



HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Newsletter

July 2026



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As we reach the end of another wonderful academic year, I am filled with pride as I reflect on the many experiences and achievements that have made it so memorable. From our music, art and culinary showcases to the inspiring learning taking place in classrooms every day, our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination.

There have been so many highlights: careers opportunities with Core Highways, thoughtful and passionate First Give presentations, an exciting Transition Week for our newest students, and of course, seeing our Year 11 students sparkle at their Prom in its beautiful new venue at Honiton Golf Club. The list truly does go on.

As you read through this final newsletter of the academic year, I hope you enjoy celebrating just some of the many moments that have made this term so special. Each article reflects the talent, commitment and ambition of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the strength of the partnerships we share with our families and wider community.

Thank you to our students, staff, families and our wider community for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have much to celebrate. I wish everyone a happy, restful summer and look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year filled with opportunity, achievement and success.

Mrs C Brothwood, *Principal*



Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding over the summer holidays



Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that if you are concerned about a child or young persons welfare over the summer holidays please contact **The Front Door (MASH)** directly. The Front Door incorporates the **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** and receives all the requests for early help and safeguarding support from people who are worried and concerned about children. These requests can come from professionals, but also members of the public, family members and young people themselves.

Please contact them via 0345 155 1071 Monday - Thursday 9-5pm and Friday 9-4pm or the Emergency Duty Team on 0345 6000 388 during all other times

You can also report any concerns directly to the Police via 101 or 999 depending on the urgency.

Mental Health Support for Young People over the holidays

In our safeguarding assemblies and tutor sessions our students have been learning who they can contact over the holidays if they need support outside of their family network. There are a wide range of agencies available most of whom students can contact via telephone call, message or by using their online chat facilities.

Mrs Clara Rose, Senior Leader, Designated Safeguarding Lead and Well-Being Lead

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On Wednesday 3rd June the CreATE Department held their annual Summer Showcase event.



This end-of-year exhibition is always a fantastic opportunity to highlight students' work in Fine Art, 3D Design and Photography. It's a wonderful platform for GCSE students to share their portfolios with their friends and family and for us to celebrate all their hard work and creative talents.



To make the afternoon really go with a swing, Music students entertained visitors with an open rehearsal and our brilliant Food and Nutrition students provided delicious scones and lemonade. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. We received some lovely feedback from so many guests who were blown away with the incredible talent on display.

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Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Thursday 2nd July Honiton Community College Mathematics Department hosted the Year 5 Maths Challenge competition.



We were delighted to host year 5 teams from Offwell, Awliscombe, Littletown and Honiton primary schools who competed in problem-solving tasks and challenges aiming to be crowned the winner of the HCC Maths Challenge trophy 2026. After a long morning of intense competition and some amazing teamwork from all who attended there was only 13 points separating all the 8 teams and the eventual winners were Littletown Primary School.



Huge congratulations to the Littletown team for their victory and thank you to all the teams who entered, worked exceptionally hard and made it such an enjoyable and rewarding morning for all.





Equalex Pilot Scheme

Working in partnership with Core Highways, HCC Careers, and the Maths Department, we developed curriculum resources to bring Key Stage 3 mathematics to life through real-world applications.

The project aimed to:

- Give students an insight into how maths is used within Traffic Management Systems (TMS), specifically through the work of Core Highways.
- Motivate students by helping them understand the relevance of mathematics to future careers.
- Raise aspirations by embedding careers within the maths curriculum.



Mathematical & practical Skills:

Highlight the mathematical and practical skills required to design and implement effective Traffic Management Systems.

As a result of this collaboration, two Year 7 maths lessons were created and delivered, focusing on the sequencing of traffic lights and the calculation of speeds, distances, and the positioning of cones and signs within a traffic management system. These lessons enabled students to apply mathematical concepts to authentic industry scenarios, demonstrating how classroom learning translates into real-life careers



Bringing together:

Education and industry, the project successfully brought mathematics to life, helping students recognise the value of maths beyond the classroom while increasing awareness of career opportunities within the highways and traffic management sector.





Sports Day took place on Wednesday 17 June, and was fantastic to see so many students taking part and participating enthusiastically in a wide range of events throughout the day.

Their energy, determination and support for one another created a wonderful atmosphere from start to finish. The relay races, which included both students and staff, provided an exciting and memorable finale to a successful Sports Day.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all of our students for their outstanding efforts, and a special congratulation to those who achieved new school records. The new student records and overall House results are shown below.

10	George Hopper	Hembury	Long Jump	5m 52cm
9	Darcey Lane	Hartridge	Long Jump	4m 25cm
9	Trudy Anning	Hartridge	High Jump	1m 38cm
8	Sam Walford	Roundball	Rowing	778m
8	Noah Lowman	Blackbury	High Jump	1m 50cm
8	Ella Mojekwu	Hembury	100m	14.33sec
7	Thea Small	Roundball	Shot Put	7m 73cm
7	Ed Watts	Blackbury	Rowing	723m



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





PE has changed at Honiton Community

Our aim is to help every child develop a positive, lifelong relationship with movement through **physical literacy**. It's not just about sporting ability—it's about building confidence, enjoyment and healthy active habits.

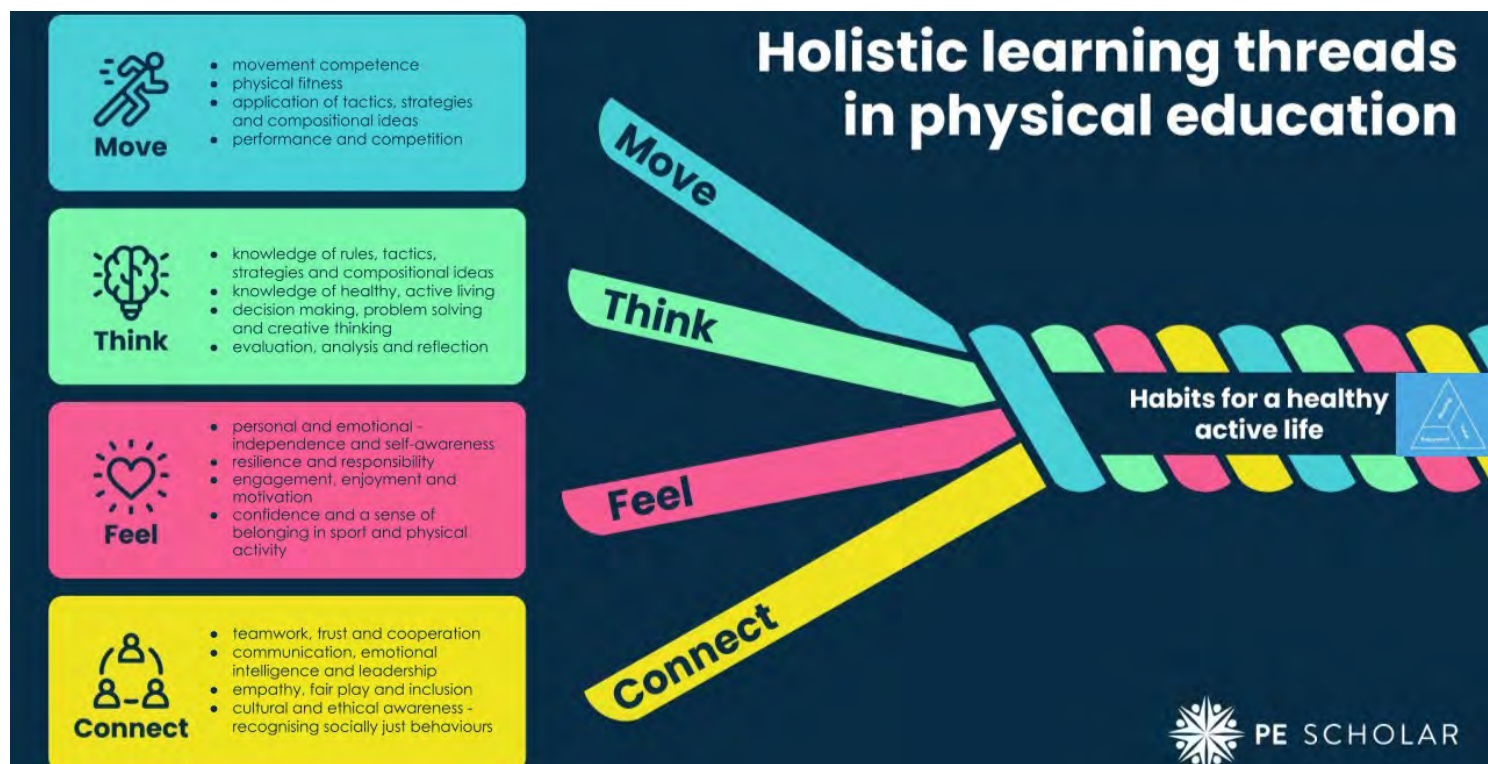
Our PE curriculum includes a wide range of sports, fitness, dance and outdoor activities. Students learn to **Move, Think, Feel and Connect**, with success measured by effort, personal progress and enjoyment. The diagram below shows the 16 elements that support this approach.



Building skills for life

Our PE lessons use movement to develop essential life skills, helping pupils thrive in and beyond the classroom, including:

- **Resilience and commitment:** Learning to keep going when things get tough.
- **Teamwork and communication:** Working well with others and having the confidence to speak up.
- **Leadership and problem-solving:** Taking charge and finding creative solutions to challenges.



We want to hear from you

We want PE to be a safe, happy, and welcoming experience for every child.

If your child has any worries about PE, or if there's anything we can do to better support them, please get in touch. Working together, we can help every child enjoy being active and develop a lifelong love of movement.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils lead happy, healthy, and active lives.

Mr Taylor (Head of Sport & Physical Education)



HCC PE Highly Able students enjoyed a well-deserved team building excursion to Exmouth Watersports where they enjoyed some fun water sports and a BBQ lunch courtesy of Mr Taylor and Mr Forsyth.





A group of Year 7 Girls enjoyed a Love Your Beach Day organised by School Games with the Sideshore Project.



Sea Safety: Students participate in water safety and safer swimming sessions led by groups like Sea Swim Devon, combined with informative "meet the lifeguard" talks and beach flag training by the RNLI Exmouth.

Environmental Education: Marine biology workshops, co-developed by researchers at the University of Exeter taught the students about marine eco-systems and the importance of protecting the coast from pollution.



Creative Arts: Students took part in beach cleans and use the collected plastic waste to create artworks hosted by groups such as Charlie's Beach School.

Class of 2026

Shirt Signing

The Year 11 students celebrated their Leavers' Day Assembly, marking the end of an important chapter at HCC. The occasion was a chance to reflect on their achievements, growth, and the many memories created over the past five years.

Students also impressed with their creative shirt designs for the traditional signing celebration, showcasing the individuality and spirit of this fantastic year group.

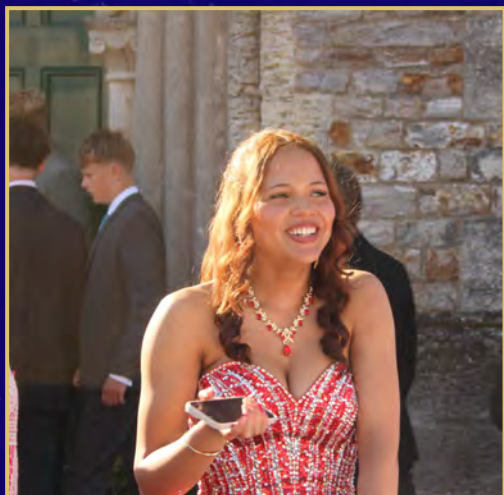
We wish them every success as they begin the next chapter of their journeys.





PROM CLASS 2026

On Friday 3rd July, our Class of 2026 celebrated the end of their GCSE journey in style at the beautiful Honiton Golf Club. After months of hard work, revision and exams, it was wonderful to see our students come together for an evening of celebration, laughter and unforgettable memories.



Students arrived dressed to impress, with an incredible variety of elegant gowns, smart suits, stylish outfits, and some incredible transport choices making for a truly spectacular entrance. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying the evening, celebrating their achievements and spending time together before beginning the next chapter of their lives.



The atmosphere throughout the evening was fantastic, with students dancing the night away and making the very most of their final celebration together as Year 11 – they were still requesting songs at 11pm!



PROM CLASS 2026

One of the highlights of the evening was our Prom Awards, voted for by the students themselves. Congratulations to our Prom King, Josh and Prom Queen, L. as well as all of the winners and runners-up in our fun award categories – rather ironically, the winner of the 'Most Likely to Lose the Winning Lottery Ticket' forgot their trophy.



A huge thank you to Honiton Golf Club and their staff; Westcountry Photobooths for the amazingly fun photos and props; It's Your Day for our beautiful balloons and all the staff who gave up their evening to make the event such a success and for all of your encouragement for this year group. Your hard work and support helped create a memorable evening for our students.



Finally, thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout your child's journey at Honiton Community College. It has been a privilege to watch this year group grow over the past five years, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

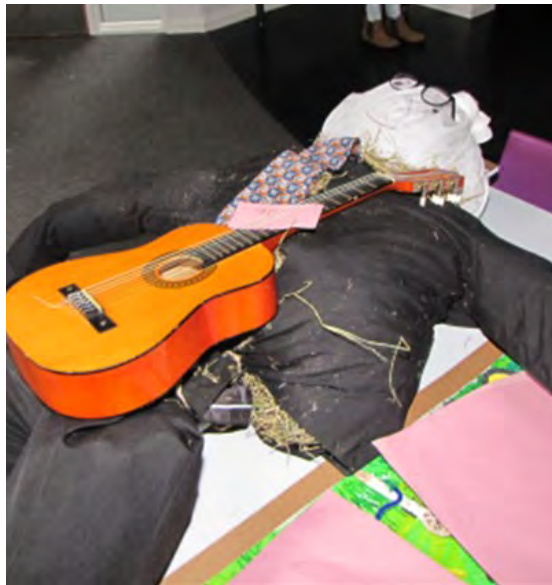
We wish the Class of 2026 every success for the future and look forward to hearing about all they accomplish in the years ahead. Congratulations, Class of 2026!



First Give Honiton Community College Students Make a Lasting Difference

Year 8 students at Honiton Community College have demonstrated the power of young people to make a real difference in their local community through this year's First Give programme

Throughout the year, Year 8 students have taken part in the First Give programme, exploring social issues, working with local charities, and supporting causes that matter in the Honiton community.



Working in teams, students partnered with five local charities, learning about the challenges they address before planning and delivering their own social action projects. Their initiatives included organising a community scarecrow competition, running a bake sale and leading a hygiene products donation drive, which collected more than **200 essential items worth over £600** for local people in need.



First Give

The programme culminated in the Honiton Community College First Give Final on **30 June 2026**, where student teams presented their work to an expert judging panel made up of **Richard Foord MP**, Honiton Mayor **Serena Sexton**, Principal **Caroline Brothwood**, and one of the school's Year 11 student leaders **Annie**.



Students delivered exceptional presentations, showcasing teamwork, communication, compassion and a commitment to helping others. The winning team, representing **Children's Hospice South West**, impressed judges with their fundraising impact and campaign, securing an additional £1,000 First Give grant. Across the year group, students raised over £680 for local charities, making a valuable contribution to the community.

Richard Foord MP praised the students, saying:

"What a thoughtful group of young people. Year 8 students from Honiton Community College impressed the judging panel with their creativity, communication skills and genuine empathy for the charities they represented. They made parents, teachers and the charities incredibly proud—and they certainly made the judges' task very difficult!"



The First Give programme reflects Honiton Community College's commitment to developing kind, curious and resilient citizens. This year's programme helped students build leadership, teamwork and public speaking skills while making a positive impact on local charities.



INNOVATION COMPETITION

Tuesday 7th July



Year 7 students **Willow, Caitlin and Phoebe** proudly represented their school in this year's **Ted Wragg Innovation Competition**, accompanied by **Mrs Nixon**.

The team developed an inspiring campaign focused on creating habitats for bees and organising a whole-school eco event to raise awareness of the importance of protecting pollinators.

Throughout the competition, the students demonstrated outstanding curiosity, exploring creative ways to support local wildlife while encouraging others to take action. They worked together with kindness, supporting one another at every stage of the project, and showed remarkable resilience as they developed and delivered their own presentation.

Their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment to environmental sustainability made them excellent ambassadors for the school and a credit to their year group



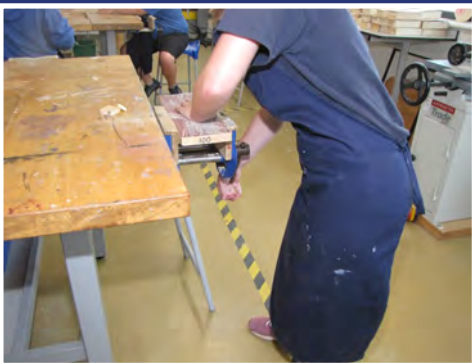
Transition Week: 6th–10th July

Transition Week was a huge milestone for Year 6 -7 students, and every one of them demonstrated outstanding confidence and resilience throughout the week. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement as they embraced this new chapter.

The students approached every opportunity with positivity, curiosity, and determination, making the most of each induction activity and lesson.

A successful transition is the result of the students' hard work, the careful planning and dedication of our staff, and the invaluable support of the families. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who played a part in making the week such a success.

Below are some highlights from the induction lessons. We are incredibly proud of everything our students achieved during Transition Week and look forward to welcoming them back in September, ready for a great year.





EXPEDITION

DofE SILVER AWARD

In June, our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award team successfully completed a challenging three-day expedition through unfamiliar terrain along the beautiful Dorset coastline.



The five-student team set off from Lower Eype, following the stunning coastal path to Abbotsbury before turning inland for the return leg two days later. Along the way, they passed through several picturesque Dorset villages, including Burton Bradstock, West Bexington, Puncknowle and West Bay



As part of their expedition, the team gave a presentation on the wildlife and plant species they encountered, including a sighting of the elusive hare and other species native to the Dorset countryside.

Despite strong winds and changeable weather, the team worked exceptionally well together, supporting one another and demonstrating the teamwork and resilience that are central to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Camp was expertly pitched each evening, spirits stayed high, and plenty of food was enjoyed throughout the expedition. It was impressive to see how much everyone could carry, and eat! No names mentioned!

Most importantly, the team showed determination, independence, and strong problem-solving skills, contributing to a successful and enjoyable expedition.



Congratulations to all five students on this fantastic achievement!

Completing a Silver DofE expedition is a significant accomplishment and a valuable addition to your CV, university applications, and future prospects. You should all be extremely proud of what you have achieved. Well done!



Gold DofE 70th Anniversary Celebration – Buckingham Palace

We are incredibly proud of former students Oliver Davis and Sam Dawkins, who both achieved their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award during their time in Post-16 at Honiton.

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award 70th Anniversary celebrations, Oliver was invited to attend the prestigious event at Buckingham Palace in recognition of his achievement.

Achieving a Gold DofE Award is a remarkable accomplishment, with only around 5% of participants completing the award. Although Sam was unable to attend the celebration due to prior commitments, we are equally proud of his outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Oliver and Sam from everyone at the College!



The DofE Manager at Honiton and Vicky, the Area Representative for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award charity.



Year 10 Experience Week

A huge shout out to all the employers who have welcomed one of our Year 10 students for a work placement this week!

These placements provide such a valuable opportunity for our students to gain first-hand experience of the workplace, develop new skills, and build confidence in a real-life working environment.

We are incredibly grateful to the wide range of employers who have given their time and support to our school. Your commitment makes a genuine difference to our students' futures.

One of the highlights is always hearing from our students after their placements. Listening to them share how much they enjoyed the week, everything they learned, and how many have come away feeling inspired and motivated with a career path in mind is truly rewarding.



Thank you once again to every employer who has helped make this experience so meaningful.



Year 10 students recently enjoyed an exciting taster day at Bicton College, where they had the opportunity to experience college life and explore a range of vocational courses.

Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of practical, hands-on activities, met experienced tutors, and explored the excellent facilities across the campus. The visit provided a valuable insight into a range of career pathways, including agriculture, animal care, and environmental studies.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, describing the day as both informative and inspiring. The visit encouraged them to think about their future education and career aspirations while giving them a taste of the exciting opportunities available beyond school.



On Tuesday 23rd June, 30 members of the HCC Singing Group, accompanied by Mr Turner and Mrs Creed, attended the Inspire Exeter and East Devon Music Collaboration Day at St Peter's School, Exeter.

Joining around 300 young musicians from local primary and secondary schools, our students took part in workshops, learnt new songs, and performed them in the afternoon concert.

They also enjoyed performances by the Devon Youth Orchestra and St Peter's Jazz Band. A fantastic day of music and collaboration was enjoyed by all!



Celebrating Student Success at Awards Evening



Our Awards Evenings were a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students and the positive contribution they make to our school community.

The evenings recognised not only academic success, but also the everyday actions that reflect our core values of **Kindness, Curiosity and Resilience**. From students who consistently support and encourage others, to those who embrace new challenges and persevere through difficulties, each award winner demonstrated qualities that inspire us all. It was a proud occasion for families, staff and students alike, highlighting the dedication, determination and character that help make our school such a vibrant and successful community. Congratulations to all of our award recipients and to every student who strives each day to live our values.

Old Digital Cameras Wanted



We'd be very grateful if you have an old digital camera, along with its charger and battery, that's no longer being used and is tucked away in a drawer or cupboard.

If you do, we'd love to give it a new lease of life in our GCSE Photography classes, where it can be put to creative use by our students.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Image captured by a Year 11 student



Attendance Matters

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank the Honiton Community College community for the warm welcome I have received since joining in September 2025. It has been a privilege to get to know our students, families and staff, and I am grateful to be part of such a supportive community.

There is, however, one challenge that we must tackle together.

An attendance figure below **90%** means a student misses **19 school days** across the year—around **four to five days every half term**. Missing this amount of school is classed as **persistent absence** because it is no longer an occasional day off; it represents a significant loss of learning, routines, friendships and opportunities.

Currently, **182 students** at Honiton Community College fall below this threshold. Every one of those students matters to us, and we know that improving attendance has the potential to transform outcomes for them.

As we look ahead to September, our message is simple: **Be Here. Be Ready to Learn.**

Every lesson matters. Regular attendance helps students build confidence, strengthen friendships and achieve their full potential. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready to learn and succeed.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and well-deserved summer break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to Honiton Community College in September.

Have a brilliant summer!

Ms L Kiely, *Vice Principal*

Key Dates and Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2026

- ◆ Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September 2026 - Non-Student Days
- ◆ Monday 7 September 2026 - Start of Autumn Half Term 1 **YEAR 7 & 11 ONLY**
- ◆ Tuesday 8 September 2026 -Start of Autumn Half Term 1 **ALL YEAR GROUPS**
- ◆ 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

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