



HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE Newsletter

July 2025





As we reach the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to pause and reflect on what has been a truly memorable and rewarding year for our school community.

At the heart of everything we do are our shared values—**kindness, curiosity, and resilience**—and it's been a joy to see these come to life in so many different ways. Whether it's a student offering a helping hand, asking thoughtful questions in class, or picking themselves up after a tough day and giving it another go, these moments matter. They shape not just the learning, but the people our students are becoming.

One of the most special evenings in our calendar was our **Awards Evening**, where we celebrated students in Years 7 to 10. It was a chance to shine a light on not only academic success, but also the quiet acts of determination, creativity, and leadership that often happen behind the scenes. To all those who received awards, well done! And to every student who has worked hard, grown in confidence, or made someone's day better, thank you.

Our recent **Activities Week** was packed with adventure and laughter. From exciting **residential**s and inspiring **off-site visits**, to creative challenges and team-building fun, it was wonderful to see students stepping out of their comfort zones, trying something new, and creating memories with friends and staff.

This term has also seen fantastic achievements in **PE**—with some brilliant team performances, personal bests, and lots of school spirit on show—and the energy and talent in our **musical performances and showcases** have been truly uplifting. Thank you to everyone who took part—you brought such joy to our audiences.

As we head into the summer break, I want to thank all our students, families, and staff for making this year such a positive one. I hope the holidays bring you time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones.

Have a wonderful summer—and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September, ready for another exciting year ahead.

Mrs C Brothwood, Principal

Safeguarding



Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that if you are concerned about a child or young persons well-being over the summer holidays please contact The Front Door Service (MASH) 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.

The Devon Front Door incorporates Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The Front Door receives all the requests for early help and safeguarding from people who are worried and concerned for children. These requests can come from professionals, such as the Police, Education and Health, but also members of the public, family members and young people

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

Mrs Clara Rose, Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Honiton Music Centre



We are delighted to confirm that HCC will be starting the Honiton Music Centre as from September which will run every Wednesday between 4pm and 6:30pm at HCC's Music Department.

Mr Turner was successful in securing £4,000 from the Devon Music Education Hub, Department of Education and Arts Council England. Lewis Gibbs, Head of the Devon Music Education Hub popped by HCC to congratulate Mr Turner!

The focus of the Music Centre is to give all youngsters in Honiton (primary and secondary age) an opportunity to learn the violin, cello, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, cornet and trombone at an affordable cost. For just £4 a week, young people will receive a 30-minute group session on their chosen instrument, a musicianship session lesson and an opportunity to play in an ensemble as they learn their instrument.

If your child is interested in learning, please scan the QR code of the leaflet below ASAP to apply. Places are limited to 7 youngsters for each instrument. All details are on the leaflet.



Apply for Instrumental lessons—

<https://forms.office.com/e/n8AJsdJSyb>

Interested in hiring an instrument from the Devon Music

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/parents-carers/hiring-an-instrument/>



Honiton Music Centre

An exciting new project supported by the Devon Music Hub, Art Council England and Department of Education to encourage young people to take up a musical instrument, keeping it as affordable and accessible to learn as possible!

- **When:** Every Wednesday evening during term time from 4:00pm through to 6:30pm
- **Where:** Honiton Community College Music Department
- **Activities** - 30-minute group instrument lesson, 30-minute musicianship skills lesson and 30 minutes Ensemble session
- **Who:** Any youngster in the Honiton area, either Primary or Secondary school age
- **Cost:** Only £4 a week!
- **Which instruments can you learn:**



Sign up ASAP through scanning the QR code below as there are only 7 places per instrument!





Year 8 Trip to Northcott Theatre - Romeo & Juliet

On Friday, 11 July some of our fantastic Year 8 students had the opportunity to watch a vibrant, modern production of 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Northcott Theatre. The performance brought 'the star cross'd lovers' timeless tale to life in a bold and energetic way, with sequences of modern music and dance. Our students were an absolute credit to HCC throughout the trip, showing enthusiasm, respect, and curiosity.



Class of 2025 SHIRT SIGNING

On 16th June, our Year 11 students came together for their Leavers Day Assembly, a heartfelt occasion marking the end of an important chapter in their lives. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many achievements, growth, and memories made over the past five years. This year, many students went above and beyond with their shirt designs for the pre-signing tradition – the creativity and effort were truly impressive and did not go unnoticed. The afternoon was a fitting and meaningful close to their time at HCC, honouring a fantastic year group.



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Prom Evening

A memorable prom evening was held on Friday 27, June at Exeter Golf and Country Club. The event began with awards voted for by the students, followed by some delicious food. Then the real celebration began, with students dancing the night away and making the most of their time together.

The photobooth proved especially popular, capturing countless moments of joy and friendship throughout the evening. It was heart-warming to see the students genuinely enjoying each other's company and supporting one another.

Staff in attendance spoke so positively about the group, and we wholeheartedly agreed – they are an exceptional cohort.





Post-16 Leavers Event



Keeping to tradition the Year 13s had their leaving and Awards event on a very sunny evening at the Waterfront Restaurant in Exeter. Whilst the evening was a tad warm inside eating endless pizza, staff and students had a wonderful couple of hours celebrating their time with us recalling many memorable events and fun moments they have experienced whilst in their Year 12 and 13.

After my slightly tear filled last ever speech thanking each and every student for making all of our jobs a huge privilege and wishing them luck and happiness in their adventure of a lifetime ahead, Miss Boyce, Mrs Jefferies and Dr Murch had the great pleasure of presenting awards for Kindness, Curiosity and Resilience. An abundance of lovely comments read out that recognised all of the achievements both academically and personally over their years in Post-16. The Reading List Scholarship of £275 was awarded to Kayden Reese recognising his absolute commitment to his studies and Post 16 life at Honiton. The Students Student award and Cup was presented to Hannah Empson who was congratulated by her peers for her kindness to others, curiosity in bundles and her resilience taking on so many subjects!



Thank you to Miss Boyce, Hannah and Harry for all delivering individual speeches and thanking both the team and myself for their experience. A few tears but ones of great pride at everything Post-16 has achieved over the years.

Thank you from all of the team for the community support given to us over the years. It really has made the whole experience a memorable one and I am looking forward to seeing the college grow in strength over the next few years.

POST
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Selena Burroughs, Assistant Principal - Director of Post 16



Celebrating Student Success at Awards Evening



We were delighted to come together as a school community to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students at our recent Awards Evening. Certificates were presented in recognition of students' dedication to their studies, positive contributions within tutor groups, and the prestigious Head of Year awards.

We were also proud to honour those who completed the Ten Tors challenge, a remarkable accomplishment. The evening was made even more special with wonderful musical performances, showcasing the breadth of talent across our school.

A heartfelt congratulations to all our award recipients—you continue to inspire us all!

Celebration Breakfast



To celebrate the amazing efforts and positive contributions of our students this year, we were pleased to host a Celebration Breakfast for the Top 10 students in each year group with the highest praise points!

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We were delighted to host a wonderful showcase exhibition on Thursday, 19 July, celebrating the creative work and achievements of our students across Art, Design Technology, and Photography throughout the year. Guests also enjoyed delicious refreshments thoughtfully prepared by our talented Food and Nutrition students.

Congratulations to everyone involved for your hard work which truly made it an impressive event





Exeter & East Devon Athletics 2025

The Honiton Community College Athletics team travelled to Exeter Arena on Thursday 22nd May to compete against Exeter & East Devon Schools. Hoping to qualify for the Exeter & East Devon team competing at the Devon Schools Championships on Saturday 14th June. The weather was good and allowed for an excellent competition.

Well Done



Qualified for Devon Championships:

Josh B. – 3rd in Junior Boys Long Jump (4.65m)
Holly R. – 1st in Intermediate Girls Shot (8.18m)
Mya P. – 1st in Intermediate Girls Javelin (17.42m)



Congratulations

To the following students who competed at the Devon Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday 14th June at Exeter Arena.

Josh B. - Junior Boys Long Jump
Holly R. – Intermediate Girls Shot
Mya P. – Intermediate Girls

East Devon U12 Softball Cricket

The Year 7 Cricket Team remained unbeaten in the ED Tournament on Wednesday, 4th June, finishing 3rd overall based on runs scored.

We beat Uffculme, Axe Valley and King's and our game against Exmouth finished at a tie.

Huge thanks to Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club for hosting and providing refreshments. Also to Archie L. who umpired throughout for us as part of his Sports Leadership.

Well Done



Archie L, Asher M, Benjamin N, Feddy L, George T, Isaac C, Joshua H, Noah L. Samuel F.

Inter House Athletic Competition

During the first half of the summer term, students competed in their Houses across PE lessons, participating in a variety of athletic events.

It has been fantastic to see such passion and commitment, with many students attending athletics club after school. The recent competition was incredibly close, highlighting the strong potential for a very competitive Sports Day between the houses.

Well done to everyone involved!

1st Blackbury 2422 Pts 2nd Hembury 2272 Pts
3rd Hartridge 1947 pts 4th Roundball 1901 pts



We are fortunate to have Exeter Chiefs in this term on Wednesdays as part of the Maddy's Mark programme.

Maddy's Mark is a charity that supports the mental well-being of girls and young women by building resilience, confidence and camaraderie. They have also been running a girls rugby club for us on Wednesday lunchtimes. <https://maddysmark.com>



We were lucky to have Devon Cricket visit on Wednesday 4th June as part of their Devon Young Leaders Programme. The girls enjoyed a day of learning skills of leadership, inclusion and game management. They will now help lead a Honiton Learning Community Primary striking and fielding event with Mr Leach.

This programme empowers girls to develop skills and confidence to lead groups of children in cricket activities as well as run games. *"Providing the girls with safe and supportive environments where they can take risks and lead groups is essential for their development as leaders,"* says Ann-Marie, who also leads the Secondary School Girl's Leadership Programme. *"Social and peer pressure often prevents girls from taking the step forward to lead."*



Thanks to Ann-Marie and Chris from Devon Cricket who led the day and well done to the following Year 8 & 9 students who participated:

Amelia L, Amelia S, Beth H, Chloe D, Chloe P, Darcey L, Evie C, Imi C, Imogen M, Imogen W, Isabella B.

Comment by Anne-Marie *"The girls were fantastic and a pleasure to coach for the day. They embraced all the challenges of leading activities to their peers and showed that they will be great role models for younger when leading the skill's festival"*

<https://www.facebook.com/devoncricketfoundation>



JURASSIC COAST CHALLENGE

A huge congratulations to our 41 Year 8 students who took part



Setting off from Lyme Regis, our students pushed themselves to reach some impressive milestones, with many making it to Branscombe (17km) or Sidmouth (27km), and two determined teams going the extra distance to Budleigh Salterton (37km)!



We're so proud of every single one of them for their incredible effort, perseverance, and team spirit. What an amazing achievement,

Well done!

Year 10 East Devon Rounders Tournament

A fantastic and fiercely competitive tournament on the 17th June at Uffculme. Our HCC team showed incredible spirit, determination, and teamwork throughout the day. The students gave it their all and demonstrated outstanding fielding skills in every match.



Fielding Highlights:

- ◆ **R—** and **Mya** stood out with several impressive catches.
- ◆ **Annie** bowled consistently and accurately all day.
- ◆ **Holly** was a key communicator, keeping the field organised and focused.
- ◆ **Elouise** held her ground brilliantly on second base, stopping many runs.
- ◆ **Alecia** wowed the crowd with her huge, powerful throws.
- ◆ Meanwhile, **Bea**, **Poppy**, **Grace**, and **Roxy** were consistently reliable, always backing up their teammates and supporting play across the field.

Unfortunately, our batting didn't quite match our fielding prowess, and this was reflected in some of the results.

Match Results:

Exmouth 4.5 (5 players out) - HCC 1 Scorer: Holly and Annie

Uffculme 5 (3 players out) - HCC 2.5 Scorers: Mya, Roxy, Annie, Grace

Kings 7.5 (6 players out) - HCC 2 Scorers: Mya, Holly, Annie, Grace

Colyton 2 (6 players out) - HCC 2 Scorers: Alecia, Elouise, Poppy

A massive well done to all the players

Ted Wragg TRUST Multisports Festival



On Thursday 26th June Honiton Community College hosted a Ted Wragg Trust Multisports Festival. The focus was on giving students the opportunity to represent their school; developing their confidence to engage in physical activity and try new sports. It was a lovely evening and well done to Tara B-W, Dalwin P, Thomas D, Oscar M who participated.



Many thanks to the PE team for organising and our Year 9 leaders who supported students on each event – George H, Noah L, Austin P, Josh B, Ed R, Dylan G, Tyler H, Zoe D, Isla T, Imogen W, Tilly B, Chloe A, Chloe P, Imogen M, Belle S, Jess S,





Congratulations!

East Devon Athletics Championships at Exeter Arena

On a beautifully hot day on June 19th the PE department took 115 students from years 7 to 10 to Exeter Arena for the annual East Devon Athletics Championships.

All students were excited to be taking part, showing resilience and ready to put in 100% effort. With some of the HCC PE staff and sports leaders out in the field measuring and officiating for the day, the students behaved responsibly, ensuring they got to events on time and supported each other.

A Hall won the Year 7 boys Javelin throwing 27.55m. W Lapping won the Year 7 boys Discus throwing 18.02. E Mojekwu won the Year 7 Girls 100m in 14.3 seconds and the Year 7 Girls Javelin throwing 14.77m. A Sobol won the Year 8 girls Hurdles in 15.4 seconds. C Phare won the Year 9 girls 1500m in 6 minutes 2 seconds - Congratulations!



Year 8 Girls



Year 8 Boys



Year 9 Girls



Year 10 Girls



Year 10 Boys

Notable performances

Year 7 – Noah L 2nd High Jump and 2nd Hurdles
Year 7 – Kahmali M 3rd High Jump
Year 7 – Alex H 1st Javelin
Year 7 – Wilson L 1st Discus
Year 7 – Ella M 1st 100m and 1st Javelin
Year 7 – Amelie H 3rd Javelin
Year 8 – Ben S 2nd 300m
Year 8 – Toby R 2nd High Jump and 3rd Triple Jump

Year 8 – Darcey L 2nd 200m
Year 8 – Evie C 3rd Javelin
Year 8 – Amelia S 1st Hurdles
Year 9 – Chloe P 1st 1500m
Year 10 – Edward N 3rd Triple Jump
Year 10 – Chloe H 2nd 100m
Year 10 – Hallie B 2nd High Jump
Year 10 – Mya P 2nd Javelin

Overall HCC also come 3rd place overall in East Devon for the Year 10 girls relay. With 8 schools taking part we are very proud of how they conducted themselves on the day and how they performed. Well done to everyone involved in a fantastic day!



HCC PE Highly Able students enjoyed a well-deserved team-building excursion to Exmouth Watersports, where they took part in a variety of fun water sports and were treated to a delicious BBQ lunch, kindly provided by Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Salter.



<https://www.facebook.com/exmouthwatersports.learn/>

Well done to the U13 Cricket team who played in the East Devon U13 Final at Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club on Thursday 3rd July.



Players: Ben S, Chloe D, Dan R, Ed B, George D, Josh H, Luke A, Sam F, Thomas W, Will B, Zach A.

Honiton batted first and Ben S got the innings off to a great start hitting the first ball for a 6! Honiton finished on 86 off their 16 overs. Josh H retiring on 28 and Luke A contributing 24 with the bat. Exmouth batted well and some excellent bowling from Chloe D, Sam F, Ed B, Thomas W and Dan R – all 1 wicket meant it went to the last over. Ben S bowled superbly throughout only being hit for 10 runs off 4.4 overs, 13 dot balls and taking a wicket!

Honiton performed brilliantly in this year's competition, reaching the final and narrowly losing by just 1 run in the final over of the game

Thanks to Budleigh Salterton Cricket club for hosting and Beth H for supporting throughout as a Sports Leader and scoring. Thanks to Mr Hague for umpiring and Mr Taylor for scoring.



Year 7 Residential Adventure

Our Year 7 students recently enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to the Ultimate Adventure Centre in North Devon. Split into two groups, each spent several days taking part in exciting activities including high ropes, climbing, a water assault course and team games.

It was wonderful to see so many students stepping out of their comfort zones, trying new things and showing real courage. From tackling heights to braving the water challenges, they approached everything with enthusiasm and determination.

Staff at the centre were full of praise for our students, commenting on their brilliant attitude, excellent behaviour



Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) Expeditions



Huge congratulations to all participants who completed their **Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) expeditions** over the weekend 11-13 July.

Our **Silver groups** embarked on their **challenging three-day journey** from Friday, navigating the stunning but demanding terrain of East Devon in what can only be described as sweltering conditions. Their resilience, teamwork, and determination truly shone through.

Meanwhile, our **Bronze participants** completed their **two-day expedition**, covering parts of the same route. With an earlier start to dodge the worst of the midday heat, they exceeded expectations and arrived ahead of schedule — a testament to their planning and spirit.

The finish point was The Ham in Sidmouth, where teams were relieved to arrive and gratefully crashed out in the shelters kindly provided by Miss Wright, who was there to help welcome them in.

Well done to all! You've earned a well-deserved rest and the pride of knowing you rose to the challenge.

Many thanks to all the staff who made this possible:

Mr. Davis, Miss Lindsay, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Davis, Miss Southern, Oliver, and Mrs. Meek.

Thank you all; this was the site's first in-house expedition, and it will now serve as the benchmark moving forward.





Gold Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) Expeditions



Dunkery Beacon

Sidmouth College and Honiton Community College have been working together to enable our Sixth Form students to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

It looked like it was going to be a hot weekend on Exmoor a few weeks ago for their practice walk but the sea mist rolled in and the students found themselves walking in full waterproofs. They made excellent progress and quickly bonded as a team showing what excellent personal skills they all have.

We are now looking forward to hearing of their success in the expedition on Dartmoor this week. Well done to Hannah Empson, Sam Dawkins and Oliver Davis who once they have completed this will be very close to receiving their overall **GOLD** award.

Once students have completed their Gold Award, they will be invited to attend a Gold Award Celebration event at a Royal Palace, hosted in the presence of a Member of the Royal Family.



AUTUMN TERM 2025

- ♦ Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025 – **Non-Student Days**
- ♦ Wednesday 3 September 2025 – Start of Autumn Half Term 1- **YEAR 7 ONLY**
- ♦ Thursday 4 September 2025 – Start of Autumn Half Term 1- **ALL YEAR GROUPS**
- ♦ Monday 27 October to Friday 7 November 2025– **Two-week Half Term**
- ♦ Monday 10 November 2025 – Start of Autumn Half Term 2
- ♦ Monday 8 December 2025 – **Non-Student Day**



A-level Results: Thursday, 14 August in Post-16 Centre

GCSE Results: Thursday, 21 August in Post-16 Centre



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The **Devon Youth Council** would like to
understand this in more detail so we
can make sure our campaign is
truly representative and has the
right focus.

We have created a really short
survey, so please help us out
by taking the time to fill it in!



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