

Principal's Post



Thursday 10th October 2024



Welcome to our first October edition! It's hard to believe how quickly this term is flying by, and I am thrilled with the wonderful energy, commitment, and achievements I've seen across the school so far.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet so many families at the recent Year 10 Progress Evening. I truly enjoyed the opportunity to connect with parents and carers, discussing your children's progress and aspirations for the year ahead. It's always inspiring to witness the partnership between home and school, working together to support students in embracing our core values of *kindness*, *curiosity*, and *resilience*. Thank you for your continued involvement and support.

A big congratulations to all our students who have been consistently earning praise and rewards for their hard work and positive behaviour! It's always a pleasure to see so many students demonstrating the school values in their day-to-day actions. These values are at the heart of everything we do here at school, and it's wonderful to see students embracing them. As a reminder, reward points can be collected at the main office, where students can identify the type of reward they would like; we will then be holding a special celebration assembly at the end of the term to honor those who have gone above and beyond.

We are incredibly proud of our HCC Innovation Team who won the TWT Innovation Challenge earlier in the year and recently presented their innovative solution to tomorrow's problems, to a board of industry experts. We wish them all the luck next week, when they compete for the TWT Student Teamwork Award at the TWT Awards ceremony.

As always, thank you for your continued support in making our school a positive and enriching place to learn. Let's continue to work together to ensure our students have the best possible experience, guided by our values of *kindness*, *curiosity*, and *resilience*.

Principal, Mrs C Brothwood



A huge well done to all the **Year 7** students who have been embracing our college values and earning themselves rewards with the high number of praise points.

Applications for the next round of Primary Mentors will be out soon. It is great that we have already had such interest in supporting the Year 5 and 6 students who will be joining us over the next few years. We will be looking for excellent role models to help and support our future cohorts through their transition period. We have already spotted many potential candidates who have already supported our open evening, showing their kindness, curiosity and resilience.

Mrs B Dupré



It has been lovely to see so many of our **Year 8** students celebrating rewards from their impressive praise point collection; some of our students enjoyed a movie afternoon, others a Poppy the Dog walk, and others will have a go at pancake making tomorrow. We look forward to more fantastic efforts over the rest of this term being celebrated in various ways. Well done year 8!

Mrs E Meek



We had a great turn out at progress evening last week with everyone getting valuable insight into where they are and where they're heading in their chosen GCSE subjects. It was great to see how many parents and carers attended to support the children at the start of this important stage.

Year 10 also had a really exciting assembly introducing Camps International, an expedition to do amazing volunteering work and a chance to earn their open water PADI scuba diving qualification. The expedition takes place in 2026 which gives the students ample time to fundraise for their place.

There has also been continued talk and excitement around work experience, so please keep up the conversations and research surrounding this; it really is an amazing opportunity to gain valuable experience in industries they are passionate about.

Ms E Lindsay



Along with year 10 and 11, we were really fortunate to have an assembly from Camps International, to offer the opportunity to sign up for an expedition to Cambodia in the Summer of 2026.

Well done also to our **Year 9** boys football team who showed a real resilience to keep pace with an impressive Uffculme side yesterday in their first match of the season. Well done all. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs L Roberts



We are now 23 teaching weeks away from the start of GCSE exams. As I walk around lessons, I can see students working hard and preparing for these. It's really important that students start getting revision materials prepared now, to avoid the rush at the end.

Our first set of mocks are just around the corner (4 teaching weeks away), and will be a great opportunity for students to show what they are capable of.

It's an exciting time of opportunities, with Post-16 providers showing what is available, and lots of open events to attend. Year 11 have also been offered additional careers appointments and should now be thinking about their next steps.

Year 11 – keep aiming high.

Miss K Knight



The first applications for students wishing to go to University in September 2025 have been submitted with many more to follow this term. It is an exciting time for the students and the team sharing their hopes for the future both University and employment bound.

Any students wishing for any advice on their next steps are encouraged to come and seek help from myself or the tutor team.



- Please can Post-16 students be reminded it is their responsibility to report their absence from lessons to me and their teachers every day of absence. Many thanks

Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16



Thank you to parents and carers for your support in reporting absence when your child is away from College. We would be grateful if you report any absence for your child by 8:30am on the morning of the absence

through the MCAS app rather than phone in or through email. This way, we can quickly pick up messages of absence at the start of the day.

Please can we also remind you that if your child is absent for more than one day, you are required to inform us on each day of absence. If you do not have access to the MCAS app, please contact the College via admin@honiton.college so we can support you in setting up access. Thank you for your anticipated support.



Just a friendly reminder...

Can we please remind all families that as the weather is getting colder, all children should be wearing their blazers. Jackets can of course be worn over the top.

- Our uniform policy is Plain black full-length tailored trousers or black A-line or pleated skirt.



Post-16 students raised awareness today of World Mental Health Day by embracing the Colour Yellow and generating an amazing total of £342.41 for Young Minds – a charity that helps and supports young people with their mental health. Students and staff baked some amazing cakes and cookies and we were very grateful for Otter Valley Field Kitchen for donating the beautiful Strawberry Victoria Sandwich Cake.



Thank you to all who contributed cakes, money or by wearing Yellow to highlight the need to support this important charity.





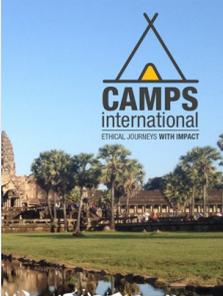
Innovation Challenge team



Our winning Innovation Challenge team were invited to join the Green Construction Advisory Panel Southwest conference at Exeter College Future Skills Centre to present their winning presentation alongside the Primary winners from Exwick

Heights. GCAP is a member-led committee of over 500 building services, housing, and construction businesses, supported by local authorities, charities and training providers across the United Kingdom. The group exists to improve and develop sustainable training and education opportunities for the housing and construction industry with the aim to close the skills gap throughout the UK.

The group made our school community proud speaking with passion and drive about their ideas for a sustainable future. Next for the team is our Trust Awards where they have been nominated for their outstanding teamwork.



We are very excited to announce that we are again partnering with Camps International to offer students the opportunity to go on a life-changing, 4-week expedition to Cambodia during the summer of 2026. This opportunity is open to students in current Years 9,10 and 11 and they have all had information about this amazing opportunity in assemblies this week.

The presentation is taking place on **Wednesday 16th October at 6:30pm.**

Here is the link to register with Camps international :

<https://register.campsinternational.com> or follow the QR code and use the code 9552.



with booking code:
9552



Girls' football continued at HCC with Year 9,10 and 11 team played against Uffculme for an 8 a-side match resulting in a 9-2 win for HCC.

Special mentions go to Holly and Mya for superb defensive play, Reese for great strong communication which allowed the team to keep their shape

and Annie for relentless pressing of the opposition. Player of the match would be shared between HCC midfield with Layla and Isabella.

Next Fortnightly Events

Monday 14 October

A-level Geography Field work trip, 08.30 -15.05

Tuesday 15 October

A-level Geography Field work trip, 08.30 -15.05

Wednesday 16th October

East Devon Schools Year 7 Cross Country @ Sidmouth College, 14.30 -17.30

Year 8 Rugby v Clyst Vale @ Home, 15.35 -16.45

Camps International Information Evening, The Hub, 18.30 -19.30

Thursday 17 October

A-level Geography Field work trip, 0830 -15.05

Year 10 Rugby tournament @ Exeter School, 11.10 -16.45

Friday 18 October

A-level Geography Field work trip, 0830 -15.05

Monday 21 October

Year 10 Geography Field trip, 8.30 -15.05

Ted Wragg Cup '@ Sidmouth College, 15.05- 17.30

Tuesday 22 October

Year 10 Geography Field trip, 8.30 -15.05

Wednesday 23 October

Year 10 Geography Field trip, 8.30 -15.05

U12 Boys Rugby @ King's School, 15.05 -18.00

Thursday 24 October

U16 East Devon Netball Tournament @ King's School, 13.30-16.30

Year 10 Rugby Tournament v Uffculme, 1505 -17.30

KEY DATES

- **Monday 28 October – Friday 8 November**
Two Weeks Half Term Holiday
Progress Evenings
An opportunity to book face-to-face appointments with your child's teachers
- **Year 8 -Thursday 14th November (15.45 -19.00)**



A new scheme has been launched at the Beehive Centre in Honiton for anyone aged 16 and over and who live in the East Devon Postcode area to support with gaining employment

The Employment and Skills Hub provided by Devon County Council and East Devon District Council can help with career planning, apprenticeship advice, job searching and interview help. This service is totally FREE and to find out more a launch event is being held on **Wednesday 6th November** at the Beehive from 11am till 3pm Sign up details below.

Skills Employment Learning
Youth Hub **Adult Hub**

Employment and Skills Hub

Service for anyone age 16 +

A FREE service helping people into employment, education and training.

- support with job searching
- apprenticeship advice
- supported internships
- interview tips
- upskill
- CV writing
- career planning
- cover letters
- events
- find a training course
- practice interviews
- supported employment

Launch Event

Join us for the grand opening of our Employment and Skills Hub for East Devon

- meet the team
- see the space
- See what we offer
- meet local services

FREE light lunch from midday

When
6th November 2024
11am till 3pm

How
Sign-up by:
25th October 2024
By Scanning the QR code
or Text 07816183591

Where
The Beehive Community
Centre, Dowell Street,
Honiton,
EX14 1LZ



Skills Employment Learning
Youth Hub **Adult Hub**

Discover your future ...

Supporting young people and adults into employment, education and training



- career planning
- apprenticeship advice
- interview tips
- find a training course
- practice interviews
- supported employment
- support with job searching
- events

Contact us
employmenthub@devon.gov.uk
07870 543994

Visit us
The Beehive Centre,
Dowell Street,
Honiton
EX14 1LZ

Make an appointment by scanning the QR code



SCAN ME

Visit our website for opening hours.
www.devon.gov.uk/economy-enterprise-skills/skills/employment-hubs/



Find out more about the employment and skills hub
www.devon.cc/skills



LED Get Active Gym

New weekday time: Monday to Friday 3.15- 4.15pm



MONTHLY PEER SUPPORT HUB

with Parental Minds

Join Parental Minds for advice and support. Sharing knowledge and insights. Answering your questions. Helping to make informed choices about your loved one.

Parental Minds is led by lived experience, with input from professionals, researchers and the voice of families.



PARENTAL MINDS C.I.C.



PARENTAL MINDS SUPPORT

1-2 Kings Court, Honiton

10th October 2024
19.00 - 21.00



ENGAGING WITH EDUCATION

Skills Workshop with Parental Minds

An online support hub focused on learning practical strategies to support your child, improve their well-being, and encourage a positive return to education.

Parental Minds material is informed by families lived experience, with professional input and supporting evidence is cited, where it exists, by Dr Abby Russell's research students from the University of Exeter.



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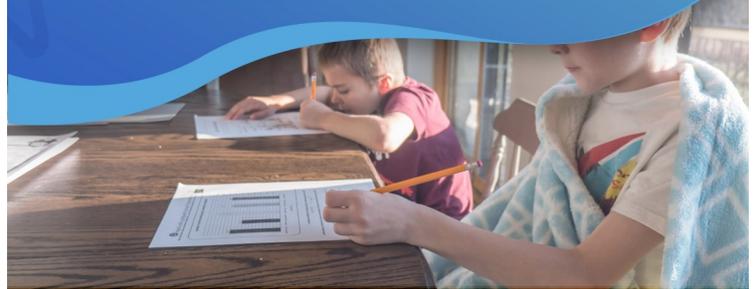


PARENTAL MINDS SUPPORT

Online, Zoom

Monday 21st October 2024
19.15 - 20.45

bit.ly/PMSWEducation24



PARENTAL MINDS SUPPORT

Mental Healthcare ;
Supporting Families

Do you have a question about Family Mental Health?

Not sure where/who to turn to for Mental Health Support?

We offer a safe place for parents/caregivers to be 'heard' and somewhere to exchange ideas, hints & tips with other parents/caregivers. We share information on Local and National mental health services.

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Honiton - 1-2 Kings Court, New St**
2nd Thursday of the month, 19.00 - 21.00
- **Exeter - John Lewis Community Room**
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10.00 - 12.00
- **Sidmouth - All Saints Church**
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 10.30 - 12.30



Visit our facebook or website for our calendars.

i In all **School Holidays**, please **book** with us via **WhatsApp** to attend hubs: **07907 614 516**

COURSES

COUNSELLING

SUPPORT GUIDES

SHARING YOUR VOICE

CAREGIVER SUPPORT HUBS



WE PROVIDE

- Virtual Peer Support
- WhatsApp support
- Closed Facebooks
- Support calls
- Low-cost counselling

These dates may alter during school holidays.

1 to 1 booking also available.
Message for more details.



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facebook/PPSHUB

hello@parentalminds.org.uk

www.parentalminds.org.uk



FAMILY LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL INPUT

ONLINE EVENTS

- **Bookable 1:1 on Teams**
Every Thursday, 13.30 - 14.30
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10.30 - 11.30
Book: 07907 614 516
- **Online Peer Support Hub on Teams**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10.00 - 11.00
- **Online Workshops - Zoom**
4th Monday of the month
19.00 - 21.00