

# Principal's Post

Thursday 15 January 2026



Welcome back to the new term, and a very happy New Year to you all. I hope you enjoyed a restful Christmas break and are returning refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead.

As always, our school values of being **kind, curious and resilient** continue to guide everything we do. I am proud of the way our students live these values each day, both in and out of the classroom.

I look forward to welcoming our **Year 11 families to Progress Evening this evening**, an important opportunity to reflect on achievements and next steps.

I would also like to remind families of our **Year 11 Information Evening taking place next Thursday**, where we will share key guidance as students prepare for the months ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish everyone a positive and successful start to the term.

*Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal*



I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 7. Since September, I have met a number of students in my role as manager of the behaviour rooms.

My primary goal is to create an environment where every student feels safe, supported, welcome, and inspired to learn.

My vision for Year 7 is built on 3 pillars: belonging, resilience and academic curiosity. I want our students to embrace every opportunity, build lasting friendships and develop confidence to navigate secondary school and learning. I firmly believe in a strong partnership between school and home is vital for student success.

I look forward to working closely with you to support your child's growth and celebrate their achievements throughout the year.

I am incredibly proud to lead this wonderful year group.

*Mrs. K Lynch, Head of Year 7*



**Happy New Year!** As we begin 2026, I encourage you to approach this term with focus, determination and a positive attitude. You all did extremely well in your first term and remember when we get to February half term you are already halfway through Year 8!

In our first assembly of the term, I spoke about how the choices you make on a daily basis can influence the environment around you and shape the person you will become. Remember to make choices that you are proud of. This links to our school value of kindness which again I feel the need to highlight the importance of as students being unkind to each other still occurs on a daily basis. I would like you to feel proud of your daily choices regarding your interactions with others, not regret.

I also touched upon responsibility and how as you continue to get older you will be given more responsibility at school and at home. Perhaps, as you start this New Year, you could talk to your parents/carers and challenge yourselves to have some more responsibility. Enjoy your start to 2026- I cannot wait to see you thrive throughout the year.

*Mrs. C Kendall Head of Year 8*



## A message from Mrs B Dupré

As I hand over my role as Head of Year 7 to Miss Lynch, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am to have worked with such an amazing year group. The students have made an excellent start to their time at HCC, beginning the school year with enthusiasm and settling into Term 2 with positivity, resilience, and a real keenness to learn. It has been a privilege to support them during this important transition.

I am now looking forward to taking up my new role as SENCo at HCC and continuing to work closely with our students and families. I am delighted to be handing Year 7 over to Miss Lynch, who I know will provide outstanding support and leadership for the year group moving forward.



Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful break. You will have received your child's End of Cycle report, and I must say, I have been truly impressed with the marks many students have achieved.

Fantastic work, Year 9! It's heartening to see our students embodying the school values of being **kind**, **curious**, and **resilient**.

Students are continuing to think about their Curriculum Preference decisions, I want to highlight the importance of being in school and attending lessons to be in the best position to make their Curriculum Preference decisions. Please mark your calendars for our **Progress Evening on Thursday 29th January** and the **Curriculum Preference Evening on Thursday 5th February**, emails with booking details for both events will be sent out soon. I encourage you to engage with your child about their learning experiences and aspirations for the upcoming year. Your support is invaluable in helping them make informed choices about their education.

*Mrs. E Meek, Head of year 9*



It has been wonderful to welcome Year 10 back to school for 2026.

Our assembly focused on *Choices That Shape Our World*, inviting students to reflect on identity, belonging, respect, and

responsibility. Using the new *Avatar* film as a stimulus, we explored these themes and connected them to life at school and the choices students make every day.

Year 10 are in a position now where small choices can make a huge difference to their outcome. Taking responsibility for their effort, learning from the consequences of their actions, and understanding that GCSEs don't just happen, they are shaped by commitment, choices, and ambition.

These qualifications can influence who they become and what they aspire to be. . We hope they can all take some of this advice and really do themselves proud as they move through Year 10.

*Mrs. L Roberts, Head of year 10*



Year 11 have now received their reports, including mock results and predicted grades, and are starting the new year with a clear focus on their next steps. These grades will help guide revision and intervention work

as we move closer to the GCSE examinations. Maintaining good attendance, organisation and independent study will be key over the coming months.

A quick reminder that the hoody is to be worn in place of a blazer but all other uniform (shirt, tie, school trousers, shoes) must be worn. Currently, we are handing out a large amount of pens to students who have forgotten or mislaid their own, please could you remind your children to come to school equipped with green, blue/ black pens; ruler; calculator and pencil.

We're excited to be planning prom on Friday 3rd July and will be sharing more information very soon!

*Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 11*



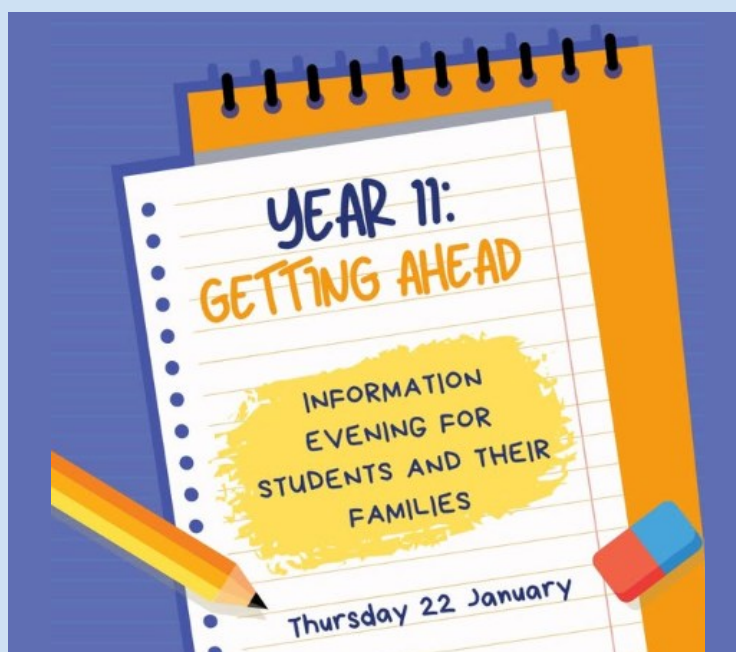
The deadline for **Year 10 work experience placements** is fast approaching. All placements must be confirmed **by March**.

Pupils are responsible for:

- ◆ Contacting a suitable company to arrange their placement
- ◆ Logging all placement details on **Unifrog** once agreed

Support and guidance are being provided during **tutor time**, but we encourage pupils to act promptly to avoid missing out.

Thank you for your continued support in helping pupils secure a valuable work experience



As we move closer to the summer GCSE exam season, we're pleased to offer families the chance to learn how best to support their child with revision and exam preparation

This practical, classroom-based workshop will share effective techniques and strategies to help students feel confident, organised, and fully prepared for their exams.

We'll also be launching our 'Getting Ahead' programme, designed to give students an extra boost as they prepare for GCSEs.

This event is in addition to the Year 11 Progress Evening on 15th January, giving you even more opportunities to support your child's learning.

To sign up, simply follow this link:



## Year 11 'Getting Ahead' Sessions Summer Exam Preparation

To support Year 11 students in preparation for their summer exams, a series of *Getting Ahead* sessions will be running.

- GCSE PE Getting Ahead Session
- Every Friday at lunchtime in RO4

All Year 11 GCSE PE students are encouraged to attend.



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Exmouth Community College are looking for gifted academic students that would like to combine their Post-16 learning with

a Football Academy Programme.

### Discover What Exmouth Community College Football Academy Has to Offer

We had a fantastic turnout at our first Football Academy event, giving prospective students and parents a real insight into what the programme offers.

The evening featured talks from the **Head of Sixth Form** and the **Head of the Football Academy**, who outlined next year's programme and explained how this year's academy has already had a positive impact on enrolled students. Attendees also experienced an **in-class lesson**, showcasing the academic curriculum, followed by an **on-pitch session** that demonstrated the technical detail and coaching quality provided on the course.

Due to the high level of interest following our initial event, we are pleased to announce an **additional open evening**:

**Location:** Exmouth Community College, Gipsy Lane, EX8 3AF

**Date:** January 29th

**Time:** 5:00pm - 7:30pm

If you are interested in attending this next event, please **register your interest below**.

[Exmouth Community College Football Academy Open Session](#)

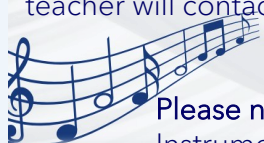


## Sign Up for Instrument Lessons



If you would like to sign up for instrument lessons this term, please scan the link below and complete the application form. The process is quick and easy.

Once your form has been submitted, the instrument teacher will contact you directly to arrange lessons.



Please note that fees apply. Instrument lessons take place during school time and are separate from the Honiton Music Centre.



**A wide range of music enrichment opportunities will be available during the Spring Term.**

**All students who are interested in music are warmly encouraged to come along.**

**House Band** (any instruments, including singers)  
Monday lunchtime in **HE5**

**Balalaika Group**  
Tuesday breaktime in **HE5**

**Song Writing Group** - (using computer software to write songs)  
Tuesday lunchtime in **HE6**

**Singing Group**  
Tuesday lunchtime in **HE5**

**Rockschoo** - (guitar/bass/keyboard/voice welcome) - Wednesday lunchtime in **HE5**

**NEW – Honiton Music Centre**  
Wednesday from 4pm to 6:30pm – Music Block  
£4 a week to learn an instrument – 30 minute lesson!

**Japanese Taiko Drumming**  
Friday lunchtime in **HE5/Black Box**

**Practice Rooms**  
Can be booked at break/lunch through Mr Turner

## Next Fortnightly Events

### WEEK A

#### MONDAY 19 JANUARY

♦ **Fixture: U13 & U15 Netball vs Uffculme @ HCC (15:30-17:00)**

#### TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

♦ **HLC: Boys Futsal @ LED (10:15-12:00)**

#### WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

♦ **Fixture: Year 10/11 Girls Rugby V Uffculme (15:10-17:00)**

#### THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

♦ **East Devon Sportshall athletics competition @ Uffculme (13:30-17:00)**

♦ **Year 11 English and Maths Family Event (17:00-18:00)**

♦ **Parent Engagement Group (18:00-19:00)**

#### FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

♦ **Fixture: East Devon Boccia Championship @ Bicton College (11.30-15:30)**

### WEEK B

#### TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

**Fixture: Year 10/11 Girls Rugby Tournament (11:15-16:30)**

#### WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY

♦ **Honiton Learning Community Youth Speak @HCC (11:00-15:30)**

#### THURSDAY 28 JANUARY

♦ **Year 9 Progress Evening (15:45-19:00)**

♦ **Fixture: U13 & U15 Netball @HCC (15:45-17:15)**



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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

10:30 - 13:30

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