

Principal's Post

Thursday 8th May



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and restorative half term break. As we step into the final half of the summer term, there's a real sense of focus, anticipation and energy across the school.

For our GCSE and Post-16 students, the final stretch of exams is well underway. We are incredibly proud of how they've approached this intense period—with resilience, commitment and maturity. Their determination is a shining example of the values we hold dear: **kindness**, **curiosity** and **resilience**. We wish them continued focus and calm as they head into the last phase.

Beyond the exams, we also have a vibrant calendar of events ahead. Please get these important dates into your diaries:

- **Sports Day – Friday 20 June:**

A celebration of teamwork, perseverance and school spirit.

- **Create Showcase – Thursday 19 June:**

An inspiring evening of student creativity and talent across the arts.

These events are fantastic opportunities for the whole school community to come together and celebrate the achievements and passions of our young people.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Let's make these final weeks of the school year both purposeful and memorable.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



We have always known that the students are a huge credit to the College, but it is always nice to hear our community confirming our own thoughts! Following the recent fundraising food collection for the Community Food Bank we received this lovely email of thanks:



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'WOW WOW WOW!!! Thank you so much, from the bottom of our hearts!! Such generosity is quite overwhelming. Please thank everyone involved. Your young people are a credit to you.'

Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16



Calling all Year 11s and their families!

A huge well done to all our Year 11s for the way you're handling your exams – we're really proud of you!

We would be so grateful if you'd consider donating any unwanted PE kit to the PE department. These donations are incredibly helpful for supporting younger students who may forget or not have their own.

If you're able to donate, please drop your kit off at the PE office.

Thank you so much in advance!



I hope all our Year 7 students had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the final part of the school year.

Before the break, we had a fantastic assembly focused on the theme of **teamwork**, where we explored the incredible example set by nature through the **secret network of fungi**. We discovered how underground fungal networks help trees share resources and support each other, an inspiring reminder of the power of connection, cooperation, and looking out for one another.

As we move into the final weeks of the term, I encourage all our Year 7s to remember that just like in the forest, we are stronger when we work together and support those around us.

Let's make this half term a great one!

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



Year 9 have continued to impress this term.

In this week's assembly, we're focusing on the importance of pushing yourself outside of your comfort zone, a message I hope all of Year 9 will take to heart as we approach the end of the academic year.

A visiting artist recently showcased some incredible work, collaborating with other guest artists just before the half term break.

This inspiring experience has been a fantastic way to prepare for the challenges and creativity of Year 10.

As part of their preparation for Year 10, Year 9 students will be sitting their English Literature mock exam on **Monday 23rd June**. A big thank you to the English Department for their hard work in ensuring our students are thoroughly prepared.

Keep up the great work, Year 9!

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



Welcome back Year 8s!

We have lots of amazing things to look forward to this half term, the Jurassic Coast Challenge, the Create Showcase, Sports Day and Activities week.

In our assembly this week we have looked at the amazing things we can all achieve when we push ourselves outside of our comfort zone. We all have so many opportunities to try pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones. Let's challenge ourselves to sparkle in all we do this half term!

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8



It has been incredible to hear about the amazing work our year 10s have been doing throughout their work experience week; many have had some fantastic experiences, some offered jobs and the majority have come away with a taste of what the world of work looks like. I am so proud to have had so much positive feedback from employers – **WELL DONE!!**

We are now going to turn our focus towards the upcoming **GCSE mocks from the 23rd – 27th June**. This is a fantastic way for students to show off everything they've learned in their subjects, get a feel for what the real exams might be like, and to refine areas to work on. Some may be nervous about how to revise and what to study; we will be supporting them with revision schedules, and subject teachers will be able to give the students direction for what they will need to look at/, and which subjects need covering.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 10



Our Year 11 students made a fantastic start to their exams last half term, with invigilators commenting on their focused and positive approach. After a well-deserved break, they've returned with renewed energy and are making the most of their revision time. I'm proud of their continued commitment and look forward to supporting them through these final weeks of exams. With less than two weeks remaining in school, attention is naturally turning to the end-of-year celebrations—shirt signing, the Thorpe Park trip, and Prom.

Please be reminded that the deadline for payments for Prom and Thorpe Park is 13th June. Further details about all final events will be shared in an email later this week, so please keep an eye out for that communication.

I very much look forward to celebrating the tremendous effort and perseverance our students have shown throughout the year.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11

Reminder: Footwear Expectations at College

As has been the expectation at the College for some time, we would like to remind parents of the guidelines regarding appropriate footwear for students. These expectations are also clearly outlined on the College website.

Footwear should be:

- Plain, black, leather (or leather-look) shoes Polishable
- With a firm sole and secure fastening (e.g., laces or Velcro)
- Free of any logos, coloured stitching, or embellishments
- Not trainers, boots, canvas shoes, or slip-ons

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring students attend College in appropriate uniform, which includes correct footwear. If you are unsure whether a particular pair of shoes meets these expectations, please consult the College website or contact the school office for guidance before making a purchase.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**BUILDING FUTURES
through ATTENDANCE**

EVERYONE EVERY DAY

Attendance

We are committed to ensuring every student has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The DFE March 2025 publication highlights the direct and significant impact of absence from College on student attainment and future earnings. That's why we strive for all our young people to attend school every day.

" Building Futures through Attendance – Everyone Everyday" . .



**ATTENDANCE
STREAK**

We are delighted to have awarded our first Attendance Streak Winners with their Amazon Vouchers.

This competition rewards students every Friday afternoon. Students must be present to be able to receive their prize. Winners are drawn from all students that have attended the previous 10 full days in a row.

We would like to reach out to parents and remind that the College offers various support systems to assist students facing challenges that affect attendance. From counselling services to academic support, we are here to help. We are keen to work in partnership with parents, ensuring that students receive the necessary support to attend school regularly and succeed.

Acceptable Shoes:

- Sensible and plain black all over
- Made of leather or leather-look material
- Entire foot must be covered
- No visible patterns or logos
- Low-heeled



Unacceptable Shoes:

- Canvas shoes
- Sandals
- Flip-flops
- Dolly shoes (ballet-style flats)
- High-heeled shoes
- Knee boots
- Ankle boots



In order to limit unnecessary costs, please avoid the purchase of shoes that are non-compliant. From September, students that arrive in incorrect footwear will be required to put on correct footwear, change into loan shoes available at the College or be educated separately until college expected shoes are worn.

Sports Day Friday 20th June (Years 7-10)



Students in Years 7 to 10 will be taking part in the event will run during Periods 2 to 5, and all students are expected to participate.

Please note:

- Period 1 will run as normal, so students should arrive at school on time and bring their usual books and equipment for their first lesson.
- After Period 1, students will take part in Sports Day activities, so they should also come prepared with appropriate PE kit, water bottles, sun protection, and any necessary medication.

A quick reminder of the other details

- Students to come to school in PE kit and attend lesson one. They will then will be out on the field for sports all day.
- There will be refreshments available throughout the day including an ice cream van.
- A range of fun activities including giant darts and inflatable bungee run is also available at a cost of 50p per go.
- We recommend students to bring a maximum of £10 in cash.
- We have reminded students they are not permitted to bring their own face paints/glitters, these will be confiscated by tutors.
- Optional face paints will be provided by the tutors. It will be the student's responsibility to avoid these face paints if they have allergies. If unsure students can check the ingredients on the day or request them in advance via admin@honiton.college
- They will need sun screen and plenty of water, as well as a sun hat and sun glasses if necessary.

We are really looking forward to the event, as it presents a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves and compete against their peers from the other Houses.

Future Musicians event coming up



**Devon
Music
Education
Hub**

On Friday 27th June, the College will host 'Future Musicians', an event which will involve students from HCC and our local Primary schools. Supported by the

Devon Music Hub, students will prepare two pieces: 'Let's Rock!' and 'Boogie Woogie Blues' written by composer and Music Teacher David Gray and designed to be accessible to musicians of all abilities.



Mr Turner was able to meet David Gray at the recent Devon Music Conference, and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the College for the event! Mr Turner is also including the piece 'Let's Rock!' in the new Cycle 1 Music curriculum for the Autumn Term so all the new Year 7's will have an opportunity to learn the piece.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ARMED FORCES DAY & THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE & VJ DAY



**SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2025
10AM - 10PM
HONITON HIGH STREET**

Military Parades - Army & Cadets
Military Vehicle Display - live running
Spitfire Engine, Supacat & more!
Re-Enactors
Street Market
Food & Craft Stalls
5km Fun Run
Street Party & Live Entertainment until
10pm

FREE ENTRY



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TOWN COUNCIL**



(subject to the relevant permissions being obtained)

Next Fortnightly Events

WEEK A

Monday 9 June

Year 10 Religious Studies Discovery Day
@ Exeter University (09:00 -15:00).

Tuesday 10 June

Family Art Day (by invitation only).

Thursday 12 June

Under 15's Cricket Vs Cullompton @ Cullompton CC
(12:30 -16:30).
Year 8 Rounders Competition @ Uffculme
(13:00 -16:00)

Friday 13 June

Year 8 Jurassic Coast Challenge

WEEK B

Tuesday 17 June

Vaccination mop-ups @ HCC (08:00 -12:00)
Year 10 Rounders @ Uffculme (13:00 -16:00)

Wednesday 18 June

Year 10 Bicton Experience Day (08:30 -15:00)

Thursday 19 June

East Devon Schools Athletics Championships
@ Exeter Arena (09:00 -17:30)
CreATE Showcase (16:00 -18:00)

CREATE SHOWCASE 2025

An invitation to celebrate the creative work and
achievements of our students from across the year



Thursday 19th of June

Visit any time between

4 - 6 pm

An exhibition of Art, Design and Photography with Music performances
Refreshments supplied by our Food & Nutrition students

Honiton Community College

Venue:

The Create Building

Honiton Community College

School Lane, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1QT

