

Principal's Post



Thursday 9th January 2025



Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school! I hope this message finds you well and ready for the term ahead. It has certainly been a picturesque start to the new school year with the snowy landscapes greeting us in the last 24 hours. While the winter weather has presented its challenges, it has also reminded us of the importance of resilience—one of our core school values.

At Honiton Community College, we are deeply committed to fostering kindness, curiosity, and resilience in everything we do. These values are not only woven into our curriculum but also reflected in the vibrant community we continue to build together. This term, we will have many opportunities to celebrate these values in action, from classroom activities to extracurricular programs and beyond.

For our Year 13 students, this is a particularly important time as they embark on their final exams. We know this can be a demanding period, but it is also a valuable opportunity to showcase their hard work and preparation. To all our students sitting exams, we encourage you to approach this time with confidence and determination—and to remember that support is always available from your teachers and peers.

Looking ahead, we have Progress Evenings scheduled in the coming weeks, providing an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teachers and discuss their child's achievements and goals for the remainder of the year. Further details about these events will be shared shortly, so please keep an eye out for communications.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



Happy New Year! This week the students have leapt back into the swing of things with BTEC exams being held for some of our students. Good luck to all!

Thank you from all the Post -16 students who helped raise over £506.51 for Honiton's Operation Rudolph with the Non-Uniform Day on the last day of term and the raffle that was held in the Post -16 Centre.

An immense help to the Community.



Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16



Happy New Year. As we return to school for the new term, there is a sense of excitement and anticipation in the air. After the holiday break, many of our students were eager to reunite with friends, reconnect with teachers, and settle back into routines.

The start of a new term brings fresh opportunities for learning, as we face new challenges. For some, it is an opportunity to build on the skills developed last term, while for others, it is a chance to start afresh and make the most of their academic journey.

At this point in the year, 7s navigate the transition from the early days of secondary school to more settled and focused studies. It is a time of growth, both academically and personally, as they continue to adapt to the rigors of school life and discover new interests and talents.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



Happy New Year! In assembly this week we talked about snow, how beautiful it can look and when seen in a large space it can look like a white even blanket but if you look closely, using a microscope you can see that every snowflake is different. They have all been shaped by their experiences, small fluctuations in temperature and pressure as they form creates the different flakes.



We are similar, shaped by our different life experiences. We talked about how the New Year brings an opportunity to reflect and think about what we are proud of and what we would like to strengthen and develop for the year ahead.

This year is a chance for you to become the best version of yourself; to be kind, to explore with curiosity, and to face challenges with resilience. I believe in each of you and your ability to make this year one of great achievement and personal growth

Let us make it an unforgettable year, filled with kindness, discovery, and the strength to persevere through anything that comes our way.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8



Happy New Year – We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. As we enter the Spring Term, we look towards our Progress Evening and our GCSE options choices.

Your GCSE choices are the first step toward shaping your future, so choose subjects that excite you, challenge you, and align with your passions.

Remember, there is no 'right' choice. What matters is finding what feels right for you. Explore your interests and take this as an opportunity to grow. The future is yours to create, Year 9!

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



Happy New Year to all our Year 10 students and families! I hope you've had a well-deserved break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. This year is a crucial one as we continue to build towards GCSEs, and it's the perfect time to set new goals and focus on what you want to achieve. January is a time for fresh starts and new goals, but it's also a time to lean on your resilience as we step into the challenges of a busy term. Year 10 is an important stage in your journey, and it's normal to face hurdles along the way. Remember, resilience is about pushing through, learning from setbacks, and staying focused on your goals. With hard work, determination, and the support of your teachers and peers, there's so much you can accomplish. Let's make 2025 a year of progress, success, and pride, one step at a time. You've got this, Year 10!

One last note... although the 2nd May is our deadline for having all work experience confirmed, I am conscious that this term will fly by, so it would be great if you could approach us with any concerns way ahead of this so that we can offer advice and support, though ultimately, securing a placement is up to the student.

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 10



Happy New Year and a big welcome back to our fabulous year 11 students. A busy term ahead for year 11. Subject revision sessions will be getting underway (programme to follow) as we speed towards the final mocks (March) and then the real exams.

A reminder that Progress Evening is on 16th January – so please book slots. We look forward to meeting you all at this event.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11

Progress Evenings

Remember!

- ◆ Year 11 - Thursday 16th January (15:45-19:00)
- ◆ Year 9 - Thursday 30th January (3:45-19:00)
Bookings will go live on Friday 17th January

Next Fortnightly Events

Monday 13 January (Week B)

BTEC Exams. (Last day)

East Devon U13 Boys Futsal B Team @ King's School
(15:05-18:00)

Tuesday 14 January

Year 9 Football @ Sidmouth College (15:05-17:30)

Thursday 16 January

U13 Girls football @ Axe Valley Academy (14:05-17:05)

U12 & U14 Netball @ Uffculme (15:05-17:00)

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

Friday 17 January

Bath University Lectures in HCC Post-10 Centre.

Ten Tors training on Dartmoor (09:00-16:00)

Monday 20 January (Week A)

U13 Boys/Mixed Indoor cricket East Devon round
@ Exmouth Community College (08:30-16:30)

Tuesday 21 January

East Devon U14 Badminton Tournament @ Uffculme
school (11:15-17:30)

U12 & U14 Netball @ Exmouth Community College
(15:05-17:45)

Thursday 23 January

East Devon U13 Sports hall athletics competition @
Uffculme School (13:30-17:30)

Under 12's 9 a-side football East Devon Cup @
Sidmouth Community College (14:30-17:00)

Parent Engagement Group @ HCC (18:00-19:00)



Please can all parent/carers report absence of their child each day of absence by 8:30am through the MCAS app rather than by phone or email as currently messages are going via phone or email which is making it more difficult to establish quickly who is absent. If you do not have the MCAS app and need support setting it up, please contact: admin@honiton.college

Equipment & Uniform Reminder



School Racksack and HCC Booklet Bag
Water Bottle



A Pencil Case to carry your equipment
Pens (blue or black + green)
Pencil and rubber
Sharpener and ruler
Scientific Calculator



Can we please remind all families that as the weather is wintrier all students should be wearing their blazers. Jackets can of course be worn over the top.

- ◆ Our uniform policy is Plain black full-length tailored trousers or black A-line or pleated skirt.

Youth Hub Devon

Evening on Thursday 16th January. The following Post-16 Training Providers will be present for parents and students to chat to about next steps after Year 11.

Sidmouth College, Kings School, Colyton Grammar, Exeter College, Exeter College Apprenticeship Team, Bicton College, and Woodroffe School.

Our local Employment and Youth Hub service based at the Beehive will also be present to help any student.