in small teams to complete unaccompanied, self-reliant expeditions. During their training sessions, students learned the essential skills required to complete their expeditions which included:

- Campcraft, equipment and hygiene
- Map reading (including the planning of expedition routes)
- Food and cooking
- Awareness of risk and health and safety planning
- First aid and emergency procedures
- Country, highway and water sports codes



Students then completed their expedition along the South West Coastal path. Despite scorching heat and relentless hills, the students demonstrated excellent resilience, determination and teamwork to complete their expedition. Here is what one of the students had to say about their experience:



"For the past few months 13 of my peers and I have been volunteering, learning new skills and taking part in physical activity in order to complete our Bronze DofE Award. The journey has been amazing but personally my favourite part was the expedition. It's allowed us to meet new people and learn about skills we never knew about before. We all learned to orienteer and set up tents but most importantly we learn the value of teamwork. Although we were all tired and the journey was long we all kept each other going and it all paid off in the end when we crossed the finish line. I could not be more proud of the team, we all pushed ourselves, right until the finish and we all maintained a positive attitude throughout.

Congratulations to everyone who completed the expedition, I hope to see you all doing Silver."

Yelena Stevens - Year 9



A huge thank you to Haven Banks for providing an excellent expedition experience for our students. I also want to thank the Bronze and Silver students for all of their hard work and effort towards their Duke of Edinburgh this year.

Miss A Meyer, Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator



First Aid Training



As part of the Personal Development Programme, Post-16 students have the opportunity to complete their Level-3 Emergency First Aid at Work training at college. The 2nd cohort all passed their assessment and thanks to Ben Davis for expertly guiding them through the intense day of training. The cost of the training and certification has been covered to date (and the next few cohorts!) by the kind donations of public members who supported a book sale from HSBC bank in Honiton and we were delighted that Helen and Simon from HSBC were able to come in and congratulate the latest group of students.



University Trips

Year 12 students have recently returned from visits to the Bath and Plymouth universities which included an overnight stay in Bath student accommodation....confirmed by our students as really nice! (I think they have viewed too many horror stories online about student rooms).

As in to previous years both universities allow the students to see two contrasting locations and style of university and it really helps them decide if this is the route for them. The weather was kind to us for both days which allowed us to have a good look around of Bath campus in the evening and students came away looking forward to their next steps.



Year 13 Leavers Party



Keeping to tradition we enjoyed a lovely sunny evening in Exeter saying our fond farewells to the Year 13 students – all of whom had been at HCC for the last 7 years. A few tears were shed but some great memories and friendships have been formed over the years and from the whole team at HCC, we wish them all well in their future career pathways and thank them for their continued support and commitment whilst they have shared their learning experience with us.

We look forward to congratulating them on 17th August when their results are handed out.

Honiton Mayor Making Ceremony



We were delighted to be invited to take part again in the annual event of welcoming our new Mayor, Helen Hurford, to Honiton with Zac Lancaster and Ellie Kent representing our Post-16 community.

A co-written welcoming speech was impressively delivered at the Beehive by Zac with Ellie presenting a donation to the Mayor's consort charity of choice.

Welcome Year 11s



The staff, although sad to see the Year 13s leave the College, always look forward to welcoming the new students to Post-16. We had a very busy couple of days after the GCSE exams had finished showing the Year 11s the ropes of what Post-16 holds

for them.

A selection of great teamwork activities were held and the students were very engaged with their new lessons even though they had just finished their exams. Well done all.

We look forward to seeing the students again on GCSE results day on **Thursday 24th August** where we will be registering them as our own new Year 12 student group.

Year 11 Summer Prom



Year 11 Summer Prom



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ATTENTION SWIMMERS!

Have You Finished Level 7/8?



And want to improve your swimming, have an opportunity to compete and make new friends?

COME AND JOIN THE TEAM

contact: honitonswimclub@gmail.com

SUMMER ART WEEK at THG

A full week of activities at THG in Honiton, to help build skills and create artwork for the Create Our Space exhibition space in September and October.

Please confirm ages when booking. These workshops are particularly aimed at 11 to 17 year olds. £4 per session. Limited availability. Go to our website and socials for more info.

Tuesday 15 August
11am-3pm

Join photographer Sam White to build a big camera obscura in the garden, before moving inside to work in a darkroom to make prints from very small pieces of nature.

Wednesday 16 August
Two sessions: 11am or 1pm (please choose one)

With George from Pelican Press. Using his giant wheelchair press, we will be working outside (weather permitting) to create large scale pieces of print using letterpress and colourful inks.

Wednesday 23 August
5pm-7pm
THG, Honiton

Come to curate and hang the artwork created during Summer Art Week in preparation for the THG Open exhibition private view on 2 September.

Thursday 17 August
Two sessions: 11am or 1pm (please choose one)

Join artist maker Nicky Barton to create decorative metal work which could be jewellery, using silver and inspired by nature.

Friday 18 August
Two sessions: 11am or 1.30pm (please choose one)

Printmaker Karen Bowskill will guide you through using small pieces of print to create a large collaborative fabric wall hanging.



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Thelma Hulbert Gallery

thelmahulbert.com/cos

01404 45006
Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm
Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton, EX14 1LX

Create Our Space is delivered in partnership with Honiton Community College and University of Exeter with generous support from Arts Council England



WHATEVER YOUR PLAYGROUND WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

With nearly 200 years of expertise, it's safe to say we know what it takes to craft the right shoes for growing kids. And we're here to help you find the perfect pair for happy, healthy feet as they head back to the classroom.

Whether it suits you to measure at home, come into store or book a quiet-time appointment, our flexible fitting options help you get their sizing and comfort spot on. So, kids are free to make the most of learning and play (and you have one less thing to worry about).

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BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION



REX STRIDE
COLOUR: BLACK LEATHER
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: E, F, G, H



STEGGY STRIDE
COLOUR: BLACK LEATHER
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: F, G



SCAPE SKY
COLOUR: BLACK LEATHER
SIZES AVAILABLE: 10-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: E, G, H



KICK PACE
COLOUR: BLACK LEATHER
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-4
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: F, G



REIDA SEA
COLOUR: BLACK LEATHER & BLACK PATENT
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: E, F, G, H



SCALA TAP
COLOUR: BLACK PATENT
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: E, F, G, H



JAZZY JIG
COLOUR: BLACK PATENT
SIZES AVAILABLE: 8-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: E, F, G, H



JAZZY TAP
COLOUR: BLACK LEATHER
SIZES AVAILABLE: 8-4
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: E, F, G, H



CICAR STAR ORB
COLOUR: BLACK
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: E, F, G, H



CICAR STAR FLEX
COLOUR: PINK COMBI
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: F, G



CICAR STAR RUN
COLOUR: NAVY COMBI
SIZES AVAILABLE: 7-2 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: F, G



AWARD FLY
COLOUR: BLACK
SIZES AVAILABLE: 13-5 1/2
FITTINGS AVAILABLE: F, G

CREATE OUR SPACE COLLABORATE / CREATE / CHANGE



THG SUMMER FAMILY WORKSHOPS and THG OUT & ABOUT WITH CREATIVE CABIN

Saturday 22 July
Two sessions: 11am or 1.30pm (please choose one)
THG, Honiton
Celebrate Marine Week and design your own T-shirt using beach-combed plastics and raise awareness of plastic in our oceans. Limited places so book early. Bring a t-shirt from home or print onto fabric to take home. £5 per person.

Tuesday 8 August
10am-2pm
The Beehive, Honiton
Get inspired by fun free activities from Creative Cabin.

Tuesday 22 August
10am-2pm
The Beehive, Honiton
Get inspired by fun free activities from Creative Cabin.

Monday 14 August
10am-2pm
Cranbrook
Creative Cabin will host a range of fun family activities.

Friday 25 August
10am-4pm
Seaton Children's Festival
A range of fun and inspiring activities from Creative Cabin.

Saturday 29 July
Sunday 30 July
Monday 31 July
Exmouth Festival
Creative Cabin will be at Exmouth Festival. Drop-in activities for all the family.

Saturday 19 August
Two sessions: 11am or 1.30pm (please choose one)
THG, Honiton
Illustrating Nature family workshop with artist Monica Shanta. Working from plants, learn illustrative techniques to embellish nature. Limited places so book early. £5 per person.

Friday 25 August
10.30am-12pm
THG, Honiton
Our monthly early years creative play sessions continue.

Tuesday 1 August
10am-2pm
The Glen, Honiton
For Love Parks Week, come and find our Creative Cabin to get making.

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More info and book at thelmahulbert.com/cos

