Honiton Community College | Ted Wragg TRUST

Principal's Post

Friday 9th October 2026



It has been another fantastic fortnight at Honiton Community College, with plenty to celebrate across our school community.

A huge congratulations to our **girls' rugby team, Roslyn Park**, who won the Ted Wragg Trust award for Student Teamwork. This is wonderful recognition of their collaboration, commitment and support for one another. We were also delighted to see **Liz recognised as an Unsung Hero** for her incredible work supporting students during their exams. Her dedication makes such a difference to our young people, and it is lovely to see this acknowledged.

We were thrilled to welcome so many families to our Open Evening, with our **largest attendance to date**! It was fantastic to see our school buzzing with prospective students and their families, and I was incredibly proud of our student volunteers, who represented HCC with such warmth, confidence and enthusiasm.

These moments capture what makes our HCC family so special. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy reading about all that has been happening over the past fortnight. I wish you and your families a lovely weekend.

Caroline Brothwood, Principal

Uniform Reminder:

Please ensure your child arrives at school in the correct uniform each day. Recently, we have seen an increase in pencil-style skirts, missing blazers, and incorrectly worn ties.

Students may be asked to correct their uniform on arrival. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards and helping students start the day ready to learn.



Honiton Community College blazer



Plain white collared shirt



Honiton Community College tie



Black tailored trousers



Black A-line or pleated skirt
with black leggings or black tights worn underneath.
Tube skirts are not acceptable.



Plain black leather or leather-look trainers or shoes
Fully black, low-profile, whole foot covered, with no visible coloured markings or logos.



Optional Honiton Community College V-neck jumper
The blazer must still be worn.



Messages from the Heads of Year



Year 7

As we approach the end of a very busy half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate how brilliantly our Year 7 students have settled into life at HCC.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our students stepping out of their comfort zones and showing real confidence and courage.

During our Year 5 and 6 Open Evenings, we were incredibly proud of the Year 7 students who bravely stood in front of prospective parents and primary school pupils to share their experiences of life at HCC. Speaking to a room full of new faces takes real confidence, and our students represented the school brilliantly.

We are also hugely impressed by the students who put themselves forward for student leadership roles. The speeches we heard were fantastic, with students sharing excellent ideas and demonstrating a genuine desire to make a positive difference to our school community.

I am incredibly proud of how far they have come already, and they should be very proud of themselves too!

Year 8

As we near the end of the first autumn half term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate how brilliantly our Year 8 students have settled into the new school year at HCC.

It has been wonderful to see students continuing to navigate friendships, routines, and the many opportunities available to them. They have shown maturity, enthusiasm, and determination as they have embraced the challenges of Year 8.

Attendance has been good, and it has been particularly pleasing to see so many students achieving 100% attendance. We hope this commitment continues throughout the school year, as every student matters and belongs.

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We are delighted that two students have been nominated for the Ted Wragg Parliament and look forward to them representing their peers and HCC.

I am incredibly proud of Year 8 and the brilliant start they have made to the year.

Kylie Lynch, Head of Year 7 & 8

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Year 9

Year 9 students, are at an exciting stage of their school journey. They are learning many new skills in the lessons, some of which are already at GCSE level. While this can be rewarding, it can also sometimes feel overwhelming.

It is completely normal to experience a range of emotions, including stress, worry, frustration, and sadness from time to time. This links to the assembly we had this week about World Mental Health Day on 10 October.

We spoke about how mental health is just as important as physical health and how people may be carrying more than others in their "invisible backpack". we recognised that people do not always share what they have in their invisible backpack, so it is important to consider this in everyday interactions with others, including family, friends, fellow students, and staff.

At the end of the assembly, I gave a challenge to do one of the following: talk to someone, listen to someone, ask someone how they really are, or ask for help with something they have been struggling with.
If any student feels they need help with something, they can speak to any member of staff they feel comfortable talking to. We are also fortunate to have Mrs Kedward, our fantastic Mental Health and Well-being Coach, who can support them through one-off sessions or a longer course of support if needed.

Charlotte Kendall, Head of Year 9



Year 10 – Looking Ahead and Preparing for the Future

It has been wonderful to see Year 10 settling so well into their GCSE and BTEC courses. Students are showing great commitment to their learning and are beginning to understand the importance of developing the knowledge, skills and habits that will support them into and beyond Year 11. Over the past couple of weeks, students have had the opportunity to attend assemblies about Post-16 options from Exeter College, helping them to start thinking about the exciting pathways available to them after Year 11.

Today, Mrs Roberts, our Careers Lead, delivered an assembly focused on preparing for Work Experience, which will take place during the week beginning 24th May. We are encouraging all students to begin thinking about and actively looking for a suitable placement now, as this is an excellent opportunity to explore their interests, develop valuable workplace skills and gain confidence in a real-world environment.

We are incredibly proud of the way Year 10 are approaching this important stage of their education and look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow and prepare for their futures.

Emily Meek, Head of Year 10

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Year 11

As we settle into the term, we must recognise how exceptionally well our Year 11 students are doing. The transition into Year 11 brings an increased pace and greater pressure, yet our students have met these challenges with outstanding resilience, maturity, and a superb work ethic.

This week also saw a very successful Geography field trip to Bristol, which took a large number of students out of school. All those involved embraced the learning opportunities and the responsibility of gathering data with enthusiasm and professionalism.

We would also like to congratulate our new Student Leadership Team, who successfully completed the application process and interviews last week. We are very much looking forward to seeing them take on their leadership roles and work with the younger year groups.

Congratulations to all involved.

Lucy Roberts, Head of Year 11

UPCOMING OPEN DAYS FOR LOCAL COLLEGES



Richard Huish College
Saturday 10 October 2026

Exeter College
Tuesday 20 April 2027

Bicton College
Saturday 24 October 2026

Sidmouth College
Thursday 19 November 2026

Next Fortnightly Events

WEEK B

Year 5/6 Open Mornings Mon-Fri, 9.30-10.30am

Monday 12 October
U16 & U13 Netball v Exmouth @ Exmouth Community College (15:15-17:30)

Tuesday 13 October
Visitors: Magistrates in the Community - Year 11 Mock Trial/Justice System talk.
Teachers Rock East Devon Youth Choir @ Music Department (16:00-17:00)

Wednesday 14 October
Year 7 Bayeux Tapestry Online Session (09:10-13:30)
East Devon Schools Year 7 Cross-Country match @ Sidmouth College (14:30-16:25)
Fixture: Year 7 Rugby v Clyst Vale @ Clyst Vale (15:00-17:30)

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Tuesday 20 October
Year 11 Group Photo (08-00-09:30)
Event: HCC Battle of the Bands @ HCC (13:30-14:00)
Teachers Rock East Devon Youth Choir @ Music Department (16:00-17:00)

Wednesday 21 October
Badminton Tournament: East Devon U14 @ Uffculme (11:30-17:00)

Thursday 22 October
Fixture: Year 7 Rugby v Uffculme