

Principal's Post

Thursday 25 September 2025



It has been such a joy to see our new Year 7s settling into life at HCC so quickly. They look incredibly smart in their uniforms and have already brought so much energy and enthusiasm to our school community.

A big thank you to all the families who joined us for our *Meet the Tutor Evening* last week. This was our very first one of its kind, created in response to your feedback about wanting more time with tutors. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and I hope you found it helpful in getting to know the people who will play such an important role in your child's journey with us.

We've also been celebrating the fact that so many students have already reached their first praise point thresholds! Rewards are being enjoyed across the school, with Poppy the dog still proving to be the most popular choice of all – she is certainly being kept busy with lots of extra walks.

Looking ahead, we're very excited to welcome families to our **Year 5 and 6 Open Evening** this week. We are also hosting Year 5 and 6 Open Mornings in October, please do spread the word. Next week, some of our students and staff will also represent HCC at the **annual TWT Awards Ceremony**. We are incredibly proud of all those nominated and wish them the very best of luck.

Every day, our students show us what it means to be **kind, curious and resilient**. These values are at the heart of everything we do, and it's inspiring to see them lived out so strongly at the very start of this school year.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



As Head of Year 7, I am incredibly proud of the kindness our students are showing towards both staff and their peers. It has been wonderful to see how eager they are to get involved in all aspects of school life and to lend a helping hand

whenever they can.

The uptake in extra-curricular activities has been fantastic, and it's inspiring to watch so many students embracing new opportunities with such enthusiasm. Keep it up, Year 7, stay curious, keep trying new things, and continue to shine!

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



Well done Year 8! Congratulations on such a brilliant start to the year! Your enthusiasm, effort and positivity have really stood out. It's been wonderful to get to know some of you better, see some of you make some new friendships and show

determination in your learning.

Keep up the fantastic work, this is just the beginning of what's sure to be an amazing year. Be proud of what you have achieved so far, many of you have already passed 50 praise points so don't forget to fill in your reward slip at the student office.

Mrs. C Kendall Head of Year 8



Well done Year 9, you are making a great start to the new school year. I have been so proud to see the number of praise points that are flooding through for you. Make sure that you are remembering to go and claim your rewards, lots of you have already surpassed the first reward level of 50 praise points. Keep up the excellent work!

We have an amazing array of Extra Curricular Activities available to students, and I would strongly encourage you all to look at challenging yourself to learn something new or take on a new hobby or challenge.

We are so lucky to have a Music Centre starting up at HCC and the opportunity of learning to play a musical instrument for a fraction of the cost it would normally be. I still have so many fond memories of playing in my local Music Centre Orchestra when I was in Secondary School, I really would encourage you all to have a go!

Mrs. E Meek, Head of Year 9



Year 10 has made a fantastic start to the term! It's been great to see so many thoughtful conversations taking place around subject options, and even more encouraging to note the excellent attendance across the year group. As we know, there is a strong link between high attendance and academic achievement, so let's keep it up!

It was also lovely to see so many families at our **Meet the Tutors** evening. We hope you found it helpful and informative.

I'm sure many of our Year 10 students are already thinking about the exciting new leadership opportunities available to them and are working on getting their applications in to Mr. Lee as soon as possible.

This week in assembly, they heard from Miss Kiely about the importance of a **Growth Mindset**, an idea that we hope will resonate with some and spark something new in others. Developing resilience, embracing challenges, and learning from feedback are all key parts of a Growth Mindset, and we're confident these qualities will serve our students well as they continue on their GCSE journey.

Mrs. L Roberts, Head of year 10



A few weeks into term, our Year 11 students have made a positive start—working hard in lessons and showing real commitment to their studies.

We are proud of the effort they are putting in and the way they are approaching this important year.

A letter regarding leavers' hoodies will be sent out soon, so please keep an eye out for further details!

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 11



PARIS 2026

Huge thanks for all of the payments which we have received so far.

A reminder that the next payment of £100 is due on Wednesday 1st October

CREATE DEPARTMENT

Honiton Music Centre Launches on Wednesday

- **Date:** Wednesday, 24th September
- **Time:** 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Honiton Music Centre

It's **not too late to sign up!** Use the QR code below to register and join us for our exciting launch.

30-minute group lessons - only £4 per week!
Whether you're a beginner or looking to build your skills, there's something for everyone.

Come along, meet the tutors, and discover the joy of making music!



Donate Your Old Instrument - Give It a New Life!

Have an instrument you no longer use? Think of us!

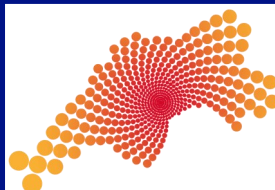
We're always grateful for donations of musical instruments of any kind. Your unused instrument could bring joy, creativity, and opportunity to someone who needs it.

Simply click the link below or scan the QR code, fill in a few quick details, and we'll get in touch with you. <https://forms.office.com/e/9qmFTXPRux>



Thank you for helping us keep the music alive!

CAREERS



2026 Entry - Exeter Maths School Taster Days Now Open for Registration

The Taster Days for Year 11 students interested in joining Exeter Maths School in 2026 are now available for registration!

Dates:

- Friday 4th October
- Friday 18th October,
- Friday 29th November

These events offer a fantastic opportunity for prospective students and their parents to:

- Attend an introductory talk about the school
- Take a guided tour of our facilities
- Participate in engaging student workshops in Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science

Next Steps South West...

UPCOMING: [MedicMentor](#) run free, VIRTUAL, 'Get into' Conferences for aspiring medical & dental students in years 10-12. This month's Conferences will run on: Saturday 20th September, Sunday 21st September, Sunday 28th September from 9am - 1:30pm [Get into Medicine](#) and Saturday 27th September from 9am - 1:30pm [Get Into Dentistry](#).



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(TIAH) Careers Hub is an excellent resource for those seeking information and employability in farming and growing industries and bursaries available. This website can support young jobseekers with routes into these roles. View job profiles, source Career Advice and try Virtual Work shadowing at TIAH careers Hub.

<https://tiah.org/careers-advice-hub>

Next Fortnightly Events

Saturday 27 September
SWAP SHOP (Main Hall) 11:00-14:00

Week A

Monday 29 September
Year 11 Football @ Uffculme (15:05-18:00)
U14 and U16 Netball vs Uffculme (15:15-16:30)

Monday 29 September
HLC: Cross Country @ Allhallows (10:15-12:00)

Wednesday 1 October
Year 9 Rugby v Clyst Vale (15:05-18:00)

Thursday 2 October
U14 Football @ Uffculme (15:00-18:00)

Week B

Wednesday 8 October
U14 and U16 Netball @ King's (15:15-17:30)

Thursday 9 October
U14 East Devon Schools Netball Tournament (13:30-16:30)
TWT Awards Evening @ Plymouth, Crowne Plaza

Sixth Form Information Evening



Shaping Futures. Inspiring Dreams.



Come visit us on

Thursday 2nd October 2025 5pm - 7.30pm
to learn more about our Sixth Form.

To register for our information evening please use the QR code.

Meet our current Sixth Form students, tour the school, visit A Level departments and hear about the extensive range of co-curricular and leadership opportunities.

- **Highest performing school in Devon, Dorset & Somerset**
- **Sporting & Music scholarship pathways** to enable elite performers to flourish
- **86.2% of our cohort** gaining grades **A*-B at A Level**
- **34 Oxbridge offers** in 2024/25 in a wide range of subject areas including the **Humanities, Languages and the Arts**
- **Over 70 successful Medicine & Veterinary** applicants in the last 5 years
- **Many successful applications to conservatoires, drama and art schools**

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