

Principal's Post

Friday 27th February 2025



I hope you all had a restful break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. As always, we continue to embrace our school values-**Kindness, Curiosity, and Resilience**-in everything we do.

Year 9 students will be making important decisions about their future studies at **Options Evening tonight**. This is a key milestone, and we look forward to supporting them in making informed choices.

For our Year 13 students, **Progress Evening is coming up**-an opportunity to reflect on achievements and ensure they are on track for success in their final months with us.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our end-of-term cake sale last half term, which raised funds for the **British Heart Foundation**. Your generosity and community spirit are truly appreciated.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal

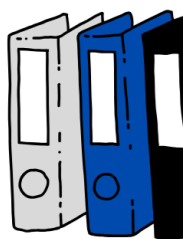


Year 13s last Progress Evening! The end of a seven-year journey for the majority of our Year 13s and to help support them in the last few weeks before exams there will be the **Progress Evening on Thursday 13th March** here at the College.

Bookings go live on Thursday 27th at 6.30pm with reports containing mock results and forecast data being sent out the week before. You will notice that each teacher appointment will last 10 minutes rather than the usual 5 so plenty of time to discuss what progress is being made. I will be based in the Centre if I can help with any career / next step questions

The whole team look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16



Thank you for supporting with our push on having the correct equipment for lessons. It makes such a positive difference when all students are ready to learn at the start of lessons.

We are now in week 8 of Cycle 2 and just 2 weeks away from Assessment Week. Students will be assessed on the content in the Knowledge Organiser and booklets. Please encourage them to recap what they have learnt in preparation for the assessments. It was great to see Year 9 so excited about choosing their GCSE options.

In Year 10 students will be sitting more exam -style assessments and in Year 11 the final round of Mocks begins next week. I'd like to take this opportunity to reiterate Ms Knights praise for Year 11, they are a fantastic year group and I look forward to seeing their progress on Mock Results day!



Mrs M.C Jefferies, Vice Principal

**YEAR 9
OPTIONS
EVENING**

TONIGHT
5:00 -7:00pm

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Welcome back, Year 7, I hope you all had a restful half term and are feeling refreshed for the exciting term ahead. Spring is just around the corner, and we can look forward to longer days, blue skies, and sunshine.

I wanted to take a moment to say a huge well done to you for consistently wearing the correct uniform and bringing the necessary equipment to college. Your commitment to following the College rules and showing pride in your appearance is impressive and sets a fantastic example for others. By keeping up with your uniform and equipment, you're demonstrating responsibility, respect, and readiness for learning. These small but important habits help create a positive and focused environment for everyone.

Keep up the great work, and let's continue to show how much we care about our school community!

This half-term let's make kindness a priority. With some friendship issues popping up, it's important that we support each other and work through any challenges together. A little bit of kindness can go a long way in making everyone feel happy and included. Let's look out for each other, and remember, it's okay to ask for help if you need it. Friendship can sometimes be tricky, but with patience and understanding, we can make it through stronger as a group. Let's make this term one where we show our best selves and take care of each other.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



I want to acknowledge the fantastic job our Year 8 students have done in adjusting to the changes to the school day, including the new tutor programme. Transitioning to new routines can sometimes be challenging, but the resilience and enthusiasm shown by our students have truly been commendable.

During our recent assembly, we celebrated their ability to adapt and discussed how change is a constant in life, a lesson that will serve them well in their future endeavours.

As part of our tutor programme, students have been enjoying reading "The Devil and his Boy" by Anthony Horowitz. This gripping story has sparked lively discussions and a greater appreciation for literature among the group. I encourage you, as parents, to engage with your children about the book. Ask them about their favourite characters or plot twists – this can spark even more interest and inspire them to delve deeper into their reading.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, Spring is the season of new beginnings, and what better time to refresh your goals and dive back into learning, the world is blooming around you, this is your chance to grow and to explore new ideas.

Year 9 Options evening on **tonight** this is an opportunity to hear from the subject teachers about their subjects and allow the students to get understanding about each subject and start to formulate a plan for those subjects they wish to take for their GCSEs.

We hope everyone will be able to attend this important evening.

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



As we enter this half-term, I want to commend Year 10 students for their continued hard work and commitment. They are in a crucial stage of their GCSE journey, and now is the time to pick up the pace, stay focused, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Education is a marathon, not a sprint, and success comes from steady effort, resilience, and determination. Every lesson, every challenge, and every step forward brings them closer to their goals. With the right mindset and support, they can cross the finish line stronger than ever.

In this week's assembly we looked at the ingredients to success and discussed these top tips:

◆ **Tip 1 – Get the basics right first**

Let's consider what getting the basics right for us might look like. What are the choices we need to make to get a sense of balance with the basics such as sleep, diet and managing stress? What are our basic values – Kindness, curiosity, resilience, for example.

◆ **Tip 2 – Work on our reactions**

This year let's consider ways we can react to what's happening around us. How can we be quick to respond to problems, or challenges rather than ignoring them? If we see someone struggling, are we going to pretend to look the other way, or are we going to respond in a different way? How do we want to react when we face criticism? How would we like to respond when we feel frustrated or disappointed?

◆ **Tip 3 – Visualise**

Let's consider how visualising and setting ourselves goals can help us to be our best self. Let's visualise what it is we want to achieve and how we want to behave this year. Visualising ourselves as committed, trustworthy and creative could help us move towards these goals.

Thank you for your ongoing support—we look forward to seeing Year 10 continue to thrive.

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 10



Huge welcome back to our Year 11 students. We are now building up quite the pace, with mock exams starting next week (3rd March) and real exams just 8 teaching weeks away.

Hoodies are now available to order online via the link sent in the email (website orders close 28th February).

A massive well done to our winners of the £20 weekly Amazon voucher so far. The number of students attending the revision sessions after school is fantastic and shows the great effort being put towards their exams'.

The Year 11 students have been working hard and as a collective have achieved over 10,000 praise points in the past few weeks. A really great effort.

More news on the leavers book, Thorpe Park trip and the Prom to follow shortly. Keep up the momentum Year 11, you are doing a great job.

Miss K Knight, Head of Year 11

Valentine's Day Cake Sale



1st - Poppy Cregan

A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise the wonderful amount of **£376.44** on 14th February for the British Heart Foundation. The Bake Off saw a huge amount of entries with the following being awarded Star Bakers :
2nd - Saffron Doble
3rd - Fay Rabjohns.



Next Fortnightly Events

<p>Monday 3 March Year 11 Mock Exams (start) Year 10 Football v Sidmouth @HCC (15:40-17:30)</p>
<p>Tuesday 4 March Year 8 Indoor Cricket County Finals @Exeter University (08:30-15:45) Creating with Cardboard workshop for 30 Year 9 students (9:10-15:05)</p>
<p>Wednesday 5 March KS4 Girls Football @ Uffculme School (15:05-17:30)</p>
<p>Thursday 6 March U14 & U15 7 a-side rugby @ Blundells School (11:30-16:30) U13 & U15 Netball Vs Exmouth @ HCC (15:05-17:00)</p>

<p>Monday 10 March Year 10 GCSE Bath University Trip (07:30 –16:30)</p>
<p>Wednesday 12 March East Devon U13 Boys Football @ King's School (15:05 -18:00)</p>
<p>Thursday 13 March Post 16 Progress Evening (15:45-19:00) U13 & U15 Netball Vs Sidmouth @ Sidmouth (15:05-17:30)</p>
<p>Friday 14 March Last day of Year 11 Mock exams</p>

Enrichment Extra-Curricular Spring Term Programme

MONDAY				
ACTIVITY	TIME	YEARS	LOCATION	STAFF IN CHARGE
Girls & Boys Football	13:30-13:55	7-9	College field	ATA, MHA, AFO Football Leaders
Sixth Form Sports Academy	15:05-16:00	12-13	HCC Fitness Suite / Gym / Dance Studio	ELE
Get Active Gym* (See LED for details)	15:05-16:00	11-15 years	LED gym	LED instructors
Teen Circuits* (See LED for details)	15:15-16:00	11-15 years	LED gym	LED instructors
NEW House Band (Music)	13:30-14:05	ALL For students who play an instrument or sing	MU1	Please see Mr Turner to arrange personal instrument use

THURSDAY				
ACTIVITY	TIME	YEARS	LOCATION	STAFF IN CHARGE
Sports Academy Strength and Conditioning	13:30-13:55	Academy students (by invitation only)	HCC Fitness Suite	ELE
Girls Football (indoor football)	13:30-13:55	All	Sports Hall	AFO
Netball	15:05-16:15	All	LED courts	LRO/PSA Netball Leaders
Get Active Gym* (See LED for details)	15:05-16:00	11-15 years	LED gym	LED instructors
NEW Song Writing Club	13:30-13:55	All	MU2	Mr Turner

TUESDAY				
ACTIVITY	TIME	YEARS	LOCATION	STAFF IN CHARGE
Badminton	13:30-13:55	9-11	Sports Hall	ELE
Get Active Gym* (See LED for details)	15:05-16:00	11-15 years	LED gym	LED instructors
KS3 Art Club	13:30-14:05	KS3	C6	Mrs Robinson

FRIDAY				
ACTIVITY	TIME	YEARS	LOCATION	STAFF IN CHARGE
Sports Leadership & A level/GCSE/BTEC revision/ D of E evidence logging	13:30-13:55	Relevant students	PE4 / PE1	ATA
Get Active Gym* (See LED for details)	15:05-16:00	11-15 years	LED gym	LED instructors
NEW Taiko Drumming	13:30-14:05	ALL For students who want to learn how to play Japanese Taiko Drums!	MU1	Mr Turner
NEW Christian Faith	13:30-14:05	ALL	Hums meeting room	Mrs Rose

WEDNESDAY				
ACTIVITY	TIME	YEARS	LOCATION	STAFF IN CHARGE
Fitness Suite Fitness, Health & Well-being	13:30-13:55	7-9	HCC Fitness Suite / PE4	AFO Student Leaders
Table Tennis	13:30-13:55	7-13	Gym	ATA/LLA
Warhammer Club	15:05-16:05	All	Refocus Room	Mr Dowrick (Warhammer if you have it)
GCSE Art Catch Up	15:05-16:05	10 & 11	C6	Mrs Robinson (Bring your own work)
GCSE Photography Extra	15:05-16:05	10 & 11	C3	Mr Tyrer (Bring your own work)
NEW Aviation & Tech club	15:05-16:05	Invitation only. Application process. Please see Mr King.	DT-C1	Mr King
Journalism club	15:05-16:05			

See Mrs Quick on what day				
Lego Club	13:30-14:05	All	Learning Support	

SATURDAY & SUNDAY				
ACTIVITY	TIME	YEARS	LOCATION	STAFF IN CHARGE
Sport and PE				
Get Active Gym* (See LED for details)	10-11 & 1-2	11-15 years	LED gym	LED instructors
Get Active Gym				
Cost: Induction - £16 single or double £8 each. Session - £4.75				
Under 16 all included in Junior Get Active membership - £24.75				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11-13 year olds, can come to the programmed sessions or outside of these sessions with a responsible adult. They must use cardio machines and bodyweight exercises only after an induction with a member of the gym team. 14-15 year olds can now come to gym unaccompanied, anytime they like. They can use cardio, resistance and 				