

Principal's Post



Friday 14th March 2025



As we continue through the term, I am reminded daily of the values that define our school- **kindness, curiosity, and resilience**. It has been fantastic to see these qualities in action across the school community.

Our Year 11 students have shown great **resilience** as they tackle their **mock exams**, preparing diligently for the challenges ahead. Similarly, students across all year groups are gearing up for our upcoming **assessment week**, demonstrating their commitment to learning.

Beyond the classroom, our students have been engaging in a range of enriching activities. **Year 7 and Year 8** have embraced **Sparx Reader**, developing their reading skills with enthusiasm and curiosity. Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing for our exciting **24-hour fundraising event in support of Samaritans**. It's inspiring to see our students come together for such a meaningful cause, showing kindness and a strong sense of community.

And, of course, there's been time for some fun along the way—our students enjoyed some delicious **pancake making** in celebration of Shrove Tuesday!

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to celebrating our students' achievements in the weeks ahead.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



We are now officially on countdown and to keep the spirits high, Post -16 students celebrated Shrove Tuesday with some excellent pancake making. A real skill for the future!

Lots of students are now in the process of securing their next step at University, Apprenticeships, travel and employment and its lovely to see them excited about their future.



POST 16

Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16

VISITORS

Attending College for meetings and events.

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SMART PARKING



As you approach your second assessment week, it's completely normal to feel a bit nervous. Remember, assessments are just a way to see how much you've learned and to help you keep growing.

Here are a few tips to help you feel prepared:

- **Plan your revision:** Break your studying into small, manageable chunks.
- **Ask for help:** If you're stuck on something, don't be afraid to ask your teachers, friends, or family.
- **Take care of yourself:** Get plenty of rest, eat well, and take short breaks while studying.

Most importantly, just do your best. Progress matters more than perfection! This is about learning and improving, not being perfect. You've got this, Year 7! Believe in yourself and keep trying - you're stronger than you think.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



On June 13th we will be entering the Jurassic Coast Challenge where Year 8 students can walk the coast path from Lyme Regis; challenging themselves to set distances.

Last year we had over 30 students involved from HCC all who discovered new levels of resilience and teamwork enjoying a day with friends.

If interested please complete the form sent out earlier this week by email.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GROUP



Our next Engagement Group is next Thursday, 20th March 18:00 - 19:00. Everyone welcome. Please book your place via this quick link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pvHFktZg5X>

As you will be aware, Years 7 and 8 are making good progress with our new reading platform, Sparx Reader. Our target now is to hit 100% homework completion every week.

It's really important to us that young people are able to practise careful, silent reading for extended amounts of time, without distraction. Sparx Reader reassures us as teachers and parents that focused reading is happening, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.

If your child is struggling to find quiet space at home or finds challenges with technology outside of school hours, they are encouraged to attend our Thursday and Friday lunchtime Sparx Reader Club in the Literacy Room.

Please see the short video link below explaining why we use Sparx Reader at HCC:

<https://sparxreader.com/parents/>

Current all-time top 'SRP' for each year group:

Year 7 – Tawana Mambowa

Year 8 – Imogen Harratt


Fantastic progress – well done!

Students in your school have completed 

1,717 hours

of careful reading this year in Sparx Reader. Great effort!



Students in your school have read 

1,368 books

this year in Sparx Reader. Well done!





Last week we had an assembly for World Book Day where all the students were given book tokens that they could put towards a book or to receive one of this year's free World Book Day books.

I hope that everyone makes use of their tokens and takes great pleasure in reading, whether it is a novel, poetry, news articles, graphic novels or something else.

GCSE options deadline is approaching and well done to those that have all made their choices, we have had some excellent, mature conversations about futures and what subjects work well together.

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



<https://forms.office.com/e/n8AJsdJ5yb>

It has been fantastic to have 16 additional students signed up for music instrument lessons since the start of January.



We are now in our second week of mocks, and I could not be more impressed with the conduct of the students. I trust that you are receiving the daily messages about the mocks for the next day, the equipment needed and the revision sessions taking place. I hope that you are finding this information useful.

The number of students attending after school revision throughout their mocks has been exceptional and shows their determination and resilience.

Careers appointments are still available to those that need them, but many students seem to be clear about the plan for their next steps. If you do think that more career guidance is needed, please do email Miss Knight so that she can add to the next available appointments.

We have 6 teaching weeks until exam season kicks off (Approx. 28 teaching days) - Lets keep the momentum going.

Congratulations to our 5th prize winner in our weekly rewards (Most praise points) – Will Norris

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11



As we head towards the end of cycle 2 – and closer to Easter break, it's a great time to embrace new opportunities and challenges. The days are getting longer, and just as the seasons change, so too does our journey of growth and learning.

This term is all about resilience, focus, and making the most of every lesson and experience. Keep pushing forward, supporting one another, and striving for your personal best. Small, consistent efforts now will lead to big successes later. Let's make this a season of progress and positivity—keep going, Year 10!

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 10

Friday 21st March



Students next week will learn more about World Down Syndrome Day and everyone is invited **next Friday 21st March** to wear some odd brightly coloured socks to school with their normal school uniform.

For many years we have celebrated this day and it is a great fun way to spread an important message of inclusion.

Spring Term Music Exhibition Concert

We are delighted to announce a Spring Term Music Exhibition at the College on **Thursday 3rd April** between 18:00 - 19:00 in the Drama Hall.



The concert will feature many of our musicians and the newly formed music ensembles from September 2024. Admission is free and as there are limited spaces, you should sign up in advance if you wish to attend the concert through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/>



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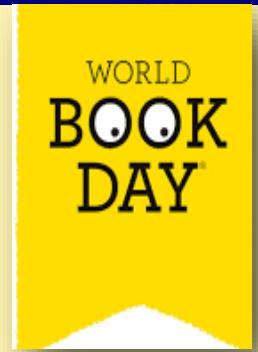
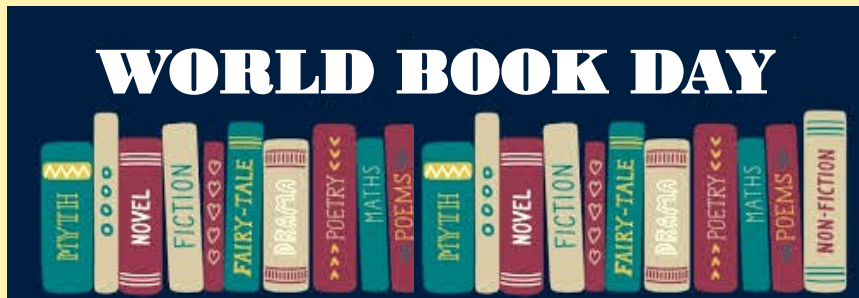
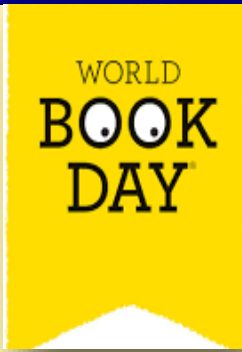
**Thursday 27th & Friday 28th
March 2025**

Raising funds to help the SAMARITANS to be there, round the clock for 365 days a year in support of anyone who needs them.

In Just 2 weeks, we will have started our last 24-hour challenge to raise awareness and funds for our local branch of the Samaritans. More details can be found on the College Facebook page and here where you can also donate <https://www.justgiving.com/page/honiton24hr>

We have been donated some truly amazing raffle prizes from our community including Exeter Chiefs tickets, Somerset Cricket Tickets, A set of GHD portable Hair Stylers, Meal voucher for the Birds Nest Restaurant and many many more.

Raffle tickets will be available from this **Monday, 17th March**. Students can buy them during break outside the Post 16 Centre. Families are welcome to pop in to our main reception to buy them there. Some great prizes up for grabs – don't miss out!



The magic of Humuments - Every Page is a New Adventure!

In 1966 the artist Tom Phillips set himself a task: to find a second-hand book for three-pence and to then alter every page by painting, collage or cut-up techniques. Phillips discovered a lesser known Victorian Romance novel called 'A Human Document' by W.H.Mallock and, in 1973, Phillips finally completed and published his own creative revision which he entitled 'A Humument'.

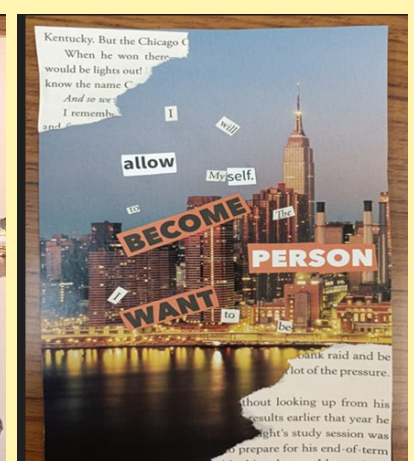
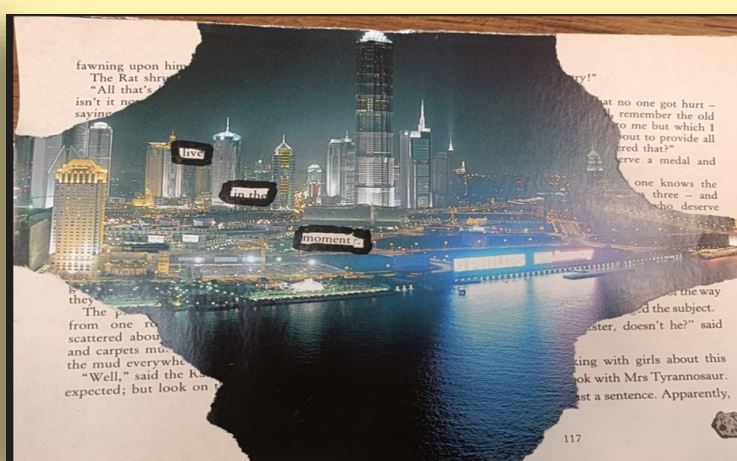
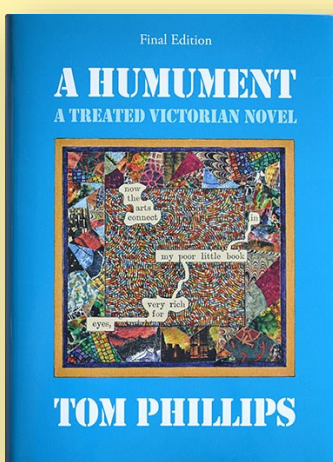
And so, in celebration of World Book Day on Thursday March 6th, Years 7 - 9 began their Thursday English lessons designing inspirational Book Day tokens for this year's WBD Competition, before applying their own creative talents to crafting some inspiring Humuments from the pages of old books...

With the haunting Hedwig's Theme from 'Harry Potter' echoing along the English corridor, and English teachers in full Harry Potter regalia, our enthusiastic students enjoyed a touch of J K Rowling magic to complement their day's creative ventures. By the end of the school day, students had produced some beautifully hand-crafted independent pieces (some shown) which will soon form part of the new wall displays in the English corridor.

A big and warm thank you from all the English Department to all our students for their enthusiastic response and contributions to the day – you made World Book Day 2025 a day to treasure and remember. Well-done, everyone – a great success!

■ N.B. This year's book tokens are valid until 23rd March and the closing date for entering the WBD Book Token Competition April 6th. Entries can be handed to Mrs Oakes for submission, or students can send their entries off themselves. For spare entry forms, students may collect these from their English teachers. National Winning Book Token entries will be announced in May...

A. Oakes (English Teacher, Lead Practitioner & Head of Literacy)





Interested in making positive changes to help young people in the South West?

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What is involved?

Our research involves some questions around trusted adults and mental health support. These can be completed individually or in small groups.

For more information email chris.may@ecct.co.uk

If you're over 16, please sign up using this QR code

If you're under 16, you're parent/carer can sign you up here



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We are excited to have Exeter Chiefs and Devon Cricket coming in during the Summer Term to run some Girls Rugby and Girls Cricket leadership sessions. More information will follow.

- ◆ Girls Rugby Club runs every Wednesday lunchtime.



Honiton 3G Pitch



Please take a moment to support our plans for a fantastic 3G pitch, that will benefit our schools, local sports clubs and community in general.

Please add your voice in support of this exciting opportunity by clicking this link and registering to 'Make a comment'.

Other supporting comments are available for you to view. Thank you in advance for your time.

[3G Pitch planning - please add your support here](#)

Next Fortnightly Events

Monday 17 March

- ◆ GCSE 3D Art and Design Practical Exam
- ◆ Year 7/8 Girls Football @ Sidmouth College (15:05-18:00)

Tuesday 18 March

- ◆ GCSE 3D Art and Design Practical Exam
- ◆ U13 East Devon Netball Tournament @Cullumpton Community College (13:30-17:30)

Wednesday 19 March

- ◆ GCSE 3D Art and Design Practical Exam
- ◆ GCSE Art Practical Exam
- ◆ East Devon U13 Boys Football League @ King's School (15:05-18:05)

Thursday 20 March

- ◆ GCSE 3D Art and Design Practical Exam
- ◆ GCSE Art Practical Exam
- ◆ Year 7 Football 6 a side Vs Cranbrook @ Cranbrook Educational Campus (15:05-18:00)
- ◆ U13 & U15 Netball Vs Colyton @ Colyton (15:05-17:30)
- ◆ Parent Engagement Group @ HCC (18:00-19:00)

Monday 24 March

- ◆ **Non Student Day**

Tuesday 25 March

- ◆ Rosslyn Park 7s Festival @ Rosslyn Park London 25th to 26th March
- ◆ Year 11 Level 1 Visit to Exeter College (10:00-15:05)

Wednesday 26 March

- ◆ HPV, DTP & Meningitis vaccinations (revisit)
- ◆ East Devon U13 Boys Football League @ King's School (15:05-18:05)

Thursday 27 March

- ◆ Post-16, 24 hour Charity Event start 13:00
- ◆ GCSE Photography Exam (09:00-15:05)
- ◆ East Devon U12 Netball Tournament @ King's School (13:30-16:30)

Friday 28 March

- ◆ Post-16, 24 hour Charity Event Finish 13:00
- ◆ GCSE Photography Exam (09:00-15:05)

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ONLINE SUPPORT

- Phone calls
- Text messages
- WhatsApp messages
- WhatsApp groups
- Drop-in online hubs
- 1:1 support online
- Low cost counselling
- Monthly skills workshops

ONLINE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

- Expressing Emotions
- Managing Emotions
- Meltdowns & Shutdowns
- Being Curious around Communication
- Caregiver Burnout
- Supporting someone who causes harm to themselves
- Navigating Change (Year 6-7)
- Supporting a Loved One with an Eating Disorder
- The Teenage Brain
- Children Not Engaging in School
- Elective Home Education
- Listening Well



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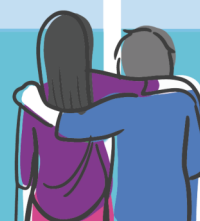
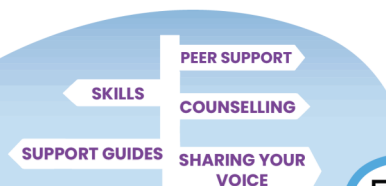
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Supporting Families

Support for YOU and your family

We provide parents and caregivers with a safety net of support, hope, practical guidance, and a listening ear for as long as they find it helpful. Our team consists of trained peer support workers informed by their own experience.

We offer robust guidance, developed through families' experiences, with contributions from professionals and researchers.

If you are supporting someone's emotional wellbeing, we are here to support you.



FACE TO FACE SUPPORT

- Support guides
- Drop-in hubs
- 1:1 support
- Low cost counselling
- Helping you navigate through health and education systems
- Opportunities to influence mental health services



FIND YOUR LOCAL HUB

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- www.parentalminds.org.uk

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ FLU - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ MMR - Catch-up
- ✓ HPV - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - Year 9 - Year 11

FLU

MMR

HPV

MENINGITIS
ACWY

DIPHTHERIA
TETANUS
POLIO (DTP)

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

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