



HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

March 2023

INSIDE LOOK



Taken by Jess Humphris, Year 11



Following another successful term, I would like to thank all of the parents/carers, staff and students for their efforts and endeavours. The Christmas holidays seem like a very long time ago now. Much of the work that we have done as a school community has been captured in my summative Principal's Letter to Parents/Carers. Although it is a long read, it does detail the journey that we have been on since the Christmas break. The staff and I are looking forward to greeting the students back to school after the Easter holidays, in anticipation of the final term of the academic year commencing.

Mr Alex Kirkbride, Principal

[Letter to Parents & Carers HT4.pdf](#)



As we approach the end of a busy term I write to you to update you on Safeguarding within Honiton Community College. Each week the students have a safeguarding assembly covering a range of relevant topics, these always include ideas of how to keep themselves safe, where to access support and ways to report any concerns. This half-term our assemblies have covered the following topics: standing up to peer pressure, emotional harm, neglect, county lines drug use and the dangers of sharing nude images and videos. We have discussed how to keep ourselves safe in the community and online and how to look out for friends who might be struggling. I continue to be very impressed by how kind and caring Honiton students are. Our students are so very good at noticing when a friend is going through a hard time or has made a wrong choice and they rally together and help them and encourage them to seek support from staff and family members. My team and I are continuing to work very closely with a range of local agencies who support our students and offer them specialist help and guidance when needed.

My team of safeguarding student leaders have been busy putting up posters around the college directing students to support from agencies such as Kooth and Childline should they need it. I have really enjoyed meeting many of you at our parent/carers group and at the parent/carers information sessions. I look forward to meeting more of you next term.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all of our online reporting form where students can report safeguarding concerns and also discrimination of any form. I hope you all have a restful holiday.

Mrs C Rose, Designated Safeguarding Lead.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 17 April 2023 – Start of Summer (First Half of Term)

Monday 1 May 2023 – Bank Holiday

Monday 8 May 2023 – Bank Holiday day for Coronation Day.

Monday 29 May to 02 June 2023 – Half-Term holiday

Monday 05 June start of Summer Term (Second Half of Term)

Thursday 20 July 2023 – Last Day of Term

FIRST WEEK OF TERM FIXTURE

Wednesday 19 April 2023 - U15/U13/U12 ED Netball Tournaments (13:30-17:30) @ King's School, (Cadhay Lane, Ottery St. Mary, Devon)



Keeping to tradition the students recently completed a 24-hour challenge to raise awareness and funds for a local charity as well as share teamwork and friendship over some tired muscles!



The students chose Honiton Community Foodbank as their charity of choice and asked people to donate food for the bank as well as money donations which currently stands at £570. They slowly built a mountain of food whilst they 'stepped' up and down the distance of Mount Everest and then going back up to finish at the summit in a continuous 24-hour period. A total of 132,750 steps. Richard a trustee for the Community Church summarised his thanks when opening the event :

The students as always did themselves and the college proud with their organisation and determination to succeed even at 2:00am at Base Camp and to raise awareness of peoples needs in the community and how we can all help.

Thank you to all of the local businesses who provided some lovely raffle prizes ; everyone who donated food and money and for the staff who 'stepped' and stayed the night - Ms Shorter, Mr Riggs and Mrs Meek. Lastly – thanks students...you blasted it AGAIN!

Money can still be donated at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/hccmovingonup>



Bath University Pathway Programme



We are delighted that 3 of our Year 12 students were accepted onto the Bath University Programme. Gareth, Luke and Tom have weekly online tutorials with both lecturers and 3rd year undergraduates gaining both subject knowledge and valuable insight into Higher Education.

As part of the Careers Programme all of the Year 12s will be visiting Bath University for a residential programme in July to allow them to experience life as a student in one of the country's top ranking universities.



NEW COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

For the 4th year running we recently took a group of Year 11 students for a residential to New College, Oxford University. Our college is part of the Step Up engagement programme that allows students to be supported and guided to make an application to a top ranking world university. The programme starts in Year 11 and continues into the Post -16 provision here in HCC.



Despite the slightly damp weather, the students had an interesting factual tour from Mr Hague on the Monday evening taking in some of the amazing sights of the city that continued into the next day when Shelby and Dan from the university took over and engaged with the students that really got them thinking about their next steps! As before we were made to feel very welcome and the students really did us all proud with their positive attitude and knowledge.



Thankyou to Mr Hague, Miss Blight and to the students who made this a really enjoyable and inspiring visit.

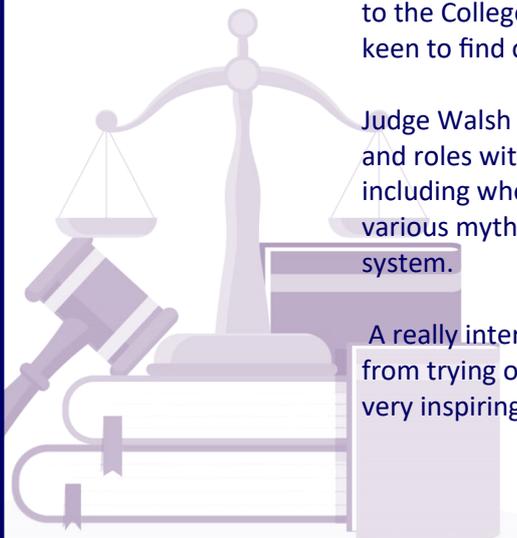
LAW DAY



As part of the continuing Careers Programme we were delighted to welcome Judge Timothy Walsh to the College who engaged with some students keen to find out about Law as a career pathway.

Judge Walsh described his education background and roles within the profession he has held including when he was a barrister and busting the various myths around stereotypes of the judiciary system.

A really interesting talk that the students apart from trying on the various uniform attire found very inspiring for their futures ahead.





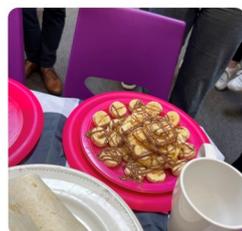
Pancake Day & Cooking Challenge

Attempt to try replicate a student experience for when they have left home.



As part of Post-16 life and In preparation for the students becoming independent and learning how to live – we have tried to develop some cooking skills this term with varying success! Shrove Tuesday.

With the countdown and tune of “**Ready Steady Cook**” 13ATA and 13JMR rose to the challenge of living the student life with few utensils, cooking space, time and money to prepare and present 2 really rather good suppers. 13JMR presented a healthy vegetarian and nut free stir-fry spending a total of £9.86 and 13ATA gave us a 2 course meal for a total of £9.99 of chicken (thankfully already cooked!) and vegetable fajitas followed by banana and chocolate homemade pancakes and even had money for some lemonade. After some tough questioning, teamwork, tasting and judging of the skills and taste of the food, 13ATA were crowned winners!



A really great event that brought a few home truths regarding the expensive food and the actual purpose of washing up liquid. I have never seen the kitchen look so clean in the centre and that certainly is not like a typical student kitchen as I told them 🤔



There are more challenges ahead next term for the Year 13s under the umbrella of Personal Development in the hope that they will cope when either living in shared accommodation in ‘student land’ or on their own.



Thank you to Mr Riggs and Ms Shorter who helped me judge the event.

Year 13 Countdown

In a few weeks we will be saying goodbye to our long serving students of 7 years after they have completed their final examinations and what a journey they have had.

Wise students that they are, all of the SLT team had the pleasure of their company this term in the formal feedback session of their thoughts and suggestions on how we can make the experience even better than it is. In amongst the munching of the pizza and chips the students gave some extremely positive feedback of the academic and personal guidance they receive and the few things that can be improved are already in action. Thank you for all of the Year 13s students time and commitment to the college and we wish them all the luck in the forthcoming weeks.





This half-term, following consulting with students and student leaders, the new rewards system has started up. Every Year Group has members who have received certificates for 100% attendance, in the Autumn Term. Top praise points and the least expectation points in Spring Term.

We have awarded a total of 70 certificates for excellent attendance, and 294 certificates for excellent behaviour. Students who won an award were also able to choose from the rewards menu. The choices available have been:

- **A walk with Poppy the dog**
- **A “skip the lunch queue for a week” pass**
- **Pancake making**
- **Archery competition**

The majority of students have received their rewards, but those waiting due to only recently making their choices will receive their reward as soon as possible in the new term.

Celebration Breakfast



On Friday 17th March we had our half-termly celebration breakfast put on by our lovely Heads of Year.

Students are selected for this reward when they have been allocated P2s from classroom teachers for consistent efforts and good behaviour throughout the half-term.

Whilst it is lovely to see the same faces at these events it is always a pleasure to welcome new ones. We look forward to our next celebration breakfast after Easter.



St. Ives Year 11 Art, Design Technology and Photography trip



On 10th February 2023, the CREATE departments Art, Design Technology and Photography took a group of Year 11 GCSE students to St Ives. The trip was organised to support the students' research projects for the GCSE examination theme 'Lock'. Students were able to gather imagery for their projects by taking a photography walk around the town and harbour of St Ives.



GCSE Photography students have responded to the town in very differing ways. Sam Trott places two images together in his series of work and Katie Tolley has presented a dark and brooding seascape. Work in progress.



Students also visited TATE St Ives to view paintings and sculptures in the modernism galleries and the Barbara Hepworth Exhibition 'Art and life', where they saw Hepworth's drawings and sculptures. The students were also able to visit the Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Garden in the grounds of her former home and studio. The students enjoyed being in Cornwall for the day and produced some lovely drawings and photographs from the trip which will be used in their GCSE examination projects. Many thanks to all the teachers and technicians who took part in the trip and made the day so successful.

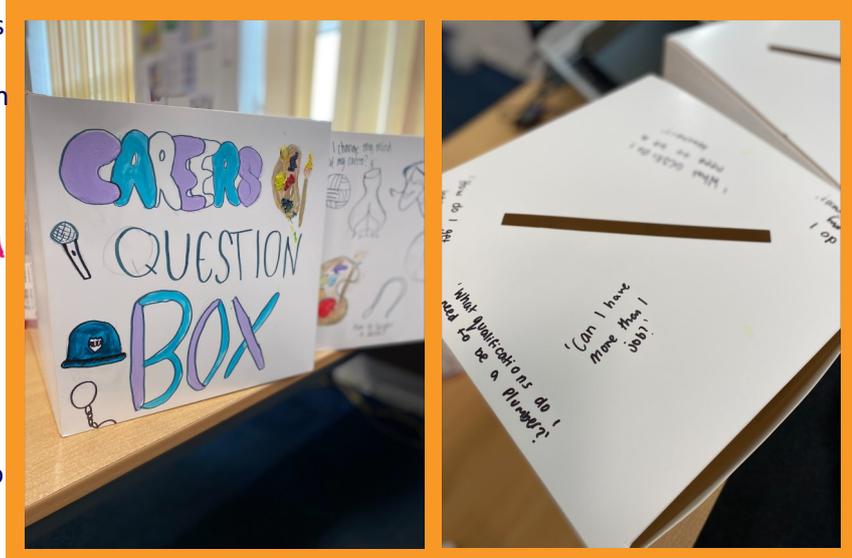


On the 13th March we successfully ran our first Careers Focus Week. During this week students had the opportunity to ask careers focussed questions through our student leaders and our anonymous careers box.



These questions were answered by our Careers Southwest contact, Kate, and fed back to students in the Friday personal development session. All silent 'do now' tasks in KS3/4 lessons were adapted to be centred around careers and included information on

apprenticeships, college, university, post-16 provision, entry requirements and myths and truths about jobs. These tasks varied from videos to two truths and a lie and matching activities. Our assembly program for the week included external visitors from the RAF and the Navy to provide valuable advice for students. The Friday personal development session was in the form of a quiz and gave students an insight into other careers that members of staff had previously done to highlight that the average person will have 4 careers in their lifetime. The aim of the week was to get students thinking about careers and next steps and to open discussions to deal with misconceptions around qualifications, jobs and higher education. We look forward to our next careers focus week in April.



English Literature Revision Sessions

On Tuesday 21st March at 3pm, thirty eager Year 11s arrived in The Hub for an hour of English Literature revision. This was the third in a series of revision sessions led by the English Team: the first focussed on 'Macbeth'; the second, 'A Christmas Carol'; and the third, 'Lord of the Flies'. **Tuesday, 28 March**, there will be a return to 'Macbeth', with an analysis of Shakespeare's presentation of women.

In each of the sessions we have been hugely impressed by our Year 11 students. They have shown commitment, enthusiasm and stamina. After a full day of learning, rather than go home, so many have chosen to stay in school and have arrived at The Hub ready to take their revision further.

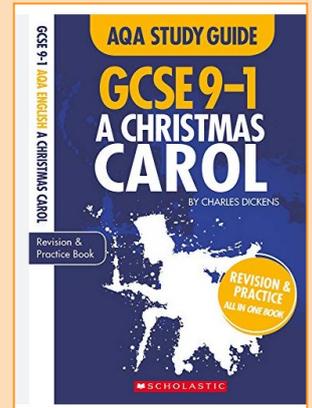
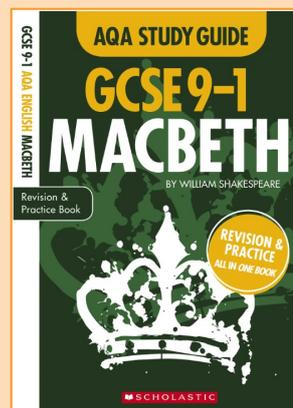
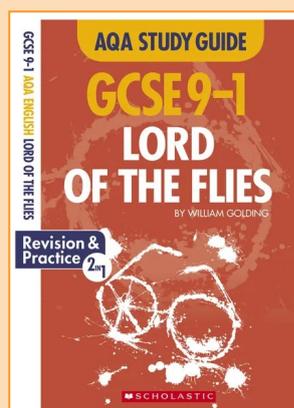
Here are a couple of comments from our students:

"The English Literature sessions have helped support my revision and allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the books we have studied. I find it extremely useful; hopefully, they will allow me to achieve better grades". (Emma, Year 11 student)

"The English Literature revision is incredibly useful for me because it goes into much more depth than we study in class. I find I am learning so much more about the books by revisiting and discussing them in a more relaxed yet focused session, dedicated to helping us achieve the grades we want". (Jess, Year 11 student)

After the Easter holiday, these sessions will continue and all Year 11 students are welcome to join us. Below are just some of the many texts available to support English Literature revision.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's English teacher.





After a bitterly cold night on Dartmoor all pupils had a hot drink or hot porridge for breakfast, they packed their tents and kit and were on their way by 7.30am.

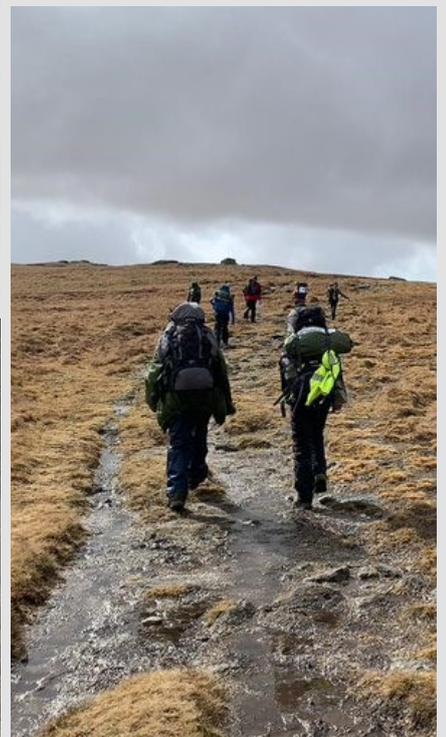


With ice on the tents the pupils (and staff) really felt in touch with wild Dartmoor and the great outdoors! Such a steep learning curve for many but great progress and really pleased with how much they've learnt through the first Dartmoor camping weekend.

Camping as a Team in March

The Ten Tors teams did their first wild camping as a team on Dartmoor. And it was wild! Such a great experience pitching up their tents on the open moor. Water bottles filled from flowing streams, Trangia camping stoves lit to cook dinner and hoping the rain would hold off enough to eat and get into tents.

The torrential rain started just as they finished dinner and continued throughout the night pounding on all the tents but the group got enough sleep (just) to recover and push on with a second day walk. With clear skies in the morning we were optimistic but in true Dartmoor style we had showers and cloud with the occasional splash of sun!





Vs..



A thrilling staff football match vs. Uffculme ended in an 8-8 draw.



A change of date, coupled with a sports fixture being played meant the mighty HCC travelled to Uffculme School for the fixture with 6 players, for the 5-a-side game. After coming back from 5-1 down - partly due to the fitness levels being tested. (and with the sporting help of Uffculme PE teacher and HCC parent Mr Simon Lane) Honiton brought the game back to a nail biting 8-8 finish.

There were goals and genuine football skills from Miss Meyer and Mr Forsyth, whilst Mr Hague ran and hacked a goal in. This, alongside a sensational finish by Mr Leach meant the game finished in a dead heat.

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

DATE: Wednesday 22nd February, 2023
 OPPONENTS: Colyton
 RESULT: Lost 2-1

Well done to the Year 9 football team who narrowly lost 2-1 to Colyton in U14 Exeter & East Devon Cup. Scorer for Honiton was H Terry. Player of the match was D Sanders.



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

DATE: February /March 2023
 OPPONENTS: King's & Exmouth
 RESULT: Lost

Well done to the Year 11 football team represented the College against King's and Exmouth, despite defeats the squad played well and kept working hard throughout both games. Player of the match v King's was Alife J. Player of the match v Exmouth was Benjamin R.



U16 Football v King's



Well done to the U13 Football team for the performances in the East Devon Central Venue league at The King's School throughout February and March.



U16 Football v Exmouth



Sports Leadership

Huge thanks to Ben Matthews, Jack Vernon, Charlie Beer, Benjamin Rich, Harry Read and JJ Ayres who have given up their time to support the delivery of a primary tag rugby tournament hosted by Honiton Primary



A message from Honiton Primary School

I would like to extend my thanks to you both for your help and support in providing a set of brilliant sports leaders that have been committed to us during the primaries tag rugby tournament this term - the final session took place Tuesday 14th March.

They have given up their time of their own free will, grown in confidence over the 3 sessions, been secure with the whistle, had patience when explaining and re-explaining the rules and they've been ably supported by the scoring queen, JJ ... but seriously, they truly have been great with the children

and staff alike - we really couldn't have managed as effectively without them!

I am sure that you will be able to extend your praise awards to them as well as I feel they are fully deserving of that.

Mrs S Ayres, Honiton Primary School

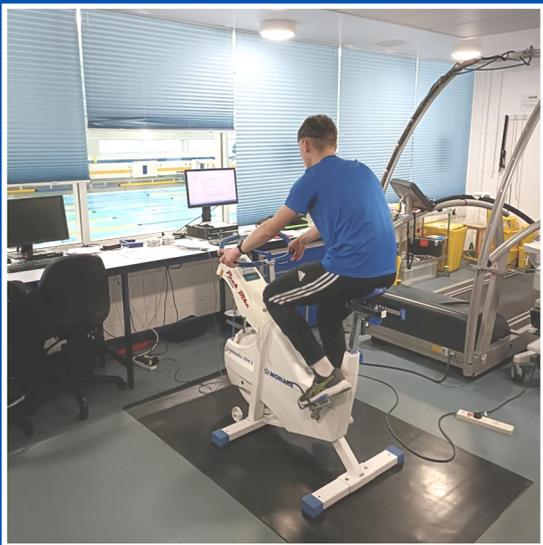


On Thursday 16th March 2023, Mr Skelding, Mr Leach & Mr Lane took 44 Year 10 Sport Science students to the University of Bath (Department of Sport Development and Recreation) where the students experienced a Sports Performer day. The students experienced a full day consisting of a tour of the top-level facilities, team building activities, fitness testing and time in the laboratory to perform their very own sports science experiment!

When we were in the lab, we had 6 volunteers who all performed fitness tests including the VO2 MAX treadmill test which involved running at increasing speed and then incline until fatigued. During this test, the students' heart rate, breathing rate and blood lactate levels were measured through the HR monitors and face masks that they ran in. The second lab test was the Wingate test which is a 30-second maximal effort on an exercise bike. This is to measure maximal power. The timing of the trip was perfect as they are about to start a piece of coursework which involves testing fitness and writing individual programmes to improve performance.

During the field events, all the students performed a 30-metre speed and acceleration test, a hand grip test, jump test, sit and reach test and the standing long jump. The students enjoyed the opportunity to push themselves and one or two became very competitive!

During the day we were very well looked after by the university staff, many of which were students themselves. Several of our HCC students mentioned how inspiring the facilities at Bath University were and how, for some, this confirmed that they wish to attend university in the future. All staff were incredibly proud of our students who conducted themselves impeccably all day and really made the most of the opportunity, well done all.





We had to leave our house at 1:30am in order to get to Torquay's pitch by 2:00am. We travelled by coach and had a great driver called Dez, he let us listen to music. We arrived at Dover around 9:00am and it felt like a long time getting through security to have our passports stamped and then on to the ferry. I never actually thought ferries were as vast as they were. It was amazing seeing lots of shops crammed on to four floors. It took about an hour and a half to travel to Calais (France). Five hours later, we arrived at our hotel in Holland.

The hotel did not look like much from the outside but when we entered inside, it was insane! There was an actual slide to get down from the second floor. I was lucky since my room was on the second floor and used the slide to go for breakfast every day. The hotel had a variety of sport facilities, a sports hall, a swimming pool, a games room, a trophy room, a ball pit, a bowling alley, badminton courts and plenty more. The hotel stairs had a theme of a running track and the rooms were really comfortable.



We had to be up by 7:00am every day for breakfast. They had amazing breakfast options, and we would stuff our faces! At 9:00am we left for PSV Eindhoven's training ground. We were greeted by Raph and Tim, we put our boots on and for the first hour we were with Raph. He was teaching us to do bicycle kicks and other manoeuvres that are performed in the air. I can remember him saying "You need to fly." Shortly after we had lunch, which was lovely, and then went back out for another hour's session. This time we were with Tim, and we played a variety of games. It was a great day of training despite being incredibly hot!

The next two days were similar and involved a good deal of football. We returned to the training ground each day and played a variety of matches. We even played against a Dutch girls' team and beat them 14-1! I enjoyed the game and managed to get two assists.

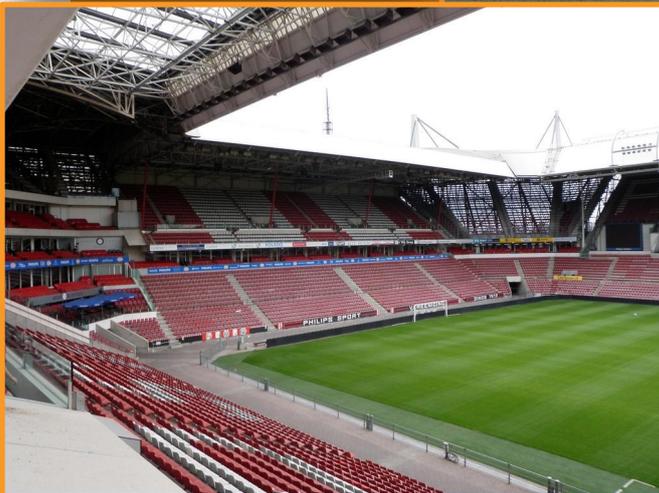
On the last day, we had VIP passes to tour the PSV Eindhoven stadium. It was incredible! First, we saw the trophy room which had an astroturf floor alongside previous kits. We then headed to the VIP lounges which had a cool table with the players' signatures on. This was only for the special guests. They also had comfortable heated seats to watch the games.



The next place we visited were the changing rooms. The home team changing room were larger and finer than the ones the away teams had. They also had prayer rooms which allowed the player able to pray before they started their game. After we went to the physio room, we walked down the players tunnel to the pitch side.

My favorite part was that we had the chance to sit in the manager's seat on the bench, which was a comfortable Ferrari seat from a Ferrari car.

Overall, the trip was a learning experience and one to remember. I would love to return and watch a live game and stay in the same captivating hotel!





Congratulations
George Pemberton (Year 10)



George competed in the ESSA National Cross-Country Championships at Wollaton Park, Nottingham on Saturday 18th March.

George has trained incredibly hard and what a fantastic experience to run at the national competition.




HONITON RUGBY CLUB

GIRLS RECRUITMENT

WEEKDAY TRAINING

GAMES: SUNDAY AFTERNOON

All levels of experience welcome across all age groups!

TO GIVE IT A TRY CONTACT...

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WEEKDAY TRAINING

GAMES: SUNDAY MORNINGS

Welcome to boys and girls.
All coaches trained and DBS checked.

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