



## Dates for the Diary

### Week B

Mon 04	n/a
Tues 05	FIXTURE U14 Badminton @ HCC from 2pm FIXTURE: Yr8 Rugby v Tiverton @ HCC 3pm
Wed 06	Art Winter Workshop: Printmaking 3—4pm See below for sign up details
Thu 07	n/a
Fri 08	n/a
Mon 11	n/a
Tues 12	n/a
Wed 13	Nasal Flu Immunisations onsite all day FIXTURE: U13/15 Badminton Finals @ King, leaving at lunchtime
Thur 14	n/a
Fri 15	Last day of term - early finish at 12.15pm

## Last day of term: 12.15pm finish



Just like last year, we are providing an early lunch for students before they leave at 12.15pm. Buses are arranged and our staff team will register students, supervise departure as usual and tidy and securely close down the site.

## SPARX SCIENCE UPDATE

Great news from Sparx Science!

Sparx have been expanding the variety of answers/spellings that they will accept from students. This should make life easier for the students to show what they understand, and reduce frustrations with incorrect spellings.



Sparx have also added a feature whereby students are now able to complete their own independent study, on top of the work set each week. They can now go to the 'independent learning' section and search for a topic they wish to revise. Teachers will be able to see any independent study completed and can add praise points where students have gone above and beyond.

Many students are now completing their Sparx Science within the first couple of days of it being set, which is great practice. It also appears that the time needed to complete the tasks is reducing, as students are becoming more confident.

A quick reminder that Sparx Science is set every Tuesday and due in every Monday at 4pm (for years 8-11). A 'help' session is available every Thursday lunchtime in S9, open to any students wishing to attend.

## BROMCOM Data Check

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Bromcom and begun using either the online or APP version. We are working our way through the queries and requests relating to the set - up of your accounts and will continue to update you as we progress.



If you haven't already, please check the contact information we hold for you so that we can direct messages as efficiently as possible. This includes names/tel numbers, priority contacts, emails, and those listed as having parental responsibility. In either the APP, or online, please do the following to inform us of changes:

- Go to the Menu and select **Data Collection Form**  
*As a formality, it will advise you that the college will have to approve your request*
- Amend any information as necessary
- Click Submit
- Please allow our staff time to work through the requests and make the amendments. If we have any questions, we will be in touch.

Thank you.

## Art Winter Workshop – Printmaking



**OPEN TO YEARS 7 to 9, on Wed 6th Dec 3.05pm**

**PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

**Learn how to print your own Christmas Cards, Gift Bags and Labels**

You'll learn simple and effective print making techniques that can be used all year round whilst getting in to the Christmas spirit!

Participants must be available to come along after school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December, from 3.05-4.05pm  
Places limited.

To book a place, please email or speak to Mrs Creed in Art:  
[Denize.Creed@honiton.college](mailto:Denize.Creed@honiton.college)



## Teaching & Learning Updates



Mr Declan Farrell, who started his role as our SENDCo in September, is returning to school this Monday following an unavoidable absence after a serious accident earlier in the term. Whilst you may have been in contact with him recently, this would have been whilst he worked remotely over the last few weeks. Much of this time was spent re-viewing and updating pupil passports to ensure all staff have the best possible insight into students additional needs and how to support them within the classroom. We are excited for his return to the learning support department.

### Year 11 Mocks – Well done Year 11!

The year group have been brilliant this week! Our team of external invigilators have reported excellent behaviour throughout and, most importantly, the students are now better prepared for the Summer Mocks as we continue through this process. Next week, lessons return to normal. Teachers will give students their marks and feedback as soon as possible but please be patient as it takes a few days to mark them all and moderate them in departments.



If you want to get ahead for the March mocks please refer to the revision advice and tools sent out with the November Mock Guide. You may also like to recap the presentation from the Yr 11 Information Evening and the Yr 11 Parent/Carer Knowledge Organiser with all you need to know about the GCSE exams. All 3 documents can be found in the 'Weekly Update and Supporting Info' section here: <https://honitoncommunitycollege.co.uk/newsletters/>

We will be running another Information Evening for the March Mocks. Date to be confirmed in the New Year.



### Well done Year 7!

Since September we have been busy getting to know the students of our newest cohort both in lessons and on the playground. However, it is also essential during this time to understand their potential and gain insight into any learning challenges they may face. To do this we have run a range of assessments that help us to understand their phonics knowledge, reading confidence and speech and language skills. As a teaching team we will use this information to better support students in lessons and tailor learning experiences as needed. Upcoming will be their introduction to SPARX Reader, a great online tool to encourage reading. We will send a letter home soon to let you know what you can expect and how to support your child with their reading from January. So far Year 7 have shown resilience and an eagerness to embrace secondary school challenges. Great work year 7.

### Assessment Week – Super-teach Week

Students across the school have been sitting assessments this week. Students have been focused and many have enjoyed the chance to show us what they can do! There will be some assessments next week (depending on when subjects fall in the two week timetable) but we are nearly there! Following their assessments, students will experience 'Super-teach' lessons. Teachers will re-teach or extend the learning around key concepts as required. The Progress Reports will be out in the New Year once we have had a chance to collate the data from the assessments and we are back on-site to answer any queries. We look forward to sharing the successes with you all in January.



**Thank you Thelma Hulbert Gallery** for coordinating an exciting workshop for some of our Year 7 students with the artist Mikhail Karikas, a Greek/British artist based in London and Lisbon, whose work in moving image, sound, performance, and other media is exhibited in leading contemporary art biennials, museums including the TATE and Whitechapel Gallery, and film festivals internationally.

The visit was part of his 'Acoustics of Resistance' project focusing on the climate emergency and exploring listening as a form of climate care & solidarity. The exhibition will be showing at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery between 13<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024. <http://www.mikhailkarikis.com/about-mikhail-karikis/>