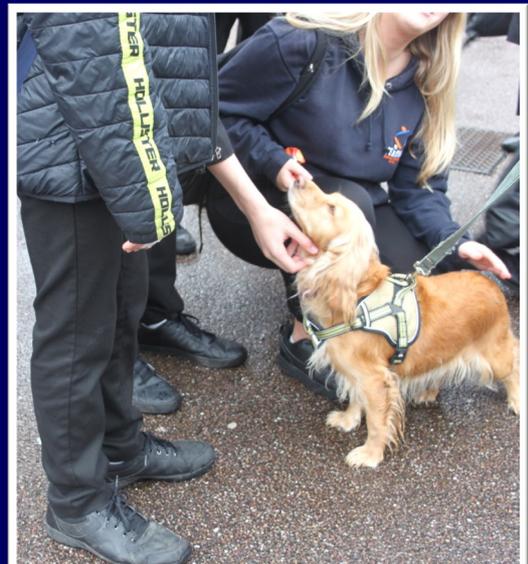


HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

October 2022

INSIDE LOOK



Message from the Principal



When I wrote to parents/carers in September regarding my sense of pride and excitement around leading Honiton Community College, I don't think that I was quite prepared for what I have experienced over the last half-term. The sense of community and togetherness is apparent as you walk around the College. Our students seem genuinely hungry for success and their appetite for learning is one that I think would out-compete that of any school. I think that it is for these reasons that we have seen such a significant improvement in behaviour in lessons and around the College. This has ebbed out into the community, with a number of members of the public reporting the positive demeanour of our students in the local community.

To match the ambition of our students, we are working collaboratively with several other schools to enhance our curriculum, taking into account the significant additional capacity now afforded by focused learning environments in classrooms. Following student feedback, part of the changes to our curriculum will involve a standardisation to the way in which key vocabulary and other aspects of the curriculum are covered between subjects. Following parents/carers feedback, we will also seek to make our curriculum more accessible and understandable for parents/carers; providing easy to understand subject booklets in a rolling programme throughout the year.

Underpinning these improvements to our curriculum are the latest, - and most significant, - strategies identified in the field of the science of cognitive learning. These include: spaced practice; interleaving; dual coding and retrieval practice amongst a variety of other strategies which are proven to enhance and deepen learning and understanding developments.

In order to ensure that our teachers are delivering the very best lessons for your child/children, we are also investing in coaching our teachers in the use of these techniques. Mrs Jefferies will be speaking at one of the upcoming parent/carer Engagement Group sessions about these developments.

There is much to be proud of at Honiton Community College. I recognise that the College is on a school improvement journey. I would like to thank parents/carers, students, and the wider community for all of their support over the past half term. Through student feedback sessions, we understand that this support has already translated into students feeling happier, safer and more able to learn. I am confident that the changes that we are making to the curriculum will maintain the trajectory of our college improvement

Reading through the contents of this newsletter, I am excited about the journey that we are all on together. Best wishes.

Alex Kirkbride
Principal





Honiton Community College welcomes a wellbeing dog to the Pastoral Team!



We have started the new school year with an exciting addition of a welfare dog to the Pastoral Team. At 4 years old, Poppy has joined a very experienced team to help provide pastoral and welfare support. She has previously worked in another Devon school and has moved across to HCC alongside her owner Natalie Hunt who is our new Pastoral Support Lead.

Poppy comes with very impressive credentials, and received top marks in her official Dog Assessment Report. As well as providing emotional support, evidence has shown that therapy dogs in a school setting can reduce

blood pressure, promote physical healing, decrease anxiety, fatigue and depression. They can also focus interaction, stimulate memory, boost problem-solving skills and improve attendance.

Natalie says “Poppy is an incredibly relaxed, calm dog and will play an integral role in our Pastoral Team, supporting the emotional wellbeing of our students and focused interventions with various students 1 or 2 days per week. She has already settled in very well and we’re all enjoying the positive impact she has on our college community”



The College was successful in gaining accreditation for the first part of the Rainbow Flag Award. This means that we have demonstrated that the teachers here at HCC have been trained in dealing with any reports of LGBT+ bullying in college and are aware of making the College a more inclusive environment. Details of the Rainbow Flag Award are here: <https://www.rainbowflagaward.co.uk/> and students parents and carers can contact Skittles (the student LGBT+ group) here: lgbt@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Positive Learning Behaviours

We are pleased to have seen such significant improvements in student behaviour this half term. This has resulted in a good deal of positive feedback from parents and students. There have been comments from staff that they are able to do more fun activities and take more risks with their teaching, to deepen student learning. Students have talked about how much more learning they are capable of, owing to the calm and supportive nature of lessons.

For further information follow the link:

[Positive Learning Behaviours – Honiton Community College](#)

Honiton Community College Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 24th to Monday 31 October 2022 – Half -Term Holiday
Tuesday 1st November – Start of Autumn Term
 Tuesday 20th December 2022 – Last Day of Autumn Term

SPRING TERM 2023

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – Start of Spring Term
 Monday 13th to Friday 17 February 2023 – Half -Term Holiday
 Monday 20th February – Start of Spring Term
 Friday 31st March 2023 – Last Day of Spring Term

LISTENING TO STUDENTS



To accumulate feedback quickly we ask students to complete a student survey. We were asked for their thoughts, opinions and experiences on a number of issues to ensure the College is meeting their needs and identifying areas we needed to address.

It was a very positive event with the students having the opportunity to speak openly with staff members and, whilst completing the student survey, the students were given pizza and chips which went down well!



Year 7 Team Building Day

WISEUP TEAM BUILDING

On Wednesday 28th September the Year 7s had 'Wise Up' team-building team visit the College to lead different activities.

Outdoor learning plays an important part of the school curriculum and as such, we wanted to organise a team building day for all of our year 7 students.

There were a number of different team building tasks, all of which were designed to encourage students to work together as part of a cohesive unit and develop individual problem-solving skills.

A wonderful day was had by all!





THE WINNERS MFL SEPTEMBER COMPETITION

KS3 Students were asked to design a poster about another European country they would like to visit or have visited before.

The quality of students' work was incredible and congratulations to **Riley**, in year 7 for winning the competition.

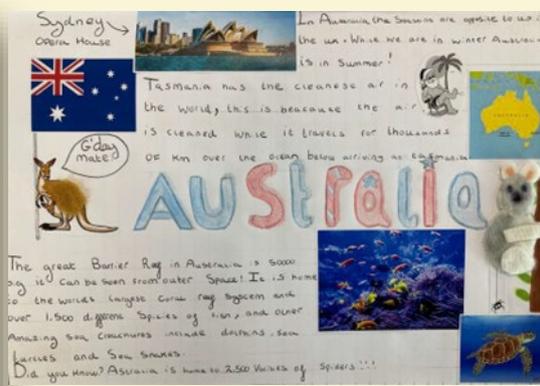
Well done to all who took part!



Riley



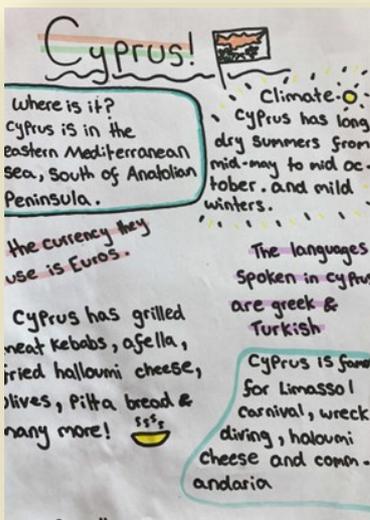
Poppy



poppy



Holly



Hallie



Thomas





CAKE BAKE Hospiscare

Caring in the heart of Devon

Post-16 students embraced their baking skills by holding a 'bake off' – where they raised money and awareness for our local Hospiscare charity. There were some amazing bakes for our judges to taste with the cakes raising money, including donations at breaktime from students in the lower college.



An impressive £175 was raised which will make a difference to the patients and their families that access the support this charity gives.

The overall winners of their wooden spoons and more sugar treats were: 1st – Amelie, 2nd – Imogen, 3rd – Chloe-Mae

Thank you to the judges who gave up their time ("hard job but someone had to do it!") and everyone who baked and ate.



New College, Oxford University Programme



This term we welcomed Shelby from New College, Oxford University to the Post-16 centre to start some Year 11's journey on the New College, Oxford Step-Up programme

- **STEP 1** programme attempts to ensure that students recognise Oxford as a realistic and achievable option for them in the future, and are fully equipped and supported to make a competitive application.
- **STEP 2** for the Year 11s will be a residential at the University in the Spring Term.
- Our Year 12 students recently completed their **STEP 3** looking in more detail how they can make themselves the outstanding candidate when they start to make their applications next summer.



Post 16 Open Evening

Thursday 17th November

6pm introductory talk followed by subject presentations



Contact **Selena Burroughs**, Director of Post 16, to book an appointment, or visit the College website.

SBurroughs@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Honiton Community College, School Lane,
Honiton EX14 1QT.



Subjects you could study at Honiton Post-16

A-Level

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing
- English
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Fine Art
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

BTEC Level 3

Extended Certificate

- Applied Science
- Business Studies
- Food Technology
- Health & Social Care
- Sport

Cambridge Technical Level 3 Introductory Diploma

- ICT



Bookings are now being taken for our Post-16 Open Evening on Thursday 17th November.

The evening will start at 6pm with presentations for all the subjects we are offering here and will be running throughout the rest of the evening, finishing at 8pm.

There will also be plenty of opportunity for you to talk to the subject leads about the progression to Post-16 here and find out how it can link into further career aspirations. The course guide giving more detailed information will be available both in hard copy and on the website after half term.

If you have any questions relating to this evening or Post-16 education here at Honiton, please contact me at the College and I will be pleased to help: SBurroughs@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk .

Students choosing not to continue their education with us have open access to the Careers Hub on a Thursday lunchtime where our Careers Lead - Melanie Jones - can offer career personal advice and guidance.

I look forward to meeting with you on the 17th and showing you the success of our Post-16 community

Selena Burroughs, Assistant Principal - Director of Post-16

ACTIVITY WEEK & ENRICHMENT



Our extensive extended college programme offers a very wide range of after school and lunchtime activities. These include, Guitar Club, 'Lego', choir, jazz band, Science and Music Technology clubs, Book club and as well as a host of sporting activities including: Fitness, Health and Wellbeing; Netball, Badminton; Football; Table Tennis; Girls and Boys Futsal; Trampolining, Get Active clubs to name a few. Students are encouraged to take part in Ten Tors and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme as well as volunteering in the community.

Everyone is welcome take part in our specialist facilities including our first-class fitness suite, dance studio, specialist ICT suite with green screen, music rooms and fully equipped Design Technology and Art rooms.

For Further information for Autumn Term Activities
<https://honitoncommunitycollege.co.uk/clubs-and-enrichment/>





Summer Showcase

Each year we like to celebrate the work created by students in Art at our annual CreATE Summer Showcase. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our Summer Showcase this year, but we would still like to acknowledge all the hard work and creative talents of the students at HCC. So, after a long wait, we can finally reveal the winners of this year's Art Showcase.

We had a wide selection of project work from across the last academic year that was shortlisted for the judging panel. It was very difficult to choose the winners of each category but after much deliberation the certificate winners are announced here.

Year 7 – Still Life Project (inspired by the artist Michael Craig-Martin)



Best in Show:
Casey



Highly Commended:
Blake

Year 7 – Clay Tile



Best in Show:
Isabel Parris



Highly Commended:
Alfie Lloyd



Highly Commended:
Freya

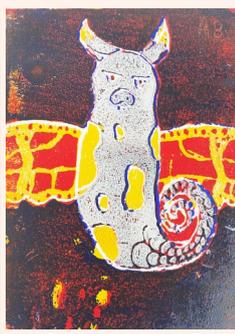
Year 7 – Printmaking



Best in Show:
Oliver



Highly Commended:
Dexter



Highly Commended:
Annie

Year 8 – Clay Figure



Best in Show:
Kaitlyn Hill



Highly Commended:
Alana



Highly Commended:
Poppy Gryman

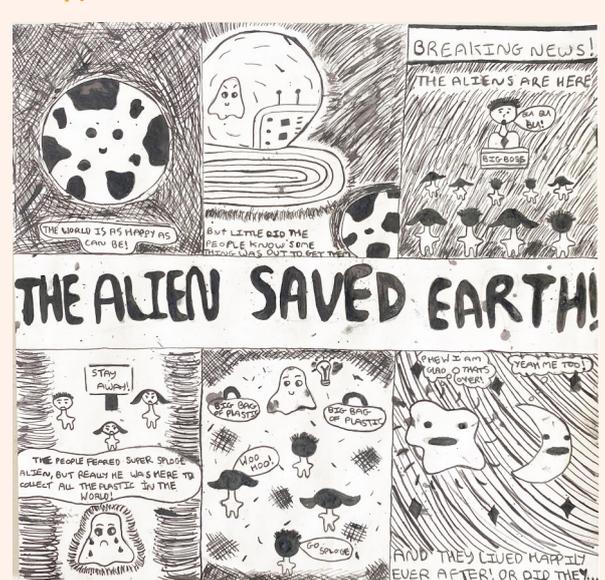
Year 8 – Narrative (Comic Strip)



Best in Show:
Henry



Highly Commended:
Katie Ings



Highly Commended:
Poppy Gryman

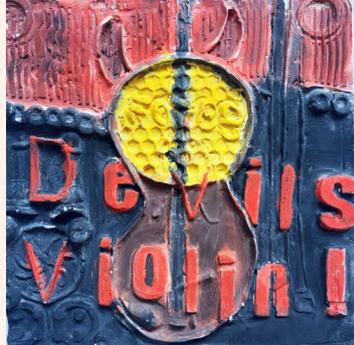


Summer Showcase

Year 9 – Plaster Tile



Best in Show:
Lily



Highly Commended:
Thomas Newman

Year 9 – Matchbox Close Ups



Best in Show:
Robyn Turner



Highly Commended:
Lily

GCSE – Judges Pick Award



Year 10 – Aleisha
Cat Painting in Acrylic



Year 11 – Els
Women's March Illustration.

The certificate winners work is now on display in the CreATE entrance hall for everyone to enjoy. Other shortlisted work can now be collected from Art at break or lunchtime.

Congratulations to all our winners and well done to everyone who worked so hard last year to produce some fabulous pieces of work.





Food and Nutrition



On Thursday 20th October the Royal Navy visited HCC to demonstrate cooking skills and learn about careers linked to Food and Nutrition in the Navy and the life of a chef on board the Royal Navy ships.

Students were able to learn in more detail about the life of a chef on board the Royal Navy ships. The students worked skilfully together for 2 hours to create two dishes a chicken pie and a Pavlova which demonstrated the students skills in pastry making, meringues, spinning sugar and caramelisation.

At end of the 2 hours The Royal Navy team judge the dishes and commented on how well the students did and the winners were Jess, Lily, Arabella, Tommy, and Johns.

Well done and enjoyed by all!





GCSE Drama Trip

Students' review of the Pilot Theatre Company's adaptation and production of Malorie Blackman's novel 'Noughts and Crosses' at the Northcott Theatre, Exeter.

As a GCSE Drama student who has been studying 'Noughts and Crosses' for a couple of years now, I really enjoyed the production. The part that really stuck out for me the most was the setting and the scenes. I think the company did a really good job designing the set, making it simple yet so good, and it really added to the production. The acting and actors were amazing, as were the costumes, but the setting just completed it. Using gauze as the background material, which can appear solid or transparent depending on how it is lit, made it so much more ominous and tense for scenes that that effect. It was honestly breath-taking. The lighting was constantly on point and fitted well with the scenes and setting. And the minimum use of props just made it all the better. I really enjoyed this production, and I would honestly recommend it to any GCSE Drama student studying 'Noughts and Crosses', it has really helped me be able to answer questions with so many different, in-depth answers.

Erin-Grace Symonds



I enjoyed watching the performance of 'Noughts and Crosses': there was incredible acting from the start, and it was also interesting to see how each character developed. I personally enjoyed the character of Jude and how he went from an angry young Nought to a member of the Liberation Militia on the run from the government. I think it was one of the best character developments in the production, with the portrayal of Sephy being a close second, as she went from an ignorant cross with all the power in the world, to slowly understanding the struggles of the Nought people and in the end, becoming a mother. Another great thing from this performance, was the quick scene changes. All scenes were played incredibly well but I believe the best scene was the explosion scene in the Dundale shopping centre. Finally, I enjoyed how the play began and ended in a similar way with all actors on stage and Sephy talking about the start of life. **Max Clarke**

A Day of Pottery

At the end of last term summer term, Mrs Creed our Creative Arts Technician organised a day of Pottery with the students of Offwell Primary School as part of their Arts Week.



Each year group received a workshop led by Mrs Creed and Miss Robinson. Each workshop was designed to link with Offwell's current class projects. Years 5 & 6 made Egyptian inspired pots, Years 4 & 5 made rockpools and Reception to Year 3 made ammonites.

The clay creations were lovingly painted with oxides and glazed by GCSE Art students Poppy, Jess, Hannah and Harley as part of their Activities Week volunteering service.

Mrs Creed enjoyed working with all the Children at Offwell as it was a great opportunity to meet the Year 6s who have now joined us at Honiton Community College.

Miss Charlotte Kirkland (Offwell Primary) said "...a huge thank you from myself, the staff and children at Offwell for your visit last term. It was marvellous being able to carry out a piece of artwork using your expertise and equipment, this is something we would have not been able to do otherwise. The children thoroughly enjoyed the clay workshops and were extremely happy with their final pieces!"

We look forward to organising future Art workshops with Offwell and our other feeder primary schools again this year.





The Year 10 Three-Dimensional Art students have made a great start to the course. They have been learning about a number of different processes using a range of new machine and hand tools.



Work on their main project was paused to learn the new skill of using a plane. We took this skill building lesson and gave students the opportunity to develop their creativity and experiment with different woods. Inspired by the television show 'Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker' students were given the challenge of creating sculptural bloom forms.

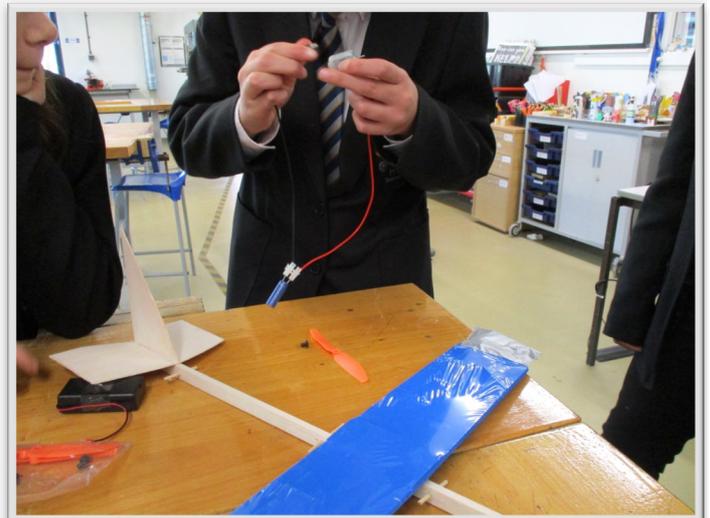


STEM CLUB

KS3 students have been working on completing their first project as part STEM club with Mrs Dupré and Dr Murch. The girls from Years 7 and 9 have enjoyed learning about aviation and have had to employ their mathematics skills to create the wings for their gliders.



This week the final touches and motors have been assembled ready for test flights and the competition. The glider kits were kindly donated by the Gibbons Family Trust through 'The Smallpeice Trust'. (The Smallpeice Trust, an educational charity that inspires young people to pursue careers in science and engineering through events and workshops).



The club meets every Monday lunchtime in C1. New members are always welcome.



PE Highly Able Welcome Breakfast



The PE Highly Able group met with Mr Skelding recently to go through the plan for the year which includes workshops and a team building trip off site in the summer.

It was also an opportunity to catch up and celebrate recent successes and developments in the students' sporting endeavours!



Congratulations for this year's students (Josh Lane, Hallie Bennett, Archie Long, Holly Rich, Harry Evans, Poppy Gryman, Matthew Smith, Hamish Terry, Logan Symons, Isabella Farante, Milly Elliott, Ben Matthews, Charlotte Maynard, George Pemberton, Harry Read and Benjamin Rich).

Keep an eye out for regular updates on our students.

Well done to the Year 11 Football team in their first friendly of the season.

Beating Uffculme 6-0 with goals from T Griffiths (4), D Tratt-Skinner and A Lane. Player of the match went to A Johnson for an excellent performance at the back.



Well done to the Year 8 football team for their performance against Uffculme in a friendly match.

Josh L scored both our goals, his second was a powerful header from a great corner from Carson. Player of the match went to Noah for an excellent performance in midfield.



Honiton U13s Rugby Honiton 0 – 4 Colyton Honiton 2 – 3 Uffculme

A spirited performance from Honiton in their second match saw them narrowly beaten by Uffculme following a slow start to the tournament against Colyton.

Players of the match

Colyton – Tom Lane
Uffculme – Jack Prettejohn & Dexter Van Broom.



Honiton U14s – 26 - 40 - Exmouth U14's Special mentions: Hamish Terry & Logan Symons for excellent leadership, ball carrying and defence. David Sanders, Jamie Bates, Damion Hadja and Riley Podbery for playing their first competitive rugby match and getting stuck in throughout.

Player of the match:
David Sanders for some barnstorming runs in attack.



Year 7 Cross-Country at Sidmouth

Well done to our Year 7 Cross-Country squad who completed the 1.4 mile course at Sidmouth College on Tuesday 18th October. Some great runs from Imogen M (3rd), Chloe P (4th), Layla D (13th), George H (16th). Girls team also came 3rd overall.

A great introduction to Cross-Country before the Bicton Competition on Wednesday 9th November.



School Games Silver Mark Award



We are excited to announce that we, Honiton Community College, have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise a school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We have had hundreds of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.



HONITON RUGBY CLUB



U12s – 2022 Preseason Training

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME



CORE VALUES

TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

Preseason Training 10am 18th September



Regular Season Training Nights Tuesdays 6pm

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