

Principal's Post

Thursday 7 May 2026



As we continue through the summer term, it has been a real pleasure to see our school community living out our values of being kind, curious and resilient each and every day.

Thank you to all of our Year 7 families who attended Progress Evening last week. It was lovely to see so many positive conversations taking place and to celebrate the progress students have made since joining us. The strong relationships between home and school make such an important difference to our young people's success.

Our Year 9 students have had a fabulous time in Paris, making memories, embracing new experiences and representing the school wonderfully well. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their Bank Holiday weekend to provide the students with this opportunity.

Last week's Careers Carousel was also a fantastic success. Students had the opportunity to meet visitors from a wide range of employment sectors and gain valuable insight into future career pathways. We have received such lovely feedback from our visitors, who were incredibly impressed by our students' enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence.

As we look ahead to next week, we would like to wish all of our Year 11 & Year 10 students the very best as GCSE examinations begin on Monday. They have worked tremendously hard and shown great resilience throughout their preparation. We are very proud of them and know they will approach the weeks ahead with determination and positivity.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers and students at the Progress Evening last week, it was a really positive evening and a great start to the final/summer term!

It is hard to believe we only have 9 weeks of your final journey in Year 7 and what an amazing journey you have all been on, showing so much kindness, curiosity and resilience.

I have had the pleasure of watching you grow since January and I know Mrs Dupre, is equally proud of your growth, since that first day of nerves in September.

You've embraced secondary life and both personally and academically grown from strength to strength. Your contribution to Honiton Community College is truly invaluable.

This final term brings:

- Exciting learning opportunities
- Enrichment activities and trips
- Celebrations at our end of year celebration assembly
- Opportunities to reflect on personal journeys with new transitions starting

Setting goals for Year 8

The new transition process is starting and the enthusiasm you've shown to help support this incredibly heart-warming.

I will continue to encourage all students to make the most of every opportunity and maintain high standards to support each and every one of you.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure a strong and successful finish to your child's first year in secondary school.

Here is to a strong, successful final term!!!

Mrs. K Lynch, Head of Year 7



It has been a busy couple of weeks for Year 8 students since their return after the Easter holidays. Last week all students took part in our Careers Carousel event in which they spent 30 minutes with four different employers to gain more knowledge about a career within that

particular sector. Our students were a credit to the College and as staff we enjoyed observing the enthusiasm they put into the tasks set by some employers.

Well done to Grace and Charlie who won the LED fitness challenge and received an LED t-shirt and to Freddy's team who won the construction challenge and got a bag of sweets.

As part of the Career's Carousel day, the students also had an assembly with a representative from Bicton College and from Richard Huish College who gave them some insight into their institutes. Another well done to the students who volunteered answers to the questions posed by these representatives, it can be very intimidating to do this in front of your year group, but you showed great resilience.

As well as this event, some students took part in a primary mentor's event supporting students from our local primaries in a series of athletic activities.

A select few students have also been at Exeter Arena competing in the East Devon Athletics Trials- well done to these students for being selected.

What a great start to the term Year 8- keep it up!

Mrs. C Kendall Head of Year 8



As we begin the summer term, Year 10 students will be entering an important phase of their studies, particularly as they prepare to take their GCSE English Literature exam.

Stay focused, make use of feedback from your teachers, and approach the exam with determination and a positive mindset—this is your chance to demonstrate all the progress you've made this year.

This is Year 10's final full summer term at Honiton, so it's important to make the most of every opportunity. Whether it's cricket, rounders, athletics, or our activities week, there's plenty to get involved in. Activities week, in particular, is an exciting chance to create lasting memories with friend, so be sure to enjoy it.

Well done to all those who have secured a work placement if you haven't arranged one yet, please speak to your tutor or me and we will help you find the right work placement.

We are also planning to offer mock interviews for our Year 10 students. If any parents are able to volunteer some time to support this, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Mrs. L Roberts, Head of year 10



Year 9 students have continued to demonstrate our school values of being **Kind, Curious and Resilient**, including throughout our Paris residential over the weekend, where 65 Year 9 students represented the school exceptionally well.

The trip to Paris gave students the opportunity to experience French culture first-hand and create memories that will stay with them for years to come.

We would like to thank all students for their outstanding conduct and positive attitude throughout the trip, as well as the staff who gave up their time to make the experience possible.

I have also been incredibly proud to hear of the resilience shown by the students who did not join us on the trip, they dealt with a changes of timetable and class groups brilliantly to make the most of their time in school.

Well done all of Year 9!



Mrs. E Meek Head of Year 9



GCSE exams begin next week with English Literature on Monday, and we would like to wish all Year 11 students the very best as they enter this important period.

Attendance over the coming weeks is vital; every lesson, intervention session and revision opportunity in school matters. Time spent in front of subject specialists continues to be one of the most valuable forms of revision and preparation.

Students are also reminded that a range of support is available in school, including quiet spaces for revision and study. We would encourage all students to make the most of the support, guidance and expertise available to them as they approach their exams with resilience and determination.

A letter was sent home to all Year 11 parents/ carers with details regarding the upcoming exams but if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

E Lindsay, Head of year 11

WEEK B

Monday 11th May

- ◆ Start of GCSEs Exams
- ◆ Year 10 Rounders Comp @ Uffculme (13:30-16:30)

Thursday 14th May

- ◆ Parent Engagement Group (18:00 -19:00)

Whole school timetable change for the Summer Exams

Monday 11th May -Thursday 11th June

Lesson	Time	Change
Tutor	08:35-09:10	No change
1	09:10-10:10	No change
2	10:10-11:10	No change
Break	11:10-11:30	No change
3	11:30 -12:30	No change
Lunch	12:30-13:05	New time
4	13:05-14:05	New time
5	14:05-15:05	No change

WEEK A

◆ Monday 18th May

- ◆ Year 7 Super 8 Athletics @ King's (15:15-18:30)

Tuesday 19th May

- ◆ Neon Colour Run @ Okehampton (09:00-15:00)
- ◆ Honiton Learning Community : Quad Kids @ HCC Field (10:15-12:00)

Thursday 21st May

- ◆ Devon County Show Music Performance @Exeter (09:00-15:00)
- ◆ Year 10 Dawlish Warren Field Trip (09:00-15:00)
- ◆ Exeter vs East Devon Athletics Trials @ Exeter Arena (14:05-18:00)

Friday 22nd May

- ◆ Year 10 Dawlish Warren Field Trip (09:00-15:00)

Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May
Half Term

Innovate Spring 2026 Your School Food Update



We are excited to introduce an updated secondary school menu designed to better reflect how students enjoy eating today, while also supporting healthier choices and reducing food waste across our kitchens.

FRESH FLAVOURS. NEW TWISTS

Students may notice some familiar dishes are getting a fresh update. For example, we're saying "No More Kung Poa – Hello Bang Bang!", bringing bold new flavours inspired by street food trends while still delivering balanced meals.

BANGING IN THE BEANS

One of the key themes of the new menu is "Banging in the Beans", supported by the **Boosting Beans** initiative from Veg Power. As a country, we need to increase bean consumption by seven times to meet healthy and sustainable eating goals aligned with the EAT-Lancet recommendations. Beans are nutritious and better for the planet, so you will see more delicious bean-based dishes appearing across our menu.



STREETVIBES REFRESH

We are also delighted to launch two new concepts within our popular StreetVibes range: **Peri Good and Ramen Club**. These concepts reflect how students like to eat today – with customisation at the centre.



Each concept offers two base options, three proteins and a wide selection of toppings, allowing students to build meals that suit their tastes. These vibrant, street-food inspired options are already proving that having it your way is key to getting students excited by the food offer in our restaurants. These concepts may not be in your restaurant just yet, but if they sound like a great fit for your school, let your chef know and they could be brought in at the next menu change.



NEW DISHES TO LOOK OUT FOR

- Crunchy French onion and leek mac and cheese
- Cajun chicken, tomato and sweetcorn pasta bake with house salad
- Nut-less Bakewell sponge

REDUCING FOOD WASTE

Reducing waste is another important focus. **"Crust to Crumb Apple"** is a dish that transforms surplus bread from baguettes and bagels, combined with fresh apples, into something delicious while helping to minimise waste.

We are also introducing house gravy made from kitchen trimmings, ensuring that ingredients are used fully and flavour is never lost to the bin.

Our refreshed menu is all about serving great tasting food that students are excited to eat, while supporting health, sustainability and reduced waste. We hope you enjoy it!

Alex Hall
Food Director at Impact Food Group



AT A GLANCE

- More choice
- More bean-based dishes
- Less food waste
- New street vibes options