

Principal's Post

Thursday 19 June



What a week it's been! The school has been full of energy, emotion and celebration as we mark some major milestones together.

We've said goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 and Year 13 students as they finish their exams and take the next steps in their journeys. Watching them walk out of their last exams with smiles, relief, and a real sense of achievement—was a special moment. They've shown such resilience, determination and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

We're also absolutely delighted to share the news of our recent Ofsted report. It reflects the spirit of our whole school community, the hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the strong partnerships we have with you, our families. Thank you for being part of this journey



There's still so much to look forward to. This evening we're celebrating creativity and talent at our CreATE Showcase (4–6pm), and on Friday we'll come together for Sports Day a much-loved event that brings out our school spirit in full force. That same evening, we'll be honouring our Year 13 students one last time at their Leavers' Meal. And next week, we're very excited for the Year 11 Prom always a highlight and a fitting celebration of everything they've accomplished.

As ever, I'm reminded how lucky we are to be part of such a kind, curious and resilient school community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



It is great to be part of a long-held tradition in Honiton with Poppy and Hannah taking a few hours out of their A-level revision to welcome in the new Mayor of Honiton, Mr Andrew Persall. Poppy delivered a wonderful speech about the town and the community that both have grown up in.

Friday sees the very last A-level exam being held in Honiton and whilst we await their exam results in August, as a team we could not have been prouder of how well they have managed themselves in this exam period. A vintage year to end on!

Mrs S Burroughs, Director of Post-16





In our most recent Year 7 assembly, we focused on the important theme of **resilience**—the ability to bounce back from setbacks and keep moving forward, even when things feel tough. It was a session that encouraged our students to reflect on how they respond to challenges and how they can grow from them.

To help us remember some simple ways to build resilience, we introduced the acronym **S.T.A.R.S.**:

- **Speak up** – Talk to someone. Don't bottle it up.
- **Try again** – Keep going. Mistakes are how we learn.
- **Ask for help** – You're not alone.
- **Reflect** – Think about what went wrong and what you've learned.
- **Self-care** – Look after yourself with rest, food, fun, and time out.

We reminded students that everyone experiences tough days, but those moments don't last forever. With the right mindset and support, they can grow stronger and more confident in handling whatever comes their way.

Thank you for continuing to support these important messages at home. Together, we can help our young people shine like stars—even on cloudy days.

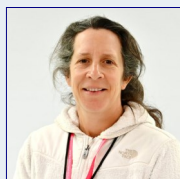
Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7



Jurassic Coast Challenge – 41 students took part in this amazing challenge run by Ted Wragg Trust Schools.

Congratulations to them all for completing either the 16km, 27km or 37 km along the Coast Path from Lyme Regis. Only three teams completed the longer distance to Budleigh Salterton of which two were Honiton CC teams – a fantastic achievement.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8



We are looking forward to being part of a pilot with Devon Links Team and the Police with them coming in to support Personal Development delivery in the next few weeks. The first session will take place this Wednesday. These will be interesting and informative sessions for our Year 9s.

We have a busy week with Athletics in Exeter and our Annual School Sports Day! With a wide range of events on offer, there's something for everyone to take part in – whether competing or cheering from the sidelines.

We're looking forward to an incredible atmosphere, with students proudly representing their houses and supporting one another. Let's make it a celebration of effort, teamwork, and school spirit.

Many of our Year 9s will also be involved in the Create Showcase on this Thursday evening so please do come and support.

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9



With mocks starting on Monday with English Literature in the afternoon, I wanted to wish all of the year good luck and encourage them to revise! I know exams can be daunting, but this is the time to let all of their hard work shine.

I also wanted to remind everyone that if the results don't go their way, to not be disheartened and give up - the next year will be about perseverance and resilience - making a real effort to learn from this experience and seek the advice and support from teachers and support staff where needed.

Miss E Lindsay, Head of Year 10

Visit to HCC from a Piano Trio from the London Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Over 60 of our musicians at HCC were invited to attend a special performance on Friday 6th June given by a visiting Piano Trio (Piano, Violin and Cello) from the London Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Mr Turner was offered the opportunity through the Guildhall Young Artists in Taunton for the musicians to visit the school.

The musicians played an amazing range of music,



including Brahms and a more modern piece. They hugely impressed our students with their level of musicianship and skill. This was a unique opportunity for our young musicians at HCC to see music of this quality and Mr Turner hopes to create further opportunities in the future for other musicians to visit and perform at the school.

Our musicians are preparing for Future Musicians Day on the 27th June!



Over 60 of our musicians at HCC have been invited to take part in Future Musicians Day which will be on the 27th June at the school. There will also be a further 57 students joining us from local Primary Schools to perform two pieces by music teacher and composer David

Gray through the Devon Music Hub. The pieces have been designed to be accessible to musicians at all levels. The two pieces which will be performed on the day are Lets Rock! And Boogie Woogie Blues.

Mr Turner led a 2-hour rehearsal in the Music Department on Thursday 12th June where all 60 HCC musicians rehearsed the two songs. Well done to all the students who took part in the rehearsal and for their hard work and resilience in preparing the music as we look forward to the event on the 27th June!



Sports Day Friday 20th June (Years 7–10)



Students in Years 7 to 10 will be taking part in the event will run during Periods 2 to 5, and all students are expected to participate.

Please note:

- Period 1 will run as normal, so students should arrive at school on time and bring their usual books and equipment for their first lesson.
- After Period 1, students will take part in Sports Day activities, so they should also come prepared with appropriate PE kit, water bottles, sun protection, and any necessary medication.

A quick reminder of the other details

- Students to come to school in PE kit and attend lesson one. They will then will be out on the field for sports all day.
- There will be refreshments available throughout the day including an ice cream van.
- A range of fun activities including giant darts and inflatable bungee run is also available at a cost of 50p per go.
- We recommend students to bring a maximum of £10 in cash.
- We have reminded students they are not permitted to bring their own face paints/glitters, these will be confiscated by tutors.
- Optional face paints will be provided by the tutors. It will be the student's responsibility to avoid these face paints if they have allergies. If unsure students can check the ingredients on the day or request them in advance via admin@honiton.college
- They will need sun screen and plenty of water, as well as a sun hat and sun glasses if necessary.

We are really looking forward to the event, as it presents a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves and compete against their peers from the other Houses.



Well done to the Honiton Community College Athletics Team!

On Thursday 22nd May, talented athletes travelled to Exeter Arena to compete against other schools from Exeter and East Devon.



The event was part of the qualifying rounds for the Exeter & East Devon team, who will go on to represent the region at the Devon Schools Championships on Saturday 14th June.



The weather was kind, creating perfect conditions for what turned out to be an excellent day of competition. Congratulations to all involved — your hard work, determination, and sportsmanship made the College proud!

Qualified for Devon Championships:

Josh Buckley – 3rd in Junior Boys Long Jump (4.65m)

Holly Rich – 1st in Intermediate Girls Shot (8.18m)

Mya Podbery – 1st in Intermediate Girls Javelin (17.42m)

Next Fortnightly Events

WEEK A

Monday 23 June

- ◆ Year 10 Mocks all week.

Tuesday 24 June

- ◆ Year 7 & 8 Maths Competition @ St James School Exeter (13.30 -16:30)
- ◆ Year 7 Rounders Competition @ Uffculme School (13:00 -16:00)

Thursday 26 June

- ◆ Ted Wragg Ability Counts Festival @ Honiton (16:00 -17:30)

Friday 27 June

- ◆ Future Musicians performance @ Honiton Drama Hall.
- ◆ Year 11 Prom @ Exeter Golf & Country Club.

WEEK B

Monday 30 June

- ◆ Year 10 Mocks continue all week.
- ◆ Year 10 Aspire to Excellence: navigating the journey to competitive UK universities @ Exeter School (07:45-16:00)

Wednesday 2 July

Year 6 Welcome Evening (18:00-19:00)

Thursday 3 July

Year 6 Welcome Evening (18:00-19:00)

Friday 4 July

- ◆ Year 8 Romeo and Juliet trip @ Exeter Northcott (09:00 -13:30)