

Principal's Post

Thursday 9 October 2025



It's been a busy and uplifting couple of weeks in college, and I'm delighted to share some fantastic news and upcoming events.

Firstly, it was wonderful to see so many new faces at our recent **Open Evening and Open Mornings**. The enthusiasm from prospective students and families was inspiring, and our staff and student ambassadors did a brilliant job of showcasing what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming families to the **Year 10 Progress Evening**, an important opportunity to discuss students' progress and next steps as they continue their journey through Key Stage 4.

Our college values of being **kind, curious, and resilient** have been shining through in everything we do – from classroom learning to the way our students support one another around school. This week, in recognition of **World Mental Health Day on Friday**, we are placing a particular focus on **kindness**, encouraging everyone to look out for each other and take small steps that make a big difference.

We also want to wish the very best of luck to all the **staff and students nominated for the TWT Awards Ceremony in Plymouth tonight** – a wonderful recognition of their hard work and commitment.

Finally, I'm thrilled to share the fantastic news that **funding and planning permission have been secured for our new 3G pitch**, developed in partnership with Honiton Primary School. We hope work will begin before Christmas on this exciting new addition, which will provide a brilliant facility for both our school and the wider community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



As we move into October and the mornings begin to grow darker, I encourage all our students to stay positive and curious about the changing seasons. Autumn is a time of transition, and with that comes an opportunity to reflect, reset, and embrace new routines.

It's also an important time to look after our mental health. As we discussed in assembly, maintaining a positive mindset can make a real difference – whether that's by focusing on small daily goals, staying connected with friends, or finding joy in simple things like fresh air or a friendly conversation.

Well done to all our students for continuing to exemplify our school values each day. A special mention to the many Year 7 students who have shown such enthusiasm in applying for student leadership opportunities – it's fantastic to see so many of you keen to take on new challenges and make a positive impact within our school community.

Let's continue to support one another, approach each day with optimism, and make the most of this new season together.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



You're officially over halfway through this half-term, and what a journey it's been so far! Many of you continue to show our college values constantly whether in lessons or at social times.

This week, we've been focusing on **kindness** across the College. Remember, you can still earn **kindness tokens** for your house by showing acts of kindness, big or small, up until this **Friday**. The house with the most tokens will win a **non-uniform day** later this half-term, so keep spreading kindness and helping your house to win.

In assembly this week, we focus on mental health in preparation for Mental Health Awareness day which takes place on Friday 10th October. Remember you can show your support by wearing yellow socks or yellow-coloured accessories.

I am feeling incredibly proud of all the students who took part in the **Nature Calling** project. You were a real credit to the College, I've received so many fantastic comments from staff about how well you represented the College.

Mrs. C Kendall Head of Year 8

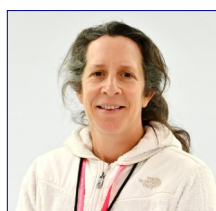


I hope you are all enjoying the vibrant start to the autumn term! We have had some inspiring assemblies recently in celebration of Black History Month, where we explored the incredible contributions of Black individuals throughout history. Our discussions aimed to deepen understanding and encourage respect and appreciation for diversity within our community.

To further engage our students, we are excited to launch a competition that invites all students to create a poster celebrating Black History Month. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to express their creativity and share what they've learned. Posters should be submitted by the end of the month, and we can't wait to see the wonderful ideas sparked by this initiative!

Additionally, in recognition of World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October, we encourage everyone to wear something yellow—be it a scarf, a headband, or even a pair of socks! This small gesture will not only show support for mental health awareness but will also brighten up the day. Let us create a sea of yellow to promote positivity and well-being within our college.

Mrs. E Meek, Head of Year 9



Mid-October in Year 10 is that important moment where the school year shifts gears. The initial buzz of returning to school has worn off, and now the reality of consistent study, assessments, and growing expectations begins to set in.

Students start balancing upcoming assessments with extracurricular activities, realising the year ahead will be both challenging and important. We look forward to seeing you all at Progress Evening on Thursday 16th October where you will be able to hear how your child is getting on after 6 weeks of their GCSE courses.

Mrs. L Roberts, Head of year 10



As we reach the mid-point of the term, Year 11 are continuing to work hard and prepare for their upcoming mid-term assessments. Hopefully, they have begun to focus their studies around these and the assessments will give

students a valuable opportunity to review their progress and identify areas for further focus ahead of the mock exams in November.

Also, a reminder that leavers' hoodies are still available to purchase until **Friday 26th October**—please make sure orders are placed before the deadline.

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 11

CREATE DEPARTMENT

Honiton Music Centre Off to a Fantastic Start!

The Honiton Music Centre has launched with great enthusiasm, welcoming over twenty young musicians from across Honiton who are learning a variety of orchestral instruments. The violin has proven especially popular—so much so that Mr. Turner has requested additional violins on loan from the Devon Music Education Hub to meet demand! It's been wonderful to see (and hear!) the growing presence of orchestral music at the College, with students already making fantastic progress.

30-minute group lessons - just £4 per week!

Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to sharpen your musical skills, our fun and friendly group lessons are perfect for all ages and abilities.

◆ It's not too late to sign up!

Scan the QR code to register and join the fun!



There are still places available to learn Cornet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello and Alto Saxophone.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Honiton

Saturday 11 October 2025 to

Friday 31 October 2025

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00-17:00

The work of giants!

**East Devon
National
Landscape**

**Blackdown
Hills
National
Landscape**

Created with Honiton Community College students and Dementia Friendly Honiton, this immersive installation by Four of Swords and musician Jim Causley invites you into a world of myth, mystery and ancient landscapes.

Inspired by the Old English phrase 'Enta Geweorc' – 'The Work of Giants' – the experience reimagines the monumental sites of East Devon and the Blackdown Hills through film, sound and storytelling.



**Nature
Calling**



**National
Landscapes
Association**

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HM Government



If you're happy for your child to take part in this survey, please encourage them to complete it.

The link has been shared with them via ClassCharts.

The survey about sport and physical activity for children and young people.

Our school and Sport England would like to find out about the sports and physical activities our pupils take part in, both in and out of school. The information collected will be used to:

Provide a report to our college to help us understand what our pupils are doing and what we can do to support them

Help Sport England invest in opportunities for children and young people to take part in and benefit from sport and physical activity.

Our school has agreed to take part in this research.

This involves completing an online questionnaire which will take about 20 minutes.

We will provide each child with information in advance to explain what the research is about and what the survey will be like.

If you do not want your child to take part in this survey there is no need to complete.

If you are happy for your child to take part, please ask them to complete at home using the ClassCharts link.

The surveys are hosted by Ipsos, a research organisation. Ipsos will store all information securely and keep it confidential.

**Many thanks,
Mr A Taylor (Head of Sport & PE)**

ANDREW SPIERS

Strategic Lead: Research & Analysis
SPORT ENGLAND

What type of questions will be asked?

The survey covers taking part in sport and physical activity, attitudes to activity, wellbeing, resilience, social trust, volunteering, and some questions about your child such as gender, ethnicity and disability. There are also some questions about their home. Pupils do not have to answer the questions about themselves or their home and can choose 'prefer not to say'.

Why were we chosen for the survey?

A random selection of schools across the country and classes within those schools have been invited to take part. Some schools which were not selected have also opted to take part so that they can receive a report about the activity levels amongst their pupils.

How will the information my child provides be used?

Your child's answers will be combined with other pupils' answers and only anonymous data will be reported. The results will be presented in a statistical report and no individual child or school will be identified in the published report or statistics. Our school will also receive a report summarising our results from the survey if we submit enough responses – survey responses will be combined so that individual pupils cannot be identified in this report.

Is confidentiality guaranteed?

Yes. Data will be used for research purposes only and in accordance with Market Research Society Code of Conduct and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

If you or your child has any concerns about data privacy, please refer to the accompanying Privacy Notices:

Parents: www.sportengland.org/ALCYPprivacypolicy
Year 7-11 pupils: www.sportengland.org/ALCYPprivacypolicyY7-11

These detail who Ipsos are, the personal data collected, how it is used, who it is shared with, and what your legal rights are in relation to this survey. The Privacy Notice has also been shared with teachers. Sport England and Active Partnerships (the organisations which recruit schools to take part) will know which schools and year groups have taken part but not the individual children or parents. Your child will not be required to provide their name.

Next Fortnightly Events

WEEK A

Tuesday 14 October

- ◆ HLC: Gymnastics @ HLC Dance Studio/Gym (09:30-12:30)

Wednesday 15 October

- ◆ East Devon Schools Y7 Cross Country Match @ Sidmouth College (14:00-17:00)
- ◆ Year 11 Rugby @ QE Crediton (14:05-17:00)

Thursday 16 October

- ◆ Year 10 Progress Evening (15:45-19:00)

WEEK B

Tuesday 21 October

- ◆ Year 11 Photos (Main Hall 08:30-11:30)
- ◆ Year 11 FutureSmart Careers Guidance (All-day event)
- ◆ ED U14 Badminton Tournament @ Uffculme (11:30-17:00)

Half Term Holiday

- ◆ Monday 27th October–Friday 7th November

CAREERS



The season for Open Days for our Years 11s such a valuable opportunity for students to explore their post-GCSE options. Whether they're considering sixth form, college, apprenticeships, or other pathways, getting a feel for different environments and programs can really help with decision-making.

Below is a link for Exeter College open day Thursday 20th November see link below.

<https://my.newzapp.co.uk/t/share/2759645/bd4d9734-1994-4b53-9da2-446f5964cec1>



News for Year 9 and 10 Students!

Don't forget to check out **Unifrog** - a fantastic platform full of helpful and interesting resources just for you! You can access it via the link in the email sent to your college account. On Unifrog, you'll find loads of useful information about:

Option choices

Work experience and placements

Careers and future pathways

It's a great way to start thinking about your future, so make sure you take a look!

- ◆ Free resource: A guide to having positive career conversations using this new tool. [new resource](#)

Optional PE kit items (PE hoodie, skort, leggings) are available from Proserve:

<https://www.proservegroup.com/honiton-community-college>



A&E AND GP SURGERY WORK EXPERIENCE - LONDON.

1-Day London Medicine Work Experience Events - (October 2025)

For students who would like in-person experience, there are two full-day events at 2 College Hospitals, London:

- ◆ Saturday 25th October - A&E + GP Surgery University College Hospital, London
- ◆ Sunday 26th October - On-Call Doctor for a Day King's College Hospital, London
- ◆ Upon completion of the day, you will receive a certificate, which will enrich your Medical school application.
- ◆ An amazing opportunity for those aged 14+ looking to gain relevant work experience for a career in medicine and healthcare by attending our A&E and GP Surgery day.

Full details: [Medicine Work Experience Day Event](#)

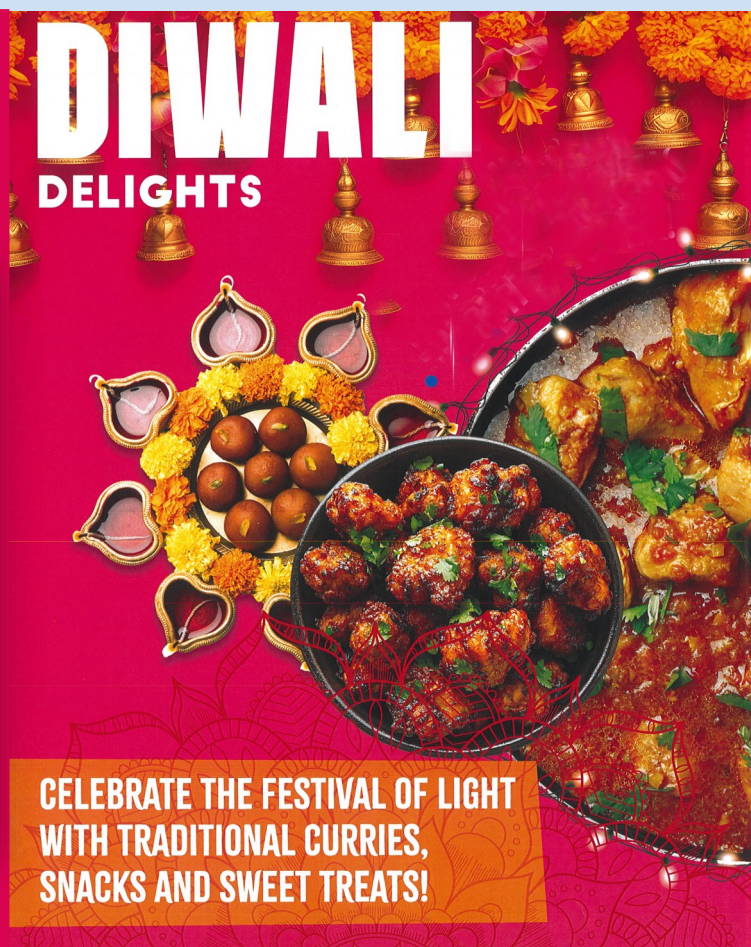
**Monday 20th October
in the College Dining Room**

Menu
Dhaniya Chicken Curry
or
Tarka Dhal

Both Served with Plain White Rice &
Coriander & Onion Salad

Guiab Jamun in Cinnamon Syrup

"Nankhatai" Short Bread Biscuit



**Breakfast is available for purchase in the Dining Room
from 8:00 AM.**

**Choose from bacon, sausages, hash browns, baked
beans, and toast.**

**♦ Or come along and enjoy a free bowl of
porridge — it's for everyone!"**