



**HONITON
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

December 2025

**Congratulations to Year 7A, the overall
winner of Christmas door competition!**



NEWSLETTER



As we reach the end of a busy and successful term, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the many achievements and experiences that have brought our school community together over recent weeks.

I am extremely proud of the generous response to our food bank collections, which highlighted the compassion and sense of responsibility shown by our students. Our new Head Students have also made an impressive start in their leadership roles, organising a highly successful Children in Need fundraising event and setting a positive example for others.

The term has been enriched by a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom. Our Autumn Music Concert was a fabulous celebration of talent and commitment, while Christmas-themed sports activities added energy and enjoyment to the end of term. Tutor groups embraced some friendly competition through their creative Christmas door decorations, and theatre visits to school provided engaging cultural experiences that complemented students' learning.

We concluded the term with Christmas Jumper Day in support of Operation Rudolph, ending on a note of generosity and community spirit.

Across all of these activities, our school values of being **kind, curious and resilient** have been evident throughout. Thank you to our students, staff and families for your continued support. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming students back in the new year.

Principal, Mrs C Brothwood

Safeguarding and well-being Update Christmas 25



This half term our safeguarding topics have included who to speak to if you are worried about yourself or someone else and how to access a wide range of agencies offering help and support to young people. We have also looked at the bullying and different types of abuse and how they can impact different people.

This week we watched a video made by a young persons mental health organisation called Kooth. Kooth are offering online mental health support to young people during the Christmas Holidays. We have also continued to look at how to keep ourselves safe out in the community, at home and online.

Our very successful weekly lunch time well-being club was launched this half term with Mrs Kedward and is open to all students. Chance to access support and advice or just to meet in a supportive environment for a chat, to colour or to play a game.

Our lunchtime support sessions for our students who are young carers are also taking place to allow us to support those students who support others in their family.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all of our online reporting form where students can report safeguarding concerns this can be found on the front page of our school website.

Over the holiday period please report any urgent safeguarding concerns directly to Childrens Services via The Front Door Service (MASH) 0345 155 1071 or to the Police

Clara Rose

Designated Safeguarding Lead and Well-being Lead.

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There was great excitement on Friday, 12 December, as the Christmas Door Judging Competition arrived! The students had *loads* of fun transforming their classroom doors into festive masterpieces. Take a look at some of these eye-catching creations, full of sparkle, colour, and Christmas cheer!





KS3 Christmas Carol Service

Your Key Stage 3 celebrated the festive season in style on the morning of Thursday 18th December by attending HCC's Carol Service at St Paul's Church. The church was filled with Christmas spirit as music was beautifully performed by the House Band and the HCC Singing Group. The service featured thoughtful readings, much-loved Christmas carols, and two joyful festive songs to bring the celebration to a rousing close. As the first Carol Service HCC has held for some time, it was a truly special occasion, and it was wonderful to see our talented youngsters perform with such confidence, enthusiasm, and festive cheer.



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Congratulations !!

To all athletes who participated in the East Devon Cross-Country Competition at Bickton College on Wednesday 12th November.



Intermediate Boys: **Tom L.** 14th

Year 7 Girls: **Sophie S.** 13th

Intermediate Girls: **Chloe P.** 9th, **Imi C.** 11th

Students who finished in the top 16 in their age category qualify for the Exeter V East Devon round at Blundell's on Wednesday 26th November.

WELL DONE!

Honiton beat Sidmouth 15 -4

The U16 netball team for their fantastic effort and play during their league game against Sidmouth on Thursday 13th November. Despite not being sure of who would be in their team right before the game due to numbers, they pulled through and

special shoutout to the four Year 10s who played up for them!

They worked tirelessly for the whole game with no substitutes showing pure determination and great teamwork, always encouraging each other.

All students should be proud of their efforts, and it was a well-deserved win for these girls. **Imogen C.** was awarded Sidmouth's player of the match for her continuous running all over the court and interceptions!

I would also like to give a mention to **Maisie L.** **Isobel S.** **Jessica S.** for their fantastic efforts for the U15's friendly game which was happening at the same time! With a big thanks to the two Year 9 students (**Evie C.** **Darcey L.**) for playing up a year to fill in the numbers so the game could still go ahead! Despite only having 5 players still, the girls persevered and played their best!

Well done to all students who took part!



DATE: 25/11/2025

OPPONENTS: Year 7/8 Girls Christmas Football

RESULT: Jingle Ballers 8 - 5
Winter wonderlanders

SQUAD LIST Thea S. Grace R. Lauren C.
Jessie D. Jessica L. Lily T. Ayla E.
Betsy M. Kayleigh G. Sophie S.
Alena H.



Christmas football kicked off at HCC with Year 7/8 girls football. It was a fantastic contest with lots of superb performances in both football and singing!

Special mentions go to **Lauren C.** and **Grace R.** for tireless running and fantastic festive tackles, **Jessie D.** for silky snowy skills and Thea for some sublime saves.

Player of the match would go to **Sophie S.** Sophie was fantastic all game scoring some sublime goals.

Well done all!



Christmas Football

DATE: 27/11/2025

OPPONENTS: Year 10/11 Christmas Football

RESULT: Winter Wonderlanders 1st Jingle Ballers 2nd Mistletoe Mavericks 3rd

SQUAD LIST Aidan W, Aiden D, Beau L, Caleb M, Ed R, Harrison T, Josh W, Josh G, Josh L, Josh B, Laith A, Luca M, Luke O, Marcus B, Noah P, Oli R, Owen W, Sam S, Tyler H.



Christmas football continued with our Year 10/11 boys, who were full of festive flair and wrapped up warm for a brilliantly competitive tournament!

Students were split into three teams and brought *sleigh-loads* of skill, energy and holiday spirit to the pitch. It was a nail-biting, tinsel-tight contest right until the final whistle, but the Winterwonderlanders, led by **Luke O.** and **Josh L.** with their silky, *snow-stopping* skills, ultimately came out on top.

Special shout-outs go to **Owen W.** and **Noah P.**, who were fantastic for *the Jingle Ballers*, giving the team a rock-solid foundation to build their attacks on. And a big well done to **Harrison** and **Josh B.** for some wonderfully creative play that led to *cracker* goals throughout the matches.

Player of the Match goes to **Luke O.** who worked tirelessly from start to finish. He delivered some truly *tree-mendous* moments, including an outrageous rainbow flick mid-run that had everyone saying, "Yule never believe that!"



Christmas Football

DATE: 10/12/2025

OPPONENTS: Year 7 Christmas Football

RESULT: 1st Jingle Ballers. Joint 2nd Mistletoe Mavericks and Winter Wonderlanders

SQUAD LIST Aidan P. Alf B, Cassius W, Charlie H, Eben K-D, Edward B. Eli P. Ethan S. Freddie H. Jack M. Kian M. Korbin W. Leo S. Max T. Myles H. Oliver W. Samuel I. Tyler D.



Year 7 Boys took their turn in the spotlight for some Christmas cracker football!

Students were split into three teams and battled it out in a 6-a-side tournament filled with *festive, fantastic, feel-good footy*. It was a real winter nail-biter, with only

three points separating the champions – the **Jingle Ballers** – from the joint runners-up, the **Mistletoe Mavericks** and the **Winter Wonderlanders**. Talk about a *tight sleigh-ride to the finish*!

Special shout-outs go to **Freddie H**, who delivered some truly sublime skills and top-tier technique; **Max T**, who weaved through players with *mazy dribbles* and excellent link-up play; and **Alf B**, whose *no-nonsense defend-ing* made sure no one was dashing through his snow.

Our **Player of the Tournament** goes to **Leo S**, who controlled the game beautifully, used both feet with ease, and bagged some *snow-stopping* goals. A truly *tree-mendous* performance!

Year 7 now look forward to the East Devon Cup after Christmas – and if today is anything to go by, they'll be *sleighing* it.

Well done, everyone!

East Devon Indoor Cricket Championship



On Friday 12th December the students travelled to the Exmouth Tennis Centre to take part in the **East Devon Indoor Cricket Championship**, showcasing fantastic skill and determination throughout the day. A strong group-stage performance saw the team progress confidently into the semi-final. Despite an excellent display of cricket, Honiton were narrowly edged out by an impressive Colyton side.

Special mentions go to **Sam F**, who delivered superbly economical bowling and produced an excellent batting performance, including a retirement against Cullompton. **George T**, who played a brilliant batting innings and guided Honiton to a crucial victory over Sidmouth. **Ben C**, playing a year up, showed outstanding maturity and skill with the ball taking key wickets and maintaining exceptional economy.

However, the **Player of the Match** was **Joe D**. Also playing a year above, Joe made vital contributions with the bat, adding important runs to Honiton's totals. Even more impressively, he excelled with the ball opening and closing the innings with pinpoint lines, lengths, and crucial wickets, giving Honiton a fantastic platform in every match.

- Honiton vs Kings: Lost by 24 runs
- Honiton vs Cullompton: Won by 16 runs
- Honiton vs Sidmouth: Won by 7 runs
- Semi-Final – Honiton vs Colyton: Lost by 12 runs

Well done to all involved – an excellent effort from start to finish!



Christmas Football



DATE:	11/12/2025
OPPONENTS:	Year 8 Christmas Football
RESULT:	Jingle Ballers 1 st Mistletoe Mavericks 2 nd Winter Wonderlanders 3 rd
SQUAD LIST	Alex H. Asher M. Barnaby N. Charlie B. Dean M. Fletcher W. Freddy L. Jack T. Lennon D. Matthew H. Noah L. Oscar H. Riley K. Samuel F. Theo K. Bartosz K.

It was Year 8's turn for some Christmas Football magic – and they certainly delivered a festive feast of footy!

Yet again, we were treated to an incredibly close competition, with just **four points** separating all three teams.

The **Jingle Ballers** *jingle-jammed* their way to the top once more, finishing with a sublime late surge of form that saw them *sleigh* the final stages.

Special mentions go to **Dean M**, now proudly known as "*Paulo Maldeani*" after a rock-solid, snow-plough-style performance at centre-back; **Noah L**, who brought fantastic energy from start to finish; **Matthew H**, who dazzled with great skills and goals; and **Oscar H**, who delivered a calm, controlling midfield display worthy of Santa's chief organiser.

But the **Player of the Tournament** goes to **Lennon D**, who was pure Christmas class. Lennon scored some unbelievable goals – including a *halfway-line wonder strike* that left the keeper as frozen as a snowman in January. **Well done, all – a truly tree-mendous effort!**

DATE: 15/12/2025

OPPONENTS: Year 9 Christmas Football

RESULT: Winter Wonderlanders 17- 12 Jingle Ballers

SQUAD LIST Bobby E. Thomas W. Jack P. Tyler C. Ed B. Zach C. Tommy W. Daniel R. Benjamin S. Toby R. Kye B. Elliot A. Daniel G. Tom B.

Christmas football continued as it was the Year 9 boys' turn to join the festivities. The match was a real *box-to-box Christmas cracker*, with students showcasing fantastic skill, ability and end-to-end action that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

There were some *snow-stopping goals* and *tinsel-smooth touches*, and it stayed a *festively tight contest* right until the final whistle. In the end, the **Mistletoe Mavericks** sleighed the competition and jingled all the way to victory.

Special mentions go to **Ben S.** for delivering some truly *sublime goals*, **Tom B** for his *tree-mendous skills and crisp passes*, and **Thomas W.** for his *cool-as-ice ball retention and smart distribution*.

Player of the Game goes to **Jack P.** who put in a *rock-solid, no-nonsense performance at the back*. Jack was everywhere, giving the opposition *no peace on earth* and defending like a true Christmas guardian.

Well done to all involved – a *holly, jolly* game of football!



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TWT Multi Sports Festival



As part of the Trust Christmas Festival of Sport, on Thursday 4th December we hosted a TWT Multi-Sports, event designed to provide students with the opportunity to represent their school while developing confidence in their engagement with physical activity. The event aimed to encourage participation and promote positive experiences in sport through exposure to a range of inclusive and accessible activities. Students participated in indoor rowing, 'chip and stick'/putting, cornhole, boccia, and soft archery, allowing them to develop new skills and experience a variety of sporting disciplines in a supportive setting.

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 students who proudly represented HCC: Dalwin P. Isaac L. Lola G. Max P. Niranjan R. Ollie H. and Tara B.

A huge thank you to our Year 10 Sports Academy students for running the events and supporting the day so brilliantly.



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Christmassy twist!



Our PE Highly Able Program kicked off its first workshop of the year with a Christmassy twist! Students learned how to make nutritious, protein-packed gingerbread—the kind that keeps you *sleigh-ing* your fitness goals. They also explored how to fuel their bodies before and after workouts to ensure they keep achieving their personal best and continue to represent the College in the very *merry* best way possible.



A special shout-out to Tilly and Imogen for crafting the most *tree-mendous* Christmas gingerbread, and to Aiden, who took real pride in his cooking—talk about star-baker energy!



A huge thank-you to Mrs Milford for setting up this festive workshop. Our Highly Able team is already *elf-ishly* excited for more workshops in the New Year!

TaiKo (太鼓)



Members of HCC's Taiko Group were excited last week to have a visit from Jonathan Kirby, Founder and Artistic Director of Kagemusha Taiko, a local organisation who launched in Devon over 20 years ago. Mr Turner was trained by Jonathan and his team when they initially launched Taiko in schools.

All 8 students of the HCC Taiko Group spent 2 hours with Jonathan and Mr Turner running through their three performance pieces in preparation for the College Autumn Term

One piece they rehearsed is an original composition by our Year 10 students Adam C. Dominik H. George E. and Austin R. who have been in the Taiko Group since it was launched last year.

After working with the group, Jonathan said they were '*amazing*' and '*the Year 10s really owned the piece they've created, which clearly demonstrated a lot of taiko talent and teamwork*'.



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AUTUMN CONCERT

On Tuesday 9th December, over 50 of HCC's musicians entertained the audience with a wide-ranging programme of music. In the first half, The House Band started the concert followed by Year 10 GCSE students playing the first movement of a Corelli Concerto Grosso. The Singing Group which now has over 20 singers and directed by HCC's Singing Teacher Sarah Ryan performed superbly with a mixture of songs from 'Come Alive' to 'Santa Tell Me'. Rock School played 'Come As You Are' and 'We will Rock you' and there was a performance of two pieces by the Cello Trio of the Honiton Music Centre featuring George E.I (Year 10) and Kahlan R. (Year 9). Individual performances in the first half included Joshua B. (Year 10) and Charlie R. (Year 7) on the piano and Leala R. (Year 10) singing 'Walking in the Air'. Three songs were also played by the student band PaperCut featuring Year 10 student Adam C.



During the interval, a 12-minute film featuring over 20 of our Year 8 students from the 'Work of Giants' project earlier in the term was exhibited. This was made in conjunction with East Devon Landscapes, immersive theatre company Four of Swords, local and renowned folk singer and songwriter Jim Causley and Honiton Memory Cafe.



HCC's Japanese Taiko Drumming Ensemble start the second half by playing three pieces including an original composition by Year 10 taiko players. Sophie W. (Year 11) was joined by her Dad and performed two amazing songs. The Balalaika Ensemble performed two pieces for their debut concert performance followed by another student band featuring Orla D. Korin C. Lily R. Elowen M. (all Year 10) and Oscar D. (Year 7) playing 'Zombie'. Maddie J. in Year 11 performed a vocal solo before all performers joined together to finish the concert with 'All I want for Christmas is you' and 'Merry Christmas Everyone'.



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STREET ART ★



Honiton Town Council and Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) have revealed a new art installation at the Beehive in Honiton.

New art panels have been installed in front of the Beehive in Honiton. Year 10 students at Honiton Community College created the artworks during THG

workshops with graphic artist George Barron this summer.

Honiton Town Council invited the students to showcase the wide range of activities on offer in Honiton from boxing to tennis, archery to pottery, and of course art.

The students learnt new skills including letter press, monoprint and screen printing to produce a set of multi-coloured, graphic collages.

The installation is part of a reworking of the area in front of the Beehive. As part of its commitment to enhancing public spaces in Honiton, the Town Council allocated funding for street art in its annual budget which has enabled this project to be commissioned and delivered.





Year 9 Careers Army Insight Day

Year 9 had a fantastic day with the Army on Friday 12th December. Teams from the Armoured Corps and the Infantry joined us to give students an insight into careers in the Army.



Students took part in an engaging presentation and a range of team-building activities. They also had the opportunity to try out some of the Army's kit and learn about different tanks, missiles and parachutes, among many other aspects of Army life.

Year 9 asked some excellent questions throughout the day, demonstrating real curiosity and maturity.





English Theatre Evening - **A Christmas Carol**



The Quantum Group of travelling performers, delivered a vibrant and engaging production of 'A Christmas Carol' on Thursday 11th December, from 3.15 to 4.15pm, in the main hall at Honiton Community College. Designed specifically for students studying the novella for their GCSE English Literature syllabus, the performance brought Dickens' classic tale to life with clarity, humour and emotional depth.

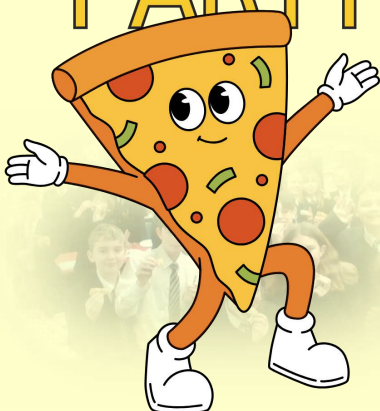
The three energetic performers were the driving force behind the production's success. With remarkable versatility, they shifted seamlessly between characters, capturing the urgency of Scrooge's journey from miserliness to redemption. Their physicality and comic timing kept the audience fully engaged, while more sombre moments—particularly those involving the Ghosts—were handled with sensitivity.

A standout feature of the production was the beautiful snowy Victorian London back-drop, the Dickensian dry humour and the players' own inventive musical harmonies. The actors wove in rich vocal arrangements that enhanced key scenes, from festive cheer in Fezziwig's warehouse to the haunting atmosphere surrounding the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. These musical interludes added warmth, emotional resonance and a memorable theatrical flair.

Overall, the Quantum Group offered students an accessible and dynamic interpretation of 'A Christmas Carol', deepening their understanding of the text while showcasing the timeless power of Dickens' message about compassion, community and change.



PIZZA PARTY



WELL DONE!

On Wednesday 10th December, during Period 4, 7D enjoyed a well-deserved pizza party after donating the highest number of items as a tutor group to the recent **Food Bank appeal**.

Their tutor, Mr Turner, joined them and praised the group for pulling together to provide as many donations as possible. He described 7D as a brilliant tutor group who truly embody the school values of kindness, curiosity and resilience.

Well done, 7D!

Honiton Learning Community Visit – A Positive Start to Year 7



We were delighted to welcome the Honiton Learning Community Heads to our school recently, as they visited their former students who joined us in Year 7 this September.



The visit provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to share their experiences of the transition to secondary school and to reflect on their first few months with us. Year 7 students spoke confidently and positively about settling into new routines, making friendships, and engaging with learning across the curriculum.



The feedback session was extremely encouraging, highlighting how well students have adapted and how supported they feel in their new school environment. It was also a pleasure to see the strong relationships that continue between pupils and staff from their primary schools.

We would like to thank the Honiton Learning Community Heads for taking the time to visit and for their continued support. Opportunities like this strengthen our partnership and help ensure the very best start for our students as they begin their secondary school journey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING TERM 2026

- Monday 5 January 2026 – Start of Spring Half Term 1
- Monday 16 to Friday 20 February 2026– Half Term
- Monday 23 February 2026– Start of Spring Half Term 2
- Monday 23 March 2026 – **Non-Student Day**
- Thursday 2 April 2026 Last day of Term

SUMMER TERM 2026

- Monday 20 April 2026 – Start of Summer Half Term 1
- Monday 4 May 2026 – Bank Holiday Monday
- Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026 – Half Term
- Monday 1 June 2026 – Start of Summer Half Term 2
- Friday 17 July 2026 – Last day of Term

Thursday 15 January 2026

- ◆ Year 11 Progress Evening (15:45-19:00)

Thursday 22 January 2026

- ◆ Year 11 English & Maths Family Event (17:00-18:00)
- ◆ Parent Engagement Group Parent Engagement Group (18:00-19:00)

Thursday 29 January 2026

- ◆ Year 9 Progress Evening (15:45-19:00)

Monday 2 February 2026

- ◆ Immunisations for Year 9

Thursday 5 February 2026

- ◆ Year 9 Options Evening

Free School Meal Vouchers for Christmas Break & February Half-Term 2025/2026

An email was sent to parents/carers of all eligible students on **11 December 2025**. Please check your inbox and spam/junk folder if you normally receive these vouchers.

If you experience any issues with your vouchers over the Christmas break, please contact:
freeschoolmeals-mailbox@devon.gov.uk.

**EXMOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GIRLS AND BOYS FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 5PM - 7.30PM

Are you a current Year 11 Student who is looking to combine your A Levels with a Football Academy programme?





The object is to colour in specific squares in the 25 x 25 grid to create a picture.

The details of which squares to colour in are below, indicated by grid references.

You can create a black and white picture by shading in all the indicated squares black

or you can create a colour picture by using the indicated colours at each stage of the puzzle.

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Step 1:

Shade in the following squares: (use grey pencil for the coloured version)

I13, I14, J13, J14, N13, N14, O13, O14

E11, F11, G11, H11, I11, J11, N11, O11, P11, Q11, R11, S11, T11

G8, H8, I8, J8, M8, N8, O8, P8

G17, H17, I17, J17, K17, L17, M17, N17, O17, P17, Q17, R17, S17

K10, L10, J9, K9, L9, M9

W18, X18, W15, X15, V17, Y17, V16, Y16

C12, V12, C11, V11, V13, U13, D13, D14, D10, S10, F9, G9, P9, Q9, R9, S9, E14, E15, F16, T16, T15, U15, U14

Step 2:

Shade in the following squares: (use red for the coloured version)

A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9

B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, B10

C1, C2, C3, C4, C9, C10

D1, D2, E1, F1

F18, F19, F20, G20, S20, T20, T19, T18

G21, H21, I21, J21, G22, H22, I22, J22, H23, I23, J23, I24, J24, U19, V19, W19, X19, U20, V20, W20, X20

P1, Q1, R1, S1, T1, U1, V1, W1, X1, Y1, S2, T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, Y2, U3, V3, W3, X3, Y3, U4, V4, W4, X4, Y4, V5, W5, X5, Y5

P21, Q21, R21, S21, T21, P22, Q22, R22, S22, T22, P23, Q23, R23, S23, T23, P24, Q24, R24, S24, T24, P25, Q25, R25, S25, T25

K21, L21, M21, N21, O21, K22, L22, M22, N22, O22, K23, L23, M23, N23, O23, K24, L24, M24, N24, O24, L25, M25, N25, O25

V6, W6, X6, Y6, V7, W7, X7, Y7, V8, W8, X8, Y8, V9, W9, X9, V10, W10

U21, V21, W21, X21, U22, V22, W22, U23, V23, W23, U24, V24, U25

Step3: (Colour version only)

Shade in the following squares light blue:

A10, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A17, A18, A19, A20, A21, A22, A23, A24, A25

B11, B12, B13, B14, B15, B16, B17, B18, B19, B20, B21, B22, B23, B24, B25

C13, C14, C15, C16, C17, C18, C19, C20, C21, C22, C23, C24, C25

D15, D16, D17, D18, D19, D20, D21, D22, D23, D24, D25

E16, E17, E18, E19, E20, E21, E22, E23, E24, E25

F17, F21, F22, F23, F24, F25, G23, G24, G25, H24, H25, I25, J25, K25

V25, W25, X25, Y25, W24, X24, Y24, X23, Y23, X22, Y22, Y21, Y20, Y19, Y18

U18, V18, T17, U17, U16

V15, Y15, V14, W14, X14, Y14, W13, X13, Y13, W12, X12, Y12, W11, X11, Y11, X10, Y10, Y9

Every entry will earn P points, and every fully correct entry will receive an additional P points and entry into the Mathematics prize draw. Hard copies can be obtain from Mr Brailsford in the maths department.

Please hand in your completed puzzle to your maths teacher after the Christmas holidays.

Good luck, and we look forward to seeing some lovely pictures after the holidays.

Mr Brailsford