

Principal's Post

Friday 26 June 2026



As we approach the final few weeks of the academic year, there is so much to celebrate across our school community. Despite the recent heatwave, our students have continued to demonstrate our values of being **Kind, Curious and Resilient**, adapting brilliantly to the

warmer weather with positivity and maturity. It has been wonderful to see them making the most of our air-conditioned spaces during social times and enjoying a well-earned ice pop during Period 5.

Last week was full of memorable moments as we waved off our Year 11 students following their final GCSE examinations and welcomed our new Year 6 students as they began their transition journey with us. We also celebrated an incredible Sports Day, where several school records were broken, and enjoyed a fantastic evening of music at the Beehive, showcasing the exceptional talent of our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements and experiences that have made the last fortnight such a special one at HCC.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



As we approach the end of the final term, I would like to take the time to celebrate Year 7 and all they have achieved this year.

Thank you everyone for the positive learning and effort shown throughout this term. We are starting our end of term assessments which is an opportunity to reflect on their progress and demonstrate their hard work. Remember it is important to be kind to yourself during assessments.

I would also like to celebrate the success of Sports Day. It was a brilliant day filled with teamwork, resilience, and school spirit. Well done to all of our students for their fantastic attitude, enthusiasm, and determination throughout the day. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves!

Looking ahead, we have Transition Week and the Year 6 residential to look forward to. These are wonderful opportunities for pupils to build confidence, develop independence, and make lasting memories with friends.

Finally, congratulations Year 7 you have had a great start to your journey and a strong start to secondary school. You've shown fantastic engagement, manners and determination.

It has been a pleasure to watch you grow. Have a restful summer break when it arrives and I look forward to seeing you all shine in Year 8.

Mrs. K Lynch, Head of Year 7





We are edging closer to the end of term, and I couldn't be prouder of how Year 8 have conducted themselves over the last few weeks with a few different events taking place.

Firstly, Sports Day was a fantastic success! It was a pleasure to see many of you compete for points towards your house total across a range of events. The energy surrounding the relays at the end of the day was immense with so many students cheering on the competitors, well done to 8B who won both the boys and girls relays. A special mention also needs to go to Noah who broke the year 8 boys high jump record with a jump of 1m 50cm; Ella who broke the Year 8 girls 100m sprint record with a time of 14.33 seconds and Sam W who broke the Year 8 boys rowing record with a distance of 778 metres. Hopefully your names will remain on the school records for many years to come!

Another event keeping Year 8 busy has been the work they've contributed to First Give UK. In their Personal Development lessons with Mrs Meek, students have investigated issues impacting East Devon, researched charities aiming to fix these issues, met with charity representatives and completed a social action to raise money for this charity.

On Tuesday the 30th June, the four classes will compete against each other in the final at the college (6pm- 7:30pm) in front of a team of judges to win £1000 for charity. I know the Year 8s are a competitive year group so I cannot wait to see who will come out on top. Keep up this great work for the remainder of the term Year 8!

Mrs. C Kendall, Head of Year 8



I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of each and every one of you for the thoughtful way you have approached choosing your GCSE curriculum preferences for Year 10. This is an important milestone in your school journey, and I have been impressed by the maturity, consideration and responsibility you have shown throughout the process.

Making decisions about future subjects can feel exciting, challenging and sometimes even a little daunting. By taking the time to reflect on your strengths, interests and ambitions, you have demonstrated the curiosity that is one of our school's core values. Your willingness to explore new opportunities and think carefully about your future is something to be celebrated.

As we now look ahead to your upcoming assessments, I encourage you to continue showing the resilience that has helped you achieve so much already. Assessments are an opportunity to demonstrate your learning, identify areas for growth and build confidence in your abilities. Remember that success comes not only from the final result but also from the effort, preparation and determination you show along the way.

Most importantly, continue to support one another with the kindness that makes our year group such a positive community. Encouraging your peers, celebrating each other's successes and helping one another through challenges are qualities that will always serve you well.

I wish you the very best of luck in your assessments and look forward to seeing all that you accomplish as you prepare for the exciting journey into Year 10.

Mrs. E Meek, Head of Year 9



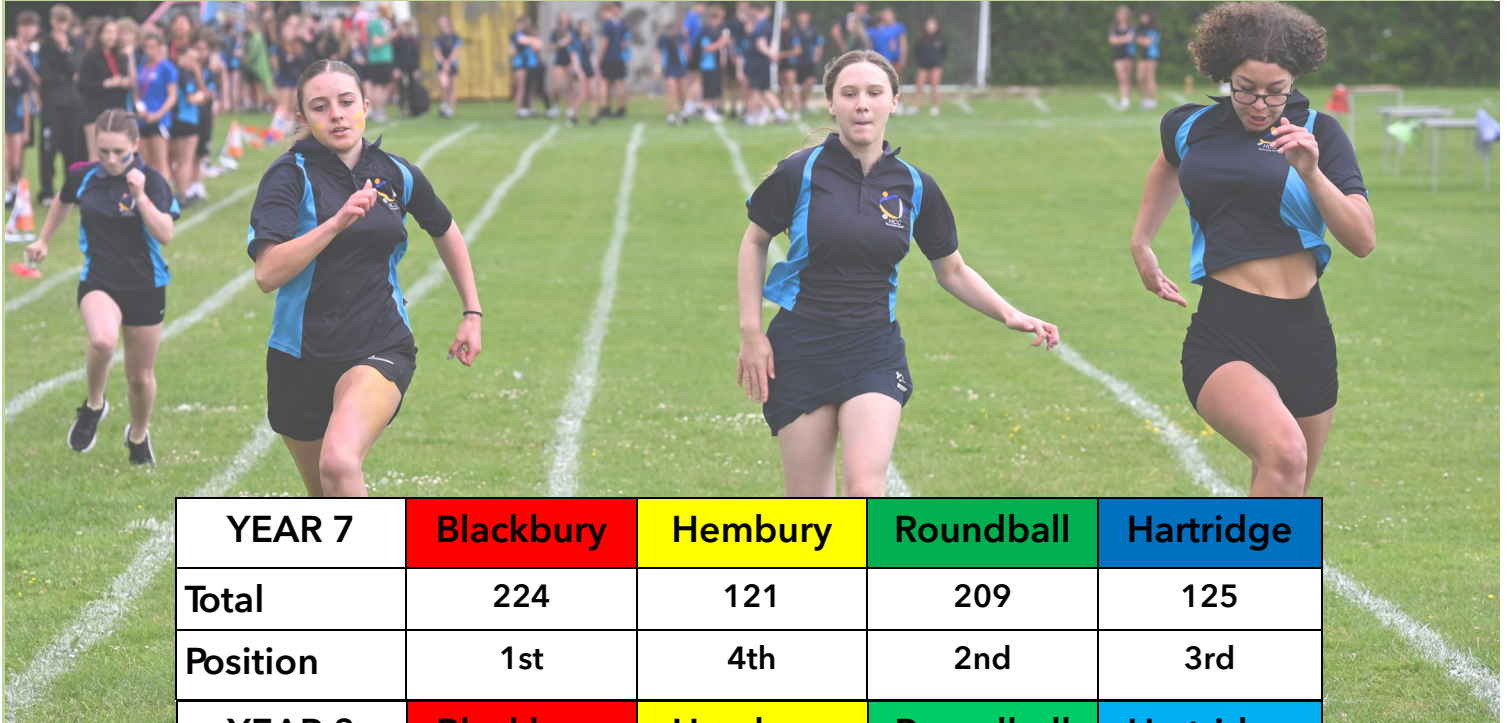
Year 10 have had a busy and successful term so far. Following a fantastic week of work experience, students took part in Sports Day with great enthusiasm. Their involvement and participation helped create a brilliant atmosphere throughout the day. Several Year 10 students also supported the running of events, demonstrating excellent leadership and helping to make the day a success.

This week, despite the extreme heat, Year 10 students have been undertaking their mock examinations and continue to impress with their maturity, resilience, and positive approach. By balancing revision, organisation, and wellbeing, they have demonstrated great determination and commitment throughout the exam period.

Year 10 are showing resilience and determination as they continue their journey towards success in their GCSE courses.

Mrs. L Roberts, Head of year 10

Sports Day House Results



YEAR 7	Blackbury	Hembury	Roundball	Hartridge
Total	224	121	209	125
Position	1st	4th	2nd	3rd
YEAR 8	Blackbury	Hembury	Roundball	Hartridge
Total	146	225	167	109
Position	3rd	1st	2nd	4th
YEAR 9	Blackbury	Hembury	Roundball	Hartridge
Total	144	108	91	186
Position	2nd	3rd	4th	1st
YEAR 10	Blackbury	Hembury	Roundball	Hartridge
Total	234	140	128	57
Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th

Careers

If you are having conversations with your children about futures do think about the Labour Market Information. Key information about what sectors have the greatest demand for employment and which sectors have few openings. Here in the South West we have a variety of growing industries and its worth looking at what the local colleges and post 16 options are offering in relation to the growth sectors

when planning their options. We also have some major business and organisations. Many offer virtual work experience giving an insight into their organisation - these can be done in your own time giving you a step up when applying for jobs and apprenticeships later on.

- **Key employment sectors:**

- Health & Social Care - not just clinical - all areas of NHS and healthcare
- Retail & Wholesale
- Education
- Accommodation, Food & Tourism
- Construction - continues to grow - all areas from trades to office roles.

- **Major economic strengths:** Tourism, healthcare, retail, public services

- **Growing opportunities:** Construction, health and social care, education, hospitality, and skilled trades.

- **Challenges:** Fewer jobs in high-tech, finance, and professional services compared with national averages,

WEEK B

Monday 29th June

- ◆ **Trip:** Axiom Maths @ Exeter University (08:30-15:30)

Tuesday 30th June

- ◆ Year 10 FutureSmart Careers Guidance
- ◆ First Give Presentation Evening in the Main Hall (18:00-20:00)

Wednesday 1st July

- ◆ Year 10 FutureSmart Careers Guidance
- ◆ Year 6 Welcome Evening (18:00-19:00)

Thursday 2nd July

- ◆ Year 10 FutureSmart Careers Guidance
- ◆ Year 11 **Trip:** Thorpe Park (07:00-19:30)
- ◆ **Trip:** Beach Awareness (09:00-15:00)
- ◆ Year 6 Welcome Evening (18:00-19:00)
- ◆ Year 5 Maths Event in the Main Hall (09:00-12:30)

Friday 3rd July

- ◆ PE Highly Able Team Building/Watersports
Year 8-10 Trip @ Orcombe Point (09:00-15:00)
- ◆ Year 11 **Prom** at Honiton Golf Club (18:00-23:00)

WEEK A

Tuesday 7th July

- ◆ Year 10 FutureSmart Careers Guidance
- ◆ HLC Games @ HCC Field (09:00-14:00)
- ◆ Awards Evening **Year 7 & 8** (18:00-19:00)

Thursday 9th July

- ◆ Awards Evening **Year 9 & 10** (18:00-19:00)

CELEBRATE



We will be celebrating our students' achievements during the final week of term.

As part of these celebrations, we present a number of awards and are currently seeking prize donations from local businesses and organisations.

We would be grateful for any prize donations and would be happy to publicise your company in return for your support.

If you are able to help, please contact:

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KIDS WEEK
SHOWS ANNOUNCED

A child aged 17 and under goes free when accompanied by an adult paying full price. Plus, an additional two children can attend for half price.

Kids Week performances will run from Monday 20 July – Monday 31 August and tickets are now on sale.

<https://officiallondontheatre.com/kids-week/>