

HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

December 2023

INSIDE LOOK



Seasonal Greetings





I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all a very Happy Christmas, a peaceful new year and a restful holiday period. Thank you for all your support with your child's education since September. In terms of national and international news, this term has proved tumultuous with the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East, along with the ongoing conflict in The Ukraine. As a college we seek to support our students by providing a calm, predictable and stable environment and giving them a safe place to ask questions and explore the issues which they are encountering in the wider world.

I am incredibly proud of everything that Honiton College students are achieving, in line with our ethos of 'Success for all'. Congratulations in particular to those students showing their resilience through ongoing Ten Tors training, (despite some challenging weather conditions) as well as those students who display commitment and determination whilst working towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh awards; Additionally, congratulation to those who are developing their leadership qualities as student leaders, organising student voices and the vast range of other undertakings that our students are engaged in.

Honiton College has also hosted trainee teachers from South West Teacher Training and I have been so impressed with their positive comments following learning walks and observations of lessons, with one commenting 'It is such a calm and purposeful environment, the children seem really happy.'

We are looking forward to returning for our first day of term on Tuesday 5th January. Period 1 will be a tutor period and your child's new timetable will be handed out. We expect students to come fully equipped for the day. However, on the first day they will not require a PE kit, as they will not be aware if they have a PE lesson beforehand. PE lessons will accommodate students having no kit.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and celebrating with us the many events and achievements of this term. Thank you to all the staff who have organised, led, supervised and encouraged the students, and shared their written contributions with us

Warm regards to you all,
Alex Kirkbride, Principal



Mrs C Rose, Designated Safeguarding Lead.

This term our students have been busy learning about how to keep themselves safe in the community, at home and online. Safeguarding assembly topics have included: what safeguarding is, who to speak to if you are worried about yourself or someone else, what radicalization is, the dangers of sharing nude images, how to look out for county lines and not be drawn in, mental health support and agencies offering help to young people.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all of our online reporting form where students can report safeguarding concerns and also discrimination of any form, this can be found on our website.

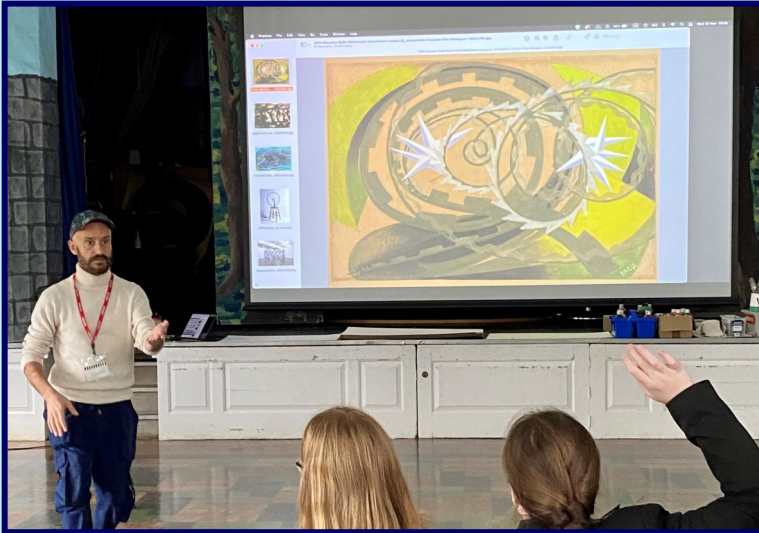
During the holidays, please report any safeguarding concerns to either MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) 0345 155 1071 or to the Police via the 101 phone line or online reporting form.
<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>

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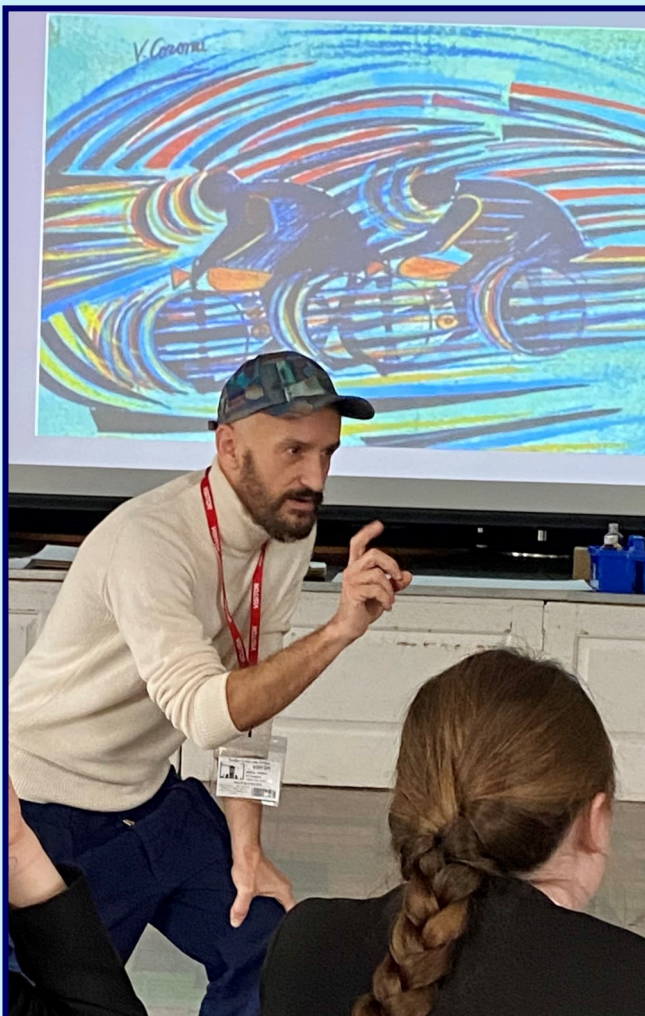


This term the CreATE department has been working alongside the Thelma Hulbert Gallery to deliver a series of exciting workshops for our students as part of the gallery's 'Create Our Space' outreach project. The first workshop was with textile artist Laurel Coxon. Laurel delivered a really fun workshop to our Year 10 and 11 Art and DT students. The students experimented with natural dyes and explored various textile techniques such as Batik, Wax Resist and Shibori tie-dye. The students came away with some fantastic outcomes and gained new skills to experiment with when developing their own coursework portfolios. Following this workshop we then welcomed Artist Mikhail Karikis to work with our Year 7s.





Artist **Mikhail Karikis** facilitated an Art and Sound workshop with a group of Year 7 students to produce original material to be used in his forthcoming exhibition at the Thelma Hulbert gallery. Our students enjoyed working together to create some fantastic artwork around the theme of 'Climate Change' and elements of the students work will be used in a mixed media installation combining text, maps, sound, and tools of protest to capture specific environmental threats unique to East Devon. The exhibition – 'Acoustics of Resistance' will run from the 13th of January 2024 to 9 March 2024





In early December we welcomed another visiting workshop practitioner Emma Booth, who is an artist/photographer to run a workshop for our Year 10 GCSE Photography students. In collaboration with the Thelma Hulbert Gallery and the 'Photography Now Group'.

Emma created a portrait workshop to develop each student's confidence in using a Nikon DSLR camera and also in helping them to feel comfortable on the other side of the lens!

Thanks to the students' enthusiasm and willingness to learn, each student successfully reached the next level in their understanding of visual language. The portraits taken on the day will support the student's coursework, and help them develop their skills in the use of the industry standard software, Adobe Photoshop.

Thank you to Emma Booth for an excellent workshop, to Mrs Jeffries for making it happen and

to each student for their commitment to the workshop! Thank you to Anna Arussi, Engagement Officer at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery for facilitating all of these workshops this term. We look forward to the next workshop focussing on sculpture in the New Year.



WORKSHOPS



Mrs Creed our Creative Arts Technician recently ran an after school Art Club, Winter Workshop. The printmaking workshop was an opportunity for students and staff to produce some festive cards, gift bags and tags, all with a personal touch!

Thank you to Mrs Stace who joined in and helped with the clear up at the end.



Some splendid sewing creations by students this year



The Sewing Club will be starting again on 11th of January 2024 and there are a few spaces available.

Here are some of our students enjoying a Christmas treat at the Independent Study Club. The Independent Study Club is a place where Students can complete their homework and receive help if they require. It is open to all students and runs every day of the week from 3:05pm to 4:05pm in C3.





On Tuesday 14th November we welcomed the charity Above Water into college to provide training on water safety to a group of our students in Years 7-9.



Above Water received funding from South West Water to run a unique programme to train 'young leaders' in water safety/drowning prevention in Devon. Our Young Leaders can now use the presentation material and online resources to teach water safety & drowning prevention to their peers at HCC as well as use this training in the community. They will be acting as ambassadors and can have a tremendous impact in sharing the water safety messages throughout the year.

Despite being associated with watersports during the summer, drowning can of course occur throughout the year.

Our 22 Young Leaders all showed enthusiasm and engagement and represented the College with great aplomb. They look forward to utilising this knowledge in addition to sharing it with their peers.



KS5 Physics Challenge



To have fun, be challenged, enjoy physics in a buzzy environment!



On Thursday 9th November some of our Year 12 Physicists attended Physics competition

The challenge included three rounds. There was an estimation round, a practical round (using KitKats to weigh things) and lastly, an incredibly difficult Physics questions round.

Well done!



HOUSE BREAKFASTS



In September we introduced the new house system. There four houses:
Hartridge, **Hembury**, **Roundball** or **Blackbury**.



When the House Breakfasts were introduced, they were met with enthusiasm. We are delighted to see students interacting and making positive relationships with other students outside of their year groups.

The opportunity to engage with others is, we feel, truly valuable and enriching. Overall this, is supporting us in developing a stronger community. It supports our students in building strong relationships where respect is at the heart. This enhances enrichment opportunities, leading to a culture rich, and a positive environment for our students.

During the House Breakfast this term, we have focused on encouraging engagement and topics which were discussed were done so enthusiastically with students standing to speak as well as volunteering their opinions. They received tokens to help fill their House jar. The winning house will be rewarded with a collapsed period 5 in January to watch a film with the rest of their house. It has been lovely to see the friendly competition between students and staff building! The winner will be announced when we return in the New Year.





CROSS COUNTRY



Isabella Ferrante



George Pemberton



A very wet start to the Cross Country season. On 19th October at Sidmouth College Year 7 put up a competitive performance against East Devon schools. Some great individual running and a fantastic effort by all.

On Thursday 23rd November four pupils represented East Devon at the East Devon v Exeter Schools Cross Country Championships held at Blundells in Tiverton.

Results

Year 7- Josie Whitrow - 25th
 Junior Boys - Josh Lane - 23rd
 Inter Girls - Isabella Ferrante - 15th
 Inter Boys - George Pemberton - 4th

George will now qualify for the next round at the Devon Schools in January 2024.

Congratulations to all athletes who participated in the East Devon Cross Country Competition at Bicton College on Wednesday 8th November.

Junior Boys: Josh Lane 15th, Tom Lane 17th
 Intermediate Boys: George Pemberton 5th
 Year 7 Girls: Josie Whitrow 16th
 Intermediate Girls: Isabella Ferrante 13th

Students who finished in the top 16 in their age category qualify for the Exeter V East Devon round at Blundell's at the end of November.

U14 Netball V Sidmouth College



On Tuesday 14th November, our U14s won both matches convincingly showing the depth of commitment to netball in the year group.

All played with great motivation and commitment. Well done to all.

Score: A Team 7-1 B Team 5-3

A Congratulations to Hallie Bennett (Year 9) who came 1st the South West Aerial and Pole Championships



East Devon Schools Netball

On Tuesday 17th October Year 11 netball team were winner's achieving amazing results. They have gelled in to a great team who work hard, support each other and play first-class netball.

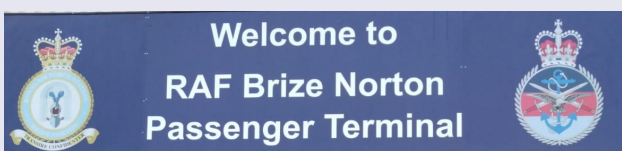
Scores: Vs Exmouth: 10-2, Vs Sidmouth A: 9-2,
 Vs Sidmouth B: 13-0 Vs Kings: 11-4,
 Vs Cullompton: 11-1.



CONGRATULATIONS! HCC Scoreboard Winners

DATE	EVENT	OPPONENTS	RESULTS
19/09/23	Rugby Yr10	Sidmouth College	Honiton Win 35-5; Boys played some great rugby with good spirit and skill on show throughout.
25/09/23	Rugby Yr10	St Peter's School	Honiton Win 38-5; Years 10s won a great game in the Exeter and East Devon Cup.
29/09/23	Football Y9	Uffculme School	Honiton win 3-1; Fantastic opening performance from the Honiton Community College year 9 team. All showed great effort and commitment as they battled an impressive Uffculme side.
17/10/23	Netball Yr11	East Devon Schools	Winners Fantastic result for this team. They have gelled in to a great team who work hard, support each other and play very good netball. Scores: Vs Exmouth: 10-2, Vs Sidmouth A: 9-2, Vs Sidmouth B: 13-0 Vs Kings: 11-4, Vs Cullompton: 11-1.
23/11/23	Football Yr8 & Yr9	Cranbrook	Year 8; 6-0 Win Year 9: 4-1 Loss. Year 8: A fantastic performance from the Year 8 side cruising to a 6-0 victory with goals from Edward, Aiden, George and Oliver. Year 9; A closely contested game saw Honiton just edged out by Cranbrook. With the game dead locked at 1-1 for most of the game.
28/11/23	Rugby Yr11 & Yr10	King's College Taunton	Won 24-10; Superb showing from the Year 11s and 6 from Year 10 who stepped up to secure a victory against King's College Taunton.

This term, a selection of our Air Cadet students had the opportunity to visit the RAF Brize Norton and were lucky enough to ride in the Airbus A400M Atlas.



This was an excellent opportunity and the students came away with a whole plethora of experience and inspiration which will support them going forward.

If your child/children are interested in joining Honiton Air Cadets, minimum age 12.

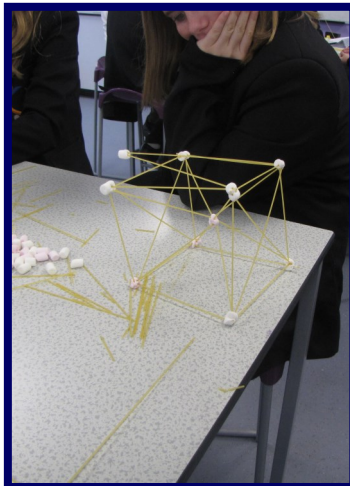
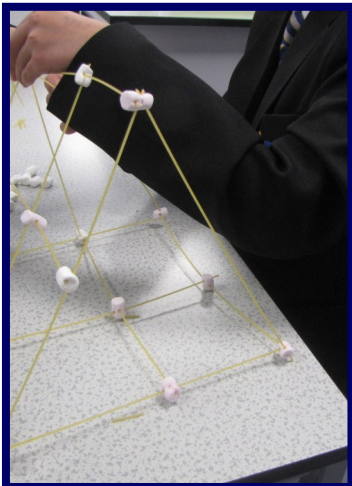
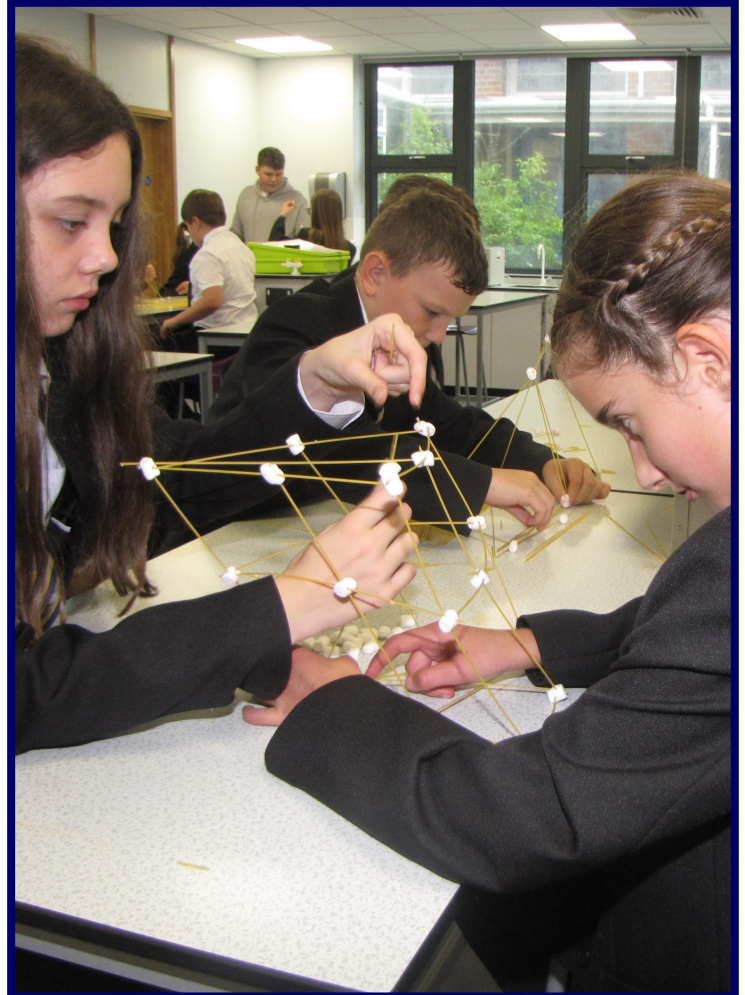
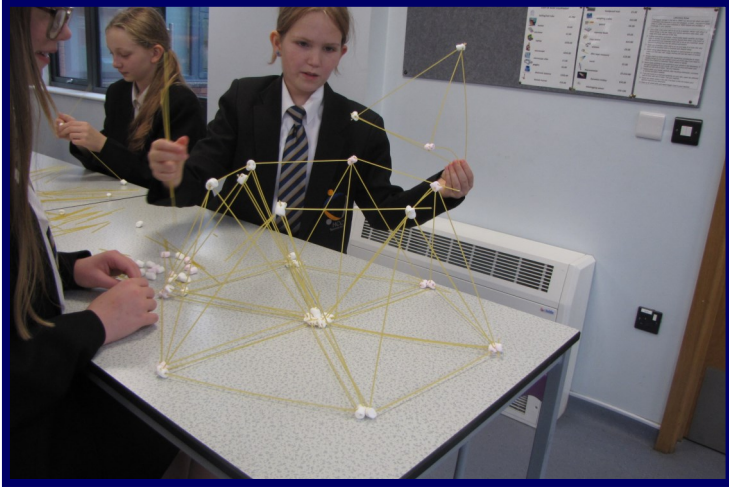
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TEAM BUILDING DAY



As part of welcoming our Year 7s here at HCC we held a team-building day for the year group. Tutors, Head of Year and Post-16 students spent extended sessions with tutor groups working on a range of exciting and interesting activities, aimed to encourage and develop teamwork.



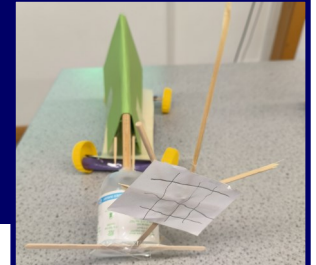
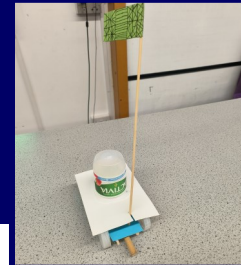
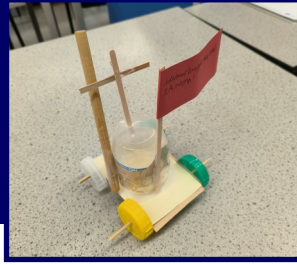
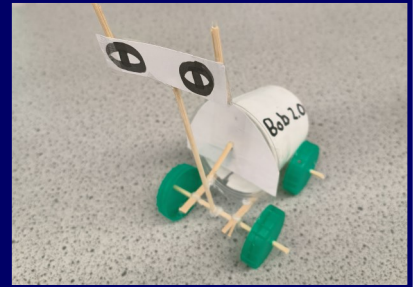
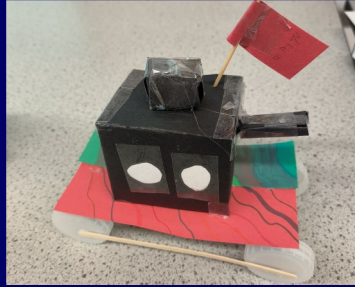
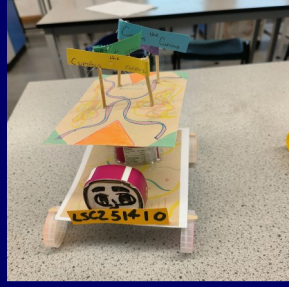
There were classroom based activities including a STEAM challenge (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) and a house quiz testing students' knowledge of life at HCC so far. We then went over to Honiton Leisure Centre where tutors were split into groups to work on cracking a series of team building games. It was brilliant to see students making new friends and solving problems, working as cohesive teams.





Some Year 7s have been doing a mini project on space.

One of their tasks was to design and then build a Mars rover with limited resources.



Preparations and early training for this year's historic Ten Tors Challenge



Navigation training on Dartmoor on Saturday 12th November. With good weather we worked on what we had learnt in navigation training on the Friday before putting it into practice. Lots of micro navigation - taking bearings, using contours, pacing and timings to check our location.



On Saturday 2nd December, a stunningly-cold day, the team achieved a snowy training walk covering 17km over some challenging terrain.

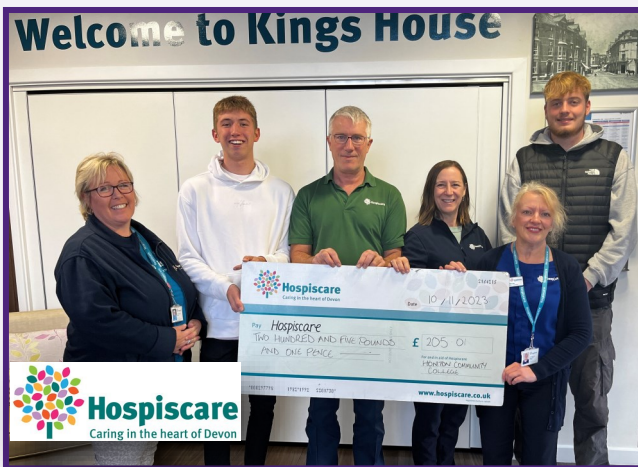




Congratulations



Post-16 students have recently been celebrating an award presented to them to recognise their work within the local community. The Ted Wragg Award Ceremony celebrated students and staff's ambition, collaboration and selflessness living a life of opportunity, inspiring others and making the world a better place. The students were presented the Student Community Leadership Award in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the community both for highlighting the aim and cause for the various charities and also raising valuable funds needed for them to operate. Over the last 8 years, well over £10,000 has been raised for local charities including: the Admiral Nurse Campaign, Honiton Memory Café, Exeter Samaritans, The Wave Project, Dartmoor Mountain Rescue, Young Minds, FORCE and Honiton Food Bank.



Recently the students also supported the local branch of Hospiscare with their 'Bake Off' competition and cake sale. Over 25 entries were made and the judges had a difficult job choosing the top 3 Star Bakers, taking into account the taste and overall look of the bake with many hours having gone into producing the goods! Winners were Rebecca Pepperell, Hannah Empson and Tom Burroughs. Students from the rest of the College were then able to donate money and take away the tasty bakes. A total of £205.01 was raised and presented to the Team at the Kings House Centre, which included Toni, who kindly gave up her time to come and eat cake as a judge. Hard job but someone had to do it!

Selena Burroughs, Assistant Principal and Director of Post -16, proudly recognises all of the work and commitment each of the Post -16 students gives to the local community. "Many of the students have grown up in Honiton and whilst they may leave the town for university or employment in the future, they very much believe in supporting our local community in the many ways they innovatively do. To combine all of this with their academic work is commendable and its great to see them gain lots of skills and knowledge when they engage with all of these charities and to make that difference."



University of Exeter

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER SCHOLARS

We are delighted that 12 of our Year 12 students have been accepted onto the Exeter University Scholars Programme. Each student will be studying alongside their A -levels at this Russell Group University exploring their subject of choice ranging from Law, Geography, Medical Sciences, Criminology and Biological Life Sciences.

The programme gives students an opportunity to find out more about university, develop a passion for a chosen subject, and gain first-hand experience of student life at the University of Exeter.



Continuing with the Community awareness and support we embrace at Post-16, we were very pleased to incorporate the annual Festive party with also raising awareness and funds for Honiton Operation Rudolph who want to help relieve the pressure on individuals and families who may find the Christmas season difficult financially or socially. Students enjoyed some festive Bingo, a Tutor Quiz, Christmas Karaoke, a naffle (a naff raffle!) and the viewing of a Christmas movie. A great way to celebrate the end of a successful term but also to raise the total of £159.01 for the community.

Thanks to Mr Maplesden for being our Bingo Caller and Mrs Shorter, Dr Murch and Miss Bartlett for organising the very competitive quiz!

From everyone at the Post-16 team we wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.



Apply NOW to Post-16 at Honiton Community College

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Contact Selena Burroughs, Director of Post-16 for further details
Tel: 01404 42283 Ext 250. Selena.Burroughs@honiton.college



National Poetry Day On Thursday 5th October 2023, we celebrated National Poetry Day, which this year focused on the theme of refuge. Liam Parish-Johnson wrote this fantastic poem about 'Home' for National Poetry Day.

My Home!

Home is like a cosy pillow
 Home is a pile of dirty dishes
 Home is where heart is
 Home is where you are safe
 Home is embarrassing photos on the wall
 Home is a place where you can be lazy
 Home is where you can do what you want
 Home is where you can say what you like
 Home is mine
 Home is yours
 Home is your animals
 Home makes you feel you
 Home is where you can be anything you want to be
 Home is where no one can judge you for what you do
 Home is not your home without yourself and your family

BOOK

DONATION



Thank you to Elsa Gilham in Year 12 for a large donation of excellent pre-loved books for our library. If you have good quality used books, suitable for our age-group of young teen/teen readers, which you would like to donate, we would be very pleased to add them to our library where they would be well used. Please email Nicola.turner@honiton.college if you would like to drop in donations of used fiction books.

A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes this term, and so far we have: refurbished and decorated the new library space near English; upgraded the IT; sourced fantastic new shelving; bought new stock; and gathered a team of willing volunteers to stocktake and set up ready for next term. It will be lovely to have our library back in the New Year!

TERM DATES



SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2 January – Non Student Day
Wednesday 3 January – Start of Spring (Half Term 1)
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February – Half Term Holiday
Monday 19 February – Start of Spring (Half Term 2)
Thursday 28 March - Last Day of Spring Term

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April – Start of Summer (Half Term 1)
Monday 6 May – Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May – Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 June – Start of Summer (Half Term 2)
Wednesday 24 July – Last Day of Spring Term

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September 2024 – Non Student Days
Wednesday 4 September – Start of Autumn (Half Term 1)
Monday 28 Oct to Friday 8 November 2024 – Two week Half Term Holiday
Monday 11 November 2024 – Start of Autumn (Half Term 2)
Monday 9 December 2024 – Non Student Day
Friday 20 December 2024 – Last day of Term

Alternatively, you can visit our website: <https://honitoncommunitycollege.co.uk/term-dates-school-day/>
for Term Dates and the College Day

HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



SCHOOL SKI TRIP



WHEN IS IT & WHERE TO?

Departing the UK on Saturday 14th December, arriving back in the UK on Saturday 21st December 2024. You will be skiing the resort of La Thuile in Italy, staying at the Hotel Alpechiara

WHO CAN GO?

Anyone currently in Year 8 or 9, who will next be in Year 9 and 10 respectively.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The total cost of the trip is £1,396pp which includes everything shown opposite.

HOW DO I BOOK MY PLACE?

To book your place, please pay a deposit of £100.
Please see Ms. Roberts for more information.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 5 nights' half board accommodation with hot snack lunches on the mountain
- Return travel by executive coach
- 5 day ski course including 24 hours tuition delivered by fully qualified, English speaking instructors
- Ski, boot and helmet hire
- 5 day lift pass for La Thuile (incl. La Rosiere)
- An exciting and varied après-ski programme
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance



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