

Principal's Post

Thursday 19 March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers, I hope you are well. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, it makes such a difference to our school community. It has been a busy and uplifting time in school, with our values of being *kind, curious and resilient* shining through in so

many ways.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of **Pi Week**, with students embracing challenges and showing real curiosity in their learning. We are also very much looking forward to our upcoming **Spring Concert**, which promises to be a wonderful celebration of students' creativity and talent.

This is an important time for many of our students, particularly Year 11, who have approached assessment week and their mock examinations with maturity and resilience. We are incredibly proud of their effort and determination.

It has also been fantastic to see our student leadership team building on the legacy of the **24-Hour Challenge**, showing initiative and a real commitment to our school community.

This Friday, we will be supporting **Red Nose Day**, with students leading a range of fundraising activities—thank you in advance for your generosity and encouragement.

We will also be marking **Odd Socks Day** on **Tuesday 24th March** in support of Down Syndrome Day. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate inclusion and individuality, and we hope students will enjoy taking part. We truly value your feedback, so please do take a moment to complete the parental survey via the link in this newsletter.

Key reminders:

- Non-Pupil Day: Monday 23rd March
- Odd Socks Day: Tuesday 24th March
- End of Term: Thursday 1st April (Easter holidays follow)

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping every **young person to thrive**.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



As we approach the end of another busy term. I would like to take a moment to congratulate our Year 7 students on completing their end of term assessments. Their focus and dedication during this period have been impressive, they should feel very proud of their hard work.

It is hard to believe we are over halfway through Year 7!! Our students have transitioned remarkably well into secondary school life and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and independence over the past few months.

As we move forward, I would like to remind all students in the importance of kindness and respect, we encourage all students to continue to support each other, treating peers and staff with utmost consideration.

With only 2 weeks to go until the Easter break, lets keep this positive momentum going for a strong finish to the term.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. K Lynch, Head of Year 7



I'm impressed with the Year 8's attitude to their end of cycle assessments so far this week. I have heard that some students have been revising hard and I'm sure you will see the benefits of this when you receive your results in a few weeks' time.

Please remember that it is Comic Relief this Friday the 20th of March. There are various activities going on during the day, please see Miss Kiely's email for more details. It would be wonderful to see as many of you participating as possible, especially wearing something red. Even if your contribution to the 'wear something red' element is small, it still shows that you are supporting this important event.

Also, a reminder that Monday 23rd March is a non-pupil day, use this day to have a well-earned rest after a hectic assessment week.

Mrs. C Kendall Head of Year 8



This week, all Year 9 students have successfully completed their English Assessment, and demonstrated remarkable resilience and curiosity throughout all their end-of-cycle assessments. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication!

We are excited to celebrate Red Nose Day this Friday with a non-uniform day and various fundraising events planned. It promises to be a fun-filled day for everyone, with activities that encourage community spirit and creativity!

Please remember that Monday, 23rd March, is a non-pupil day, so there will be no school. We encourage students to use this time for rest and personal projects.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community!

Mrs. E Meek, Head of year 9



Year 11 have now completed their mock examinations, and we were very pleased with how they approached the process. Students demonstrated strong focus, resilience and maturity throughout, a great reflection of their readiness for the summer exams.

We have recently sent a short form to students' school email accounts regarding their Post-16 destination plans. This should only take a few minutes to complete and is very important; it also allows us to offer support to any students who may need it, so please do encourage this to be completed.

On Friday 27th March, Year 11 will take part in their GCSE PE practical moderation with an external moderator. We wish all students the very best of luck.

As we approach the GCSE exam period, revision should now be in full swing. Keep up the focus and make the most of the time remaining.

There are just two weeks until the Easter holidays and only five academic weeks remaining until the first exam on 11th May, so maintaining momentum over the coming weeks will be key.

Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 11



As we approach the end of the Spring Term and the sun is starting to shine Year 10 have been taking their cycle 2 assessments and consolidating their learning.

Alongside their academic studies, D of E Silver participants have been busy preparing for their upcoming expedition. Well done to everyone who has now completed their Bronze award and received their certificates—congratulations on a fantastic achievement!

All year 10 had a talk this week from the NHS regarding clinical and non clinical roles in one of Europe's largest organisations'; they were specifically told about radiology and radiography -two exciting careers that offer opportunities in line with the labour market and the need for these positions to be filled.

Wishing all the girls heading to Rosylyn Park for the Girls Rugby next week the very best of luck! We know you'll be incredible and truly showcase what resilience is all about. We can't wait to hear all about your experience.

A reminder to make sure you're getting your work placement sorted, the deadline is creeping up, so it's important to stay on top of it. Let me know if you need any help. There is a drop-in session on a Monday lunchtime for those that need support in finding a placement. We can support them in finding suitable options if they're struggling. Many students have now secured placements, and it's exciting to see such a wide range of career sectors being explored.

Mrs. L Roberts, Head of year 10



The Year 11 Mock Exam period has now come to an end.

The school is very proud of the way students conducted themselves and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout. They will have gained valuable experience that will support them as they continue working towards success in the remainder of their course and GCSE exams.

To complete the mock exam process, we will be holding a purpose mock Results Day on Wednesday 1 April. (Further details will be shared in due course).

The rest of the school also took part in Assessment Week, which has gone very well!

PI DAY

HCC held a pi-tastic week of events
surrounding Pi day on March 14th last week!



Students explored the fascinating history of pi during assembly, enjoyed delicious pi-themed cookies in the canteen, and took part in a variety of daily activities in the library. From creating colourful pi bracelets to challenging themselves to memorise digits of pi, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The highlight of the week? A fantastic 100-digit pi paper chain, now proudly displayed in the library!

A big thank you to everyone who joined in and discovered a fun new way of looking at pi!



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Donations on the door towards the remaining cost of amplifier repairs and replacing the bass guitar strings

CreATE Musical Department

A whole-hearted thank you to everyone who has generously donated musical instruments to the Music Department over the past year.



Your support has been truly remarkable, with contributions ranging from drum kits to organs, and from violins to electric guitars.

Your kindness is making a real difference and helping our students thrive.



The Annual TWT Parent Survey is



Now
Open
Prize Draw



Complete our parent survey (anonymously) and then leave your name to be entered into our prize draw for the chance to win a £50 voucher

(All answers will remain anonymous and the prize draw is administered by Edurio to ensure confidentiality is maintained)

Our Annual Parent Survey is now open, and we've sent the link directly to families via email. Your feedback plays a vital role in helping us grow, improve, and provide the very best experience for our students,

If you've received the link, please take a few minutes to complete the survey, All responses are anonymous, and every voice truly matters.

Thank you for your continued support

#HonitonCommunityCollege #ParentVoice

#SchoolCommunity #FeedbackMatters

#Working Together #Education #YourOpinionCounts



COMIC
RELIEF

FRIDAY 20
MARCH

- *Non-School Uniform Day Students who wish to take part are asked to contribute £1
- *Charity Cake Sale at Lunchtime, all proceeds go to Comic Relief!
- *Wear something RED!
(Not required, but if you do) You will receive a RAFFLE TICKET Prize draw during Period 5!

Our fantastic Student Leadership Team are once again taking on an inspiring 24-hour challenge. This year, they will attempt to cover the combined distance equivalent to travelling to all the Premiership Rugby clubs across England—testing their endurance, teamwork, and determination.

Every step, mile, and effort will be in support of an incredible cause. The team are raising money for the **My Name's5 Doddie Foundation**, a charity dedicated to funding vital research into effective treatments for motor neurone disease (MND).

Students will be staying overnight at school and taking turns cycling continuously to cover a total distance of 2,000 km. They will begin on 1st April and aim to complete the challenge the following day.

We would be incredibly grateful for any support you can offer. If you would like to make a donation to the charity, please use the link or scan the QR code below.



Honiton Community College 24 Hour Challenge

- 2000 km
- 24 Hours
- 0 sleep!

Student Leaders are cycling 2,000 km in 24 hours on gym bikes—matching the distance between all 10 Premiership Rugby Clubs—to raise money for MND research.

Staff and students at HCC will ride through the night. Funds will be go to the **My Name is Doddie Foundation**, honouring the rugby community affected by MND



Fundraising in
support of

MY
NAME'S
DODDIE
FOUNDATION



IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Wednesday 1st - Thursday 2nd April

EASTER RAFFLE

From Friday 20 March until Thursday 2 April

We will be selling raffle tickets for our BIG EASTER EGG HAMPER. Over 10 eggs and other yummy chocolate items in one big hamper!

Buy your tickets from the Cake Sale on Friday 20 March [lunch break, outside the library] and from Student Reception or the Main Reception [if you are a parent] from next week!! You've got to be in it to win it.

Proceeds go to My Name's Doddie Foundation.



MY
NAME'S
DODDIE
FOUNDATION



Wear your most colourful, mismatched and unique socks to celebrate

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

TUESDAY 24 MARCH



WEEK A

MONDAY 23 March

◆ **Non Pupil Day**

- ◆ Year 9 Rugby @ Rosslyn Park National 7s Rugby Tournament (15:15)

TUESDAY 24 March

- ◆ Return Year 9 Rugby @ Rosslyn Park (19:00)
- ◆ Honiton Learning Community, Dance Festival @ HCC Dance Studio (10:00-12:15)
- ◆ Odd Sock Day

WEDNESDAY 25 March

- ◆ Start of Year 11 CreATE Practicals (25 –27 March)
- ◆ East Devon U13 Boys Football League week 3 @ King's (15:10-18:00)
- ◆ Year 10 and 11 girls @ Rosslyn Park National 7s Rugby Tournament

THURSDAY 26 March

- ◆ Return Year 10 and 11 girls @ Rosslyn Park National 7s Rugby Tournament (18:30)
- ◆ U12 East Devon Netball Tournament @ King's (13:30-17:00)

WEEK B

Monday 30 March

- ◆ Year 11 CreATE Practicals (30 March-2 April)

TUESDAY 31 March

- ◆ Spring Music Concert (18:30)

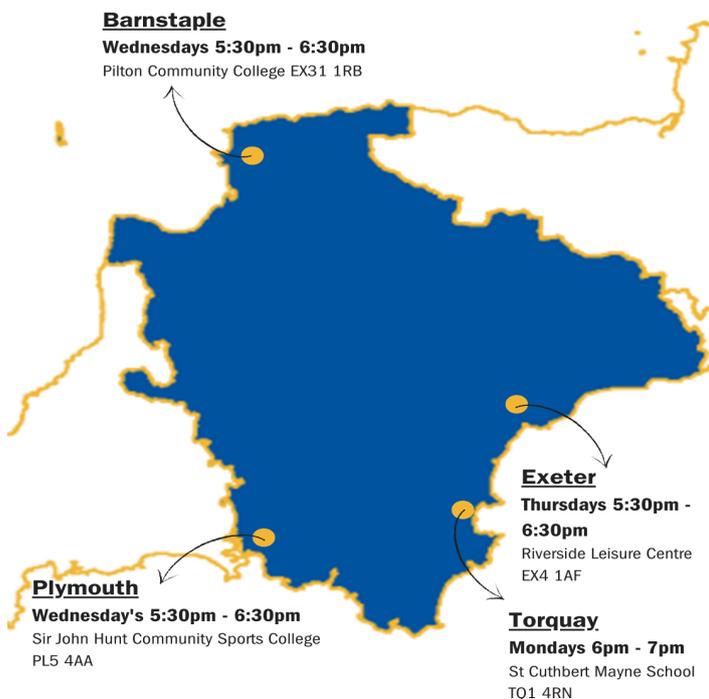
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

- ◆ 24 hour 2000km Challenge start 15:00
- ◆ Purpose Year 11 Mock result day

FRIDAY 2 APRIL

- ◆ 24 hour 2000km Challenge finish 15:00
- ◆ Last Day of Spring Term

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