



Principal's Post

Thursday 10th September 2026

Welcome Message



It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to HCC for the start of another academic year. The school has quickly come back to life, and there is a real sense of energy, excitement and purpose around the building.

A particularly warm welcome goes to all of our **new students and their families**. It has been lovely to see our new students settling into school life and beginning to find their feet as part of the HCC family. We have already seen so many examples of students being kind to one another, helping new faces find their way and making others feel welcome. We hope that every new student is beginning to feel that they belong.

It has also been fantastic to see our returning students looking so smart and ready for the year ahead. Our **Year 11 students have been wearing their new hoodies with great pride**, embracing their role as the senior students in our school community. We are looking forward to seeing them demonstrate the resilience and leadership that we know they are capable of throughout this important year.

We have also been really pleased with how positively students have responded to the introduction of our **phone pouch system**. Thank you to students and families for supporting this change. It has been encouraging to see students adapting so quickly and showing that they are **curious** about the opportunities around them — engaging with their learning, talking with one another and making the most of being fully present in school.

As we begin the year, our three values of **Kind, Curious and Resilient** remain at the heart of what we want for every HCC student. We want our young people to be kind in the way they treat others, curious in the way they approach their learning and the world around them, and resilient when things are challenging.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families into school for our **Meet the Tutor Evening** later this month. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's tutor, hear about the year ahead and strengthen the partnership between home and school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a very positive start to the new academic year, and we are excited about all that lies ahead for our students.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal

Messages from the Heads of Year



It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and I am delighted to welcome all of our Year 7 students and their families to our school community.

I am sure those first-day nerves from Monday are now becoming a distant memory! Starting secondary school is a significant milestone. It brings new opportunities, new friendships and, of course, a few new challenges. It has been wonderful to see our Year 7 students settling into their new routines and embracing everything that secondary school has to offer.

Their enthusiasm, **resilience** and positive attitude have been brilliant to see.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to support our students as they grow in confidence, develop their independence and embrace the many opportunities available to them throughout secondary school.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support during this important transition. Your encouragement at home makes a real difference, and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure your child has a happy, successful and memorable Year 7 experience.

There is so much more to look forward to in Year 7, and I am excited to see our students flourish, make wonderful memories and achieve their full potential.

Welcome to the HCC family, Year 7! We are absolutely delighted to have you with us!

Welcome Back, Year 8!

A very warm welcome back to all our Year 8 students and their families. I hope everyone had a well-deserved break and has returned feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

It has been fantastic to see our Year 8 students settling back into school life, reconnecting with friends and embracing the start of a new academic year.

Year 8 is an exciting stage of secondary school, bringing greater independence, new challenges and plenty of opportunities to grow both academically and personally. This year, we will be encouraging students to build on our school values of being **Kind, Curious and Resilient**.

Year 8 is a great opportunity to build on everything achieved in Year 7, take greater responsibility for learning and behaviour, and continue to develop into positive role models within our school community. There will undoubtedly be challenges along the way, but there will also be plenty of successes, laughter and wonderful memories to be made!

I am confident that Year 8 will have a fantastic year, and I look forward to working with our students, parents and carers throughout the year and celebrating the many successes that Year 8 will undoubtedly bring. Here's to a happy, successful and memorable Year 8!

Aim high, get involved and enjoy the journey!

Kylie Lynch, Head of Year 7 & 8

Messages from the Heads of Year



Welcome back to a brand-new school year!

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead in Year 9.

This is an important year for you all. It is a time to build on everything you have learned so far, develop your confidence and embrace new challenges.

Please remember that success is not about being perfect; it is about showing resilience and making progress every day. Every effort you make contributes to your journey and helps you move closer to your goals.

As you begin this first term, I encourage you to look at your lessons with a new perspective. Think carefully about which subjects you enjoy, where you are making progress and which ones you could see yourself continuing with this time next year.

Above all, remember to follow our school values of **Kindness, Curiosity and Resilience** as you begin this new chapter.

Make this your year, believe in yourself and make every opportunity count!

Charlotte Kendall, Head of Year 9



It has been great to see students after the summer break as they begin their Year 10 journey.

This is an important milestone, as all students have now started their Key Stage 4 journey, with GCSE classes and BTEC classes now underway.

Year 10 brings a fresh focus and an exciting sense of purpose, as students settle into the next stage of their learning and begin to build the foundations for the year ahead.

Alongside this new chapter comes increased responsibility, as Year 10 students are now some of the older students in school. This is an excellent opportunity for them to show maturity and to personify the school values of kind, curious and resilient, living the Honiton Way every day. There are lots of opportunities to look forward to this year, including work experience placements in June, which will provide an important chance to develop confidence and prepare for the future. It's never too early to start planning work experience!

We are also delighted to have introduced new Academic Planners, along with information to support students through this year. These are valuable tools to help students stay organised, focused and ready to make the most of all that Year 10 has to offer. Keep sparkling Year 10."

Emily Meek, Head of Year 10



Welcome Back to Year 11

What a year we have ahead of us!

First, I must congratulate all those students who took their English Literature exam. It was lovely to see them on Results Day, and what a fantastic achievement for them all. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and success.

The Year 11s returned with smiles on their faces and were ready to learn. They also received their hoodies, which, of course, caused much excitement on Day 1!

There are lots of changes as the students move into Year 11, with our focus firmly on helping every student get the most out of their potential during this important year.

This term, students will be attending college open days, exploring different courses and beginning the application process. They will also be preparing themselves for their next steps beyond school, allowing them to focus fully on their studies and upcoming exams.

There are lots of exciting things happening throughout the year, and we are already looking ahead to our Year 11 Prom, which is booked for 23rd June 2027. So, for those thinking of taking advantage of cheaper holidays after exams, you can start planning ahead!

We look forward to seeing you at the **Year 11 Information Evening on 17th September** and to working together to make this a successful and memorable year for our students.

Here's to an exciting Year 11!

Lucy Roberts, Head of Year 11

★ ➡ Week B ⚡ ★



Wednesday 16 September
Year 10 Core Highways (12:00-16:00)



Thursday 17 September
Year 10 Rugby v Uffculme @ Tiverton (15:05-18:00)
Meet the Tutors & Y11 Information Evening (15.45-19:00)

★ ➡ Week A ⚡ ★



Tuesday 22 September
Year 10 Rugby Cup v Isca @HCC (15:30-17:00)



Wednesday 23 September
Year 10 Supacat Engineering Day (09:00-15:00)
U13 Boy's Rugby @ Sidmouth (15:05-17:30)



Thursday 24 September
Year 5/6 Open Morning Option (9.30-10.30am)
Year 7 Digital Skills Day (10:00-15:00)
Netball Tournament: U16 ED Schools @ King's School (14:00-16:30)



AUTUMN TERM 2026



Monday 26 October to Friday 6 November 2026
– Two-week Half Term



Monday 9 November 2026
– Start of Autumn Half Term 2



Monday 14 December 2026
– Non-Student Day



Friday 18 December 2026
– Last day of Term

GET
ACTIVE
MAKE
FRIENDS
HAVE FUN!



PE Clubs

Autumn 2026

Something
for everyone...



MONDAY



TEAM
SPIRIT!

Girls Football
(indoor football)

1:30-1:55

All

Sports Hall

AFO/LOU

Netball

3:05-4:15

All

LED courts

LRO/LOU
Netball Leaders

Get Active Gym*
(See LED for details)

3:05-4:15

11-15 years

LED gym

LED instructors

TUESDAY



NEW
SKILLS!

Darts

1:30-1:55

9-11

Dance Studio

AFO/LLA

Badminton

1:36-1:55

7-9

Sports Hall

ELE

Get Active Gym*
(See LED for details)

3:05-4:15

11-15 years

LED gym

LED instructors

WEDNESDAY



STRONGER
HEALTHIER
HAPPIER

Fitness Suite

Fitness, Health & Well-being

1:30-1:55

7-9

HCC Fitness Suite

LOU

Table tennis

1:30-1:55

All

Gym

ATA/LLA

Get Active Gym*
(See LED for details)

3:05-4:15

11-15 years

LED gym

LED instructors

THURSDAY



PLAY
TOGETHER

Boys Football (indoor football)

1:30-1:55

7-9

Sports Hall

ATA /
Football Leaders

Fitness Suite

Fitness, Health & Well-being

1:30-1:55

7-9

HCC Fitness Suite

LLA

Dance Club

1:30-1:55

All

Dance Studio

Dance Leaders / LOU

Rugby (Boys) Sep-Oct ½ term
Rugby (Girls) Oct ½ term-Christmas

3:05-4:00

All

College Field

MHA
Rugby Leaders

Get Active Gym*
(See LED for details)

3:05-4:15

11-15 years

LED gym

LED instructors

FRIDAY



GO
FOR IT!

Sports Academy
Strength and Conditioning

1:30-1:55

Academy students
(by invitation only)

HCC Fitness Suite

AFO

Girls Rugby

1:30-1:55

All

College Field

Exeter Chiefs

**Sports Leadership &
GCSE revision/
DofE evidence logging**

1:30-1:55

Relevant students

R04

ATA

Get Active Gym*
(See LED for details)

3:05-4:15

11-15 years

LED gym

LED instructors

SPORT • FITNESS • FRIENDS • YOU!

* See LED for details



An Action East Devon Service

HEADLIGHT HONITON

Supporting our young people's mental health

LAUNCHING IN SEPTEMBER!

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING REFERRALS

Peer Support Groups & 1-2-1 Mentoring
for young people aged 13-18



Peer Support Groups

Building resilience & confidence
to manage mental health symptoms



1-2-1 Mentoring

Personalised support when
you need it most



Fortnightly

Monday evenings
6 - 8pm

13-18 year olds

REFERRALS
now open!

The new Honiton group will be
open to young people
aged 13-18 and will meet
fortnightly on a Monday evening,
at Honiton Family Church in
the High Street

LAUNCHING
28th SEPTEMBER 2026

A new, peer to peer support
group for young people, aged
13-18

ACTION EAST DEVON



THRIVING IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Increased sense of belonging
Greater self-awareness
Understanding difficult emotions
Strategies for anxiety
Increased self-belief
Develop resilience
Positive future goals

Year 8 students to take part in an
8-week after-school programme called
Thriving in School, delivered in
partnership with Action East Devon.

This will be starting in September 2026!
The workshops have been designed to
help Year 8 students strengthen their
sense of belonging, self-awareness,
emotional wellbeing, confidence and
resilience.

Numbers are limited, so parents/carers
are encouraged to express an interest
as soon as possible by completing the
referral form using the link

<https://docs.google.com/forms>
or by using the QR code provided.

At Honiton Community College

8 WEEK-AFTER SCHOOL- PROGRAMME

- 8 x 1 hour sessions for year 8 pupils.
- Starting in September 2026.
- Trained Action East Devon Wellbeing Worker and HCC Mental Health Coach.
- A free service with refreshments provided.

Autumn Term
2026/27

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