

Principal's Post

Friday 25th April 2025



I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome our students back for the start of another busy and exciting term.

Before the holidays, we were treated to a truly memorable Spring Music Concert. It was amazing to see so many of our talented students performing with such enthusiasm and skill - a real celebration of our school's creative spirit. Moments like these remind us how important it is to nurture the talents and passions of every individual.

As we embark on the summer term, we continue to celebrate and promote our school values of being **kind**, **curious** and **resilient**. These qualities will be particularly important over the coming weeks as our Year 11 and Year 13 students begin their final preparations and sit their public exams. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown, and we wish them every success.

This half term also sees the return of the exciting **Ten Tors Challenge**, where our students will demonstrate teamwork, perseverance, and resilience in one of the most demanding outdoor events for young people in the country. We are cheering them on every step of the way!

I also very much enjoyed welcoming our **Year 7 parents and carers to the Progress Evening this week**. This is an important opportunity to celebrate successes so far and to look ahead to the remainder of the year.

With so much ahead, it promises to be a fantastic term full of achievement, learning, and memorable experiences. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



Last term Amelia and Brooke took part in the Holocaust Education Trust Programme which included them visiting **Auschwitz** concentration camp. This term they will deliver a presentation to lower year groups about their experience and of the Holocaust. We hope you enjoy reading their account featured in this publication.

Post -16 students for many years have taken part in this Programme and they have always represented the College amazingly well with 100s of other students who took part together in this experience.

We are now officially on countdown in the Year 13s final few weeks of being at Honiton with a couple of leaving events to look forward to at the end of the Summer term to celebrate all of their hard work and preparation.

Good luck to all!

Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16



We are now counting the final weeks until the start of the exams. Exam timetables have already been delivered to students, but a further timetable, with seating, will be out to all students shortly.

We have a couple of leaving events (Prom and Thorpe Park trip) to celebrate the students hard work during this time, and invites/details will be out shortly about these.

Good luck to Year 11 and we look forward to celebrating with you.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11

Activities week

We are excited to remind you that Activities week is coming up soon!

Please take a moment to check MCAS for any standing payments and make them as quickly as possible to ensure your child's participation.





I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As we begin the Summer term, it's hard to believe that we're already entering the final chapter of Year 7 – what a journey it's been so far!

Over the past two terms, I've had the pleasure of watching this year group grow in confidence, resilience, and independence. From those first nervous steps in September to now, the progress our students have made – both personally and academically – has been remarkable. They've settled into secondary life, embraced new routines, and contributed wonderfully to our school community.

This final term brings with it lots to look forward to, including:

- ◆ Exciting learning opportunities in class
- ◆ Enrichment activities and trips
- ◆ Celebrating achievements with end-of-year awards
- ◆ Opportunities for students to reflect on their growth
- ◆ Looking ahead to Year 8 and setting new goals

I'll continue to encourage all students to make the most of every opportunity, maintain high standards, and support one another as a year group.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure a strong and successful end to your child's first year at secondary school.

Here's to a fantastic summer term!

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



Welcome back! I hope that you all had an amazing Easter Break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. We are now starting our last term of Year 8 and it won't be long before we see Year 6 students in school for transition week.

Year 8 students will soon be starting to look at some of the GCSE texts that they will start studying in English lessons as they start their GCSE English Literature courses at the beginning of Year 9. This is also a great time to start thinking about which subjects they might like to study at GCSE themselves, option choices come around quickly in Year 9 and it is never too early to start thinking about.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8



Welcome back to the Summer term and wish the weather reflects the term.

Students have now chosen GCSE options and there are abundance of opportunities to grow, learn,

and shine.

Stay **curious**, stay **kind**, and remember: the effort you put into now shapes the future you're building. Keep involving yourselves in the opportunities around you and stay committed to your Duke of Edinburgh award.

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



As we begin the summer term, Year 10 students are just one full term away from Year 11, now is the time to build strong habits, deepen their learning, and stay focused. This is the time of year when pace and perseverance make all the difference. We're encouraging students to aim high, take responsibility, and make every lesson count.

Please make sure that any work experience is put on the Unifrog system or ask to speak Miss Blight if you need support. There are still a number of students without a confirmed placement so please try and get this sorted ASAP. It is fantastic to see so many with placements secured in a variety of sectors already

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 10

HOLOCAUST
EDUCATIONAL
TRUST

We have for many years been part of the Lessons from Auschwitz Project organised by the Holocaust Education Trust where two of our Post -16 students took part in seminars being educated about the Holocaust and listening to a survivor of the event and then flying to Poland in a day visiting the camp itself.



On the 19th of March, we had the opportunity to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, one of the most important and moving sites related to the Holocaust. The trip, organized by the Holocaust Educational Trust, was a deeply emotional and educational experience that left a lasting impression on everyone.

Our day began at Auschwitz I, the original concentration camp, where we were guided by an expert who shared the camp's history and personal stories from survivors. Walking through the infamous gates, marked by the cruel phrase

“Arbeit Macht Frei” (Work Sets You Free), was a powerful moment, and it quickly became clear how much suffering took place there. We toured the barracks, where exhibits showcased photographs and personal belongings of the victims, and it felt almost impossible to grasp the scale of the tragedy that occurred.

One of the most stirring parts of the visit was seeing the rooms filled with shoes, glasses, and other personal items of the prisoners. It was a silent reminder of the millions of lives that were lost, and the scale of this tragedy sank in. It was hard to find the right words—sometimes, silence seemed like the only way to process the history unfolding around us.

After leaving Auschwitz I, we made our way to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the much larger camp where over a million people were killed. The sheer scale of it was overwhelming. The train tracks that led into the camp, the ruins of the gas chambers, and the remains of the crematoria all stood as stark, painful reminders of the unimaginable horrors that took place there. It was hard to imagine such a place existing in our world, and yet it was a tragic reality.

Throughout the day, we were reminded of why it's so important to remember the Holocaust—not just as a piece of history, but as a warning against hatred, discrimination, and intolerance. This visit taught us all something we can never forget: that we all have a responsibility to stand against prejudice and to ensure such atrocities are never repeated.



The trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau was an unforgettable experience, one that changed the way we view history and the world around us. It reinforced the importance of education and remembrance so future generations can learn from the past and help build a more just and compassionate world.

Amelia Renaud and Brooke Mason. Year 13

Reminder!

Food & Nutrition

It's fabulous to see so many students creating delicious recipes in their Food and Nutrition practical lessons. Please ensure students are equipped with a container to bring their wonderful creations safely home in.

As always, the dates of when they will be cooking are posted on Classcharts and will always be displayed on the information board outside the Food room.



How Can You Help? Honiton 3G Pitch

As you know we are so excited to be working with our Trust, local primaries and The football Association.

Full size 11v11 pitch across our site and HPS, providing not only excellent facilities for our and Honiton Primary School's PE curriculum, but also huge benefits for the local community with extra sporting provision for local sports clubs and youth teams.

As part of the planning process, the council are now seeking opinions from the local community on the application. If you could log onto the planning portal

(<https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SOR3TUGHL3A00>)

Peripatetic Instrument lessons (fees apply)



You can sign up for lessons and find out further information through the following link or by scanning the QR code.

Apply for Instrumental lessons—

<https://forms.office.com/e/n8AJsdJSyb>

Interested in hiring an instrument from the Devon Music Hub? – please see the link below!

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/parents-carers/hiring-an-instrument/>



Next Fortnightly Events

Wednesday 30 April

HCC Careers Fair (09:00– 16:30)
Devon Golf juniors competition @ Boringdon Golf Club (08:30-16:30).
Dof E afterschool session - Kit (15:05-17:00).

Thursday 1 May

East Devon U15 boys/mixed softball cricket @ Exmouth Cricket Club (13:00-18:00).

Friday 2 May

TRIP Paris Residential leaving 07:00.
Return Tuesday 6 May 11:00.

Monday 5 May

College Holidays **BANK HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 6 May

East DevonU13 boys/mixed softball cricket @ Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club (13:00-18:00).

Wednesday 7 May

Day 1-Year 10 Geography Fieldwork @ Dawlish Warren (08:30-15:05).
East Devon Athletics Trials @ Exeter Arena (09:00-16:00).

Thursday 8 May

Day 2-Year 10 Geography Fieldwork @ Dawlish Warren (08:30-15:05).
Parent Engagement Group (18:00-19:00).

Friday 9 May

GCSE EXAMS BEGIN
Ten Tors Event



Enrichment

Extra - Curricular Summer Term Programme



| MONDAY | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| PE Clubs | TIME | YEARS | LOCATION | STAFF IN CHARGE |
| Sport and PE | | | | |
| Cricket | 1:30-1:55 | All | LED Courts | MHA, AFO |
| Girls Neon Colour Run – Couch to 2K | 1:30-1:55 | All | Fitness Suite | PSA |
| Ten Tors | 1:30-1:55 | 9-11 | PE1 | LRO |
| Get Active Gym* (See LED for details) | 3:05-4:00 | 11-15 years | LED gym | LED instructors |
| Teen Circuits* (See LED for details) | 3:15-4:00 | 11-15 years | LED gym | LED instructors |
| TUESDAY | | | | |
| Sport and PE | | | | |
| Get Active Gym* (See LED for details) | 3:05-4:00 | 11-15 years | LED gym | LED instructors |
| WEDNESDAY | | | | |
| Volleyball | 1.30-1.55 | All | Gym | ELE |
| Girls Rugby | 1.30-1.55 | All | College field | ATA, PSA, ELE, LRO,AFO |
| THURSDAY | | | | |
| Sport and PE | | | | |
| Tennis | 1:30-1:55 | All | LED Courts | ATA |
| Rounders | 1:30-1:55 | All | Allhallows | PSA / LRO |
| Athletics | 3:05-4:00 | All | College Field | ATA, PSA, ELE, LRO, AFO |
| Get Active Gym* (See LED for details) | 3:05-4:00 | 11-15 years | LED gym | LED instructors |
| FRIDAY | | | | |
| Sport and PE | | | | |
| Sports Leadership & A level/GCSE/BTEC revision/ D of E evidence logging | 1:30-1:55 | Relevant students | PE4 / PE3 | ATA |
| Get Active Gym* (See LED for details) | 3:05-4:00 | 11-15 years | LED gym | LED instructors |

| SATURDAY & SUNDAY | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| Sport and PE | | | | |
| Get Active Gym* (See LED for details) | 10-11 & 1-2 | 11-15 years | LED gym | LED instructors |
| <p><u>Get Active Gym</u></p> <p>Cost: Induction - £16 single or double £8 each.</p> <p>Session - £4.75</p> <p>Or all included in Junior Get Active membership - £24.75</p> <p>Get Active Gym session run from 15.00-16.00 every week day and 10.00-11.00 Sat & Sun.</p> | | | | |
| <p>11-13 year olds, can come to the programmed sessions or outside of these session with a responsible adult. They must use cardio machines and bodyweight exercises only after an induction with a member of the gym team.</p> <p>14-15 year olds can now come to gym unaccompanied, anytime they like. They can use cardio, resistance and free weights after an induction with a member of the gym team.</p> | | | | |

Additional Enrichment Offers

| ACTIVITY | DAY | TIME | YEARS | LOCATION | Equipment | STAFF IN CHARGE |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|--|--|
| KS3 Art Club | Tuesday | Lunch time 1:30 -2:05pm | KS3 | C6 | NA | Mrs Robinson |
| Lego Club | Please see Mrs Quick | Lunchtime | ALL | Learning Support | NA | Mrs Quick |
| GCSE Art Catch Up | Wednesday | 3:05 - 4:05pm | 10 & 11 | C6 | Own work | Mrs Robinson |
| GCSE Photography Extra | Wednesday | 3:05 - 4:05pm | 10 & 11 | C3 | Own work | Mr Tyrer |
| New Clubs | | | | | | |
| House Band (Music) | Monday | Lunchtime 13:30-14:05 | ALL | MU1 | For students who play an instrument or sing | Please see Mr Turner to arrange personal instrument use Mr Turner |
| Taiko Drumming | Friday | Lunchtime 1:30- 1:55 | ALL | MU2 | For students who want to learn how to play Japanese Taiko Drums! | NA Mr Turner |
| Journalism club | Wednesday | 3.05 – 4:00 | ALL | E10 | NA | Mrs Lindsay |
| Christian Faith | Friday Week A | Lunchtime 1:30 – 1:55 | ALL | Hums meeting room | NA | Mrs Rose |
| Song Writing Club | Thursday | Lunchtime 1:30 – 1.55 | ALL | MU2 | NA | Mr Turner |
| Singing Group | Tuesday | 1.30 – 1.55 | All | MU1 | NA | Mr Turner |
| Guitar Group | Wednesday | Lunchtime 1:30-1:55 | ALL | MU1 | For students who play guitar | Please see Mr Turner to arrange personal instrument use Mr Turner |
| Balalaika Ensemble | Thursday | Breaktime 11.10–11.30 | ALL | MU1 | NA | Mr Turner |