

Principal's Post

Friday 4 July



As we draw to the end of a busy and exciting school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our school community has achieved together.

A standout highlight has been our recent Ofsted inspection, where we were officially rated as a **Good** school. This is a well-deserved recognition of the dedication, talent and effort shown by our staff, students and families, and a clear reflection of the values that underpin everything we do: being **kind, curious, and resilient**.

This term has been filled with moments of celebration and anticipation. Our Year 11 Prom was a fantastic way to say farewell to a wonderful year group, and we've been delighted to welcome our newest students and families through our Year 6 Welcome Evenings. We're now looking forward to our upcoming Awards Evening, a special opportunity to recognise those who have shown outstanding achievement, character, and growth this year.

We've even had a heatwave to round off the term, which has brought its own challenges, but once again, our students and staff have shown resilience, good humour, and community spirit throughout.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership over the past year. I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year.

Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal



At Honiton Community College we are firmly committed to creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for every student. We believe that every young person has the right to learn and grow free from bullying, intimidation, or discrimination of any kind. Our aim is to ensure all students feel secure, respected, and able to express themselves without fear. Pastoral care is at the heart of all we do. We take all reports of bullying seriously and aim to respond appropriately. Our anti-bullying policy is clear, robust, and consistently applied and can be found here [LINK Anti-Bullying Policy](#)

Support for families

If you are concerned that your child may be being bullied, you should report this to school via the "Report a Concern Button" [LINK Report a Concern](#)



If you would like to discuss our Anti-Bullying processes or policy, please contact our Anti-Bullying Lead Mrs Natalie Hunt - Natalie.Hunt@honiton.college



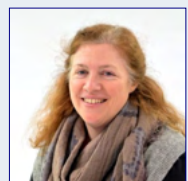
As we come to the end of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic journey it has been for our Year 7 students. It feels like only yesterday that they walked through our doors, full of anticipation and curiosity. Over the past year, I have had the privilege of watching them grow—not just academically, but also in confidence, independence, and character.

From their first day to today, our students have embraced new challenges, built lasting friendships, and become valued members of our school community. Their resilience, kindness, and willingness to support one another have truly stood out, and I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them.

As they now prepare to move into Year 8, it is with great pride (and just a little bit of sadness!) that I pass this wonderful year group on to Mrs Kendall. She is incredibly excited to get to know them all and continue the brilliant work they've started this year.

Thank you for your continued support throughout Year 7. I wish all our students the very best as they start this exciting new chapter.

Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7

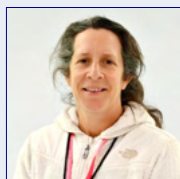


As Year 8 draws to a close, we are looking forward to celebrating the efforts of our students in next week's Celebration Assembly and in the Awards Evening.

Year 8 students have exemplified our values of curiosity and resilience throughout their end of cycle assessments this week. During this term I have seen students approaching challenges with a genuine desire to learn and grow, through asking thoughtful questions in classes and exploring creative ways to problem solve. Many have demonstrated perseverance, showing that mistakes allow us to learn and develop. Students are continuing to remain focused, determined and positive, a tricky thing to do in the heat!

These qualities will serve them really well into Year 9 and beyond! Congratulations to all our Year 8 students for embodying the best of our school values.

Mrs E Meek, Head of Year 8



Year 9 in their final Personal Development lesson, the students had the valuable opportunity to learn about the dangers of knife crime from Simon and Paul, two local police officers. The session was highly engaging, with students actively participating and asking thoughtful questions throughout. Simon and Paul provided real-life insights and practical advice, helping students understand the serious consequences and risks associated with knife crime. The session was well-received by all, and it served as a powerful and informative conclusion to the year's Personal Development curriculum.

Mrs L Roberts, Head of Year 9

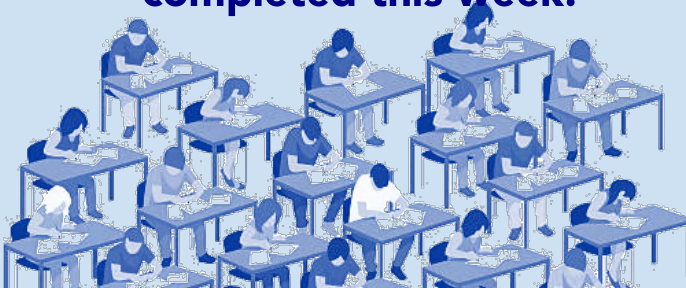


Year 10 have been brilliant over the last couple of weeks of mocks and have received praise for their conduct from the exam invigilators. It is great to see so many taking these mocks seriously, showing resilience and supporting one another.

There has been a really mature approach to revision and I hope this has been a useful, and overall positive, experience for the children. Well done – only 1 week of lessons to go then Activities Week!

Miss E Lindsay, Head of Year 10

The Cycle 3 assessments are being completed this week.



Data entry is currently underway, and the final round of reports for this academic year will be issued at the end of term.

Cycle 3 booklets will be coming home for safe-keeping. Students have shown great resilience during assessment week and Mocks and we look forward to celebrating some of their successes at our Awards Evenings next week. Parents have been informed directly if their child is involved.



**BUILDING FUTURES
through ATTENDANCE**
EVERYONE EVERY DAY

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, we'd like to thank you for your continued support with regards to your child's attendance. Every day of learning counts, and strong attendance right up to the last day is really important.

Friday 18th July, will help to ensure your child finishes the term with continuity, and a real sense of achievement. These last weeks are an important time for consolidating learning, celebrating progress, and enjoying the shared experiences that build a sense of belonging in our school community.

Future Musicians Day – Friday 27th June

HCC welcomed the Devon Music Hub, 57 Primary school students, their Music Teachers and parents/carers on Friday 27th June to take part in the Future Musicians Day.



They joined the 55 music students from HCC to play two pieces by Music Teacher and Composer David Gray (who also joined us on the day and conducted the first of his two pieces. 'Let's Rock'). The event was to encourage students to take up musical instruments and perform together.

Leala Roberts of Year 9 and Poppy-Mae Stevens of Year 7 both performed superb vocal solo pieces prepared by HCC's Singing Teacher Sarah Ryan. The House Band also played 'Let me Entertain You' before finishing with David Gray's 'Boogie Woogie Blues', which was conducted by Mr Turner.

Sports Day– Friday - 20th June

It was wonderful to see so many students actively participating in a wide range of activities throughout the day.

The atmosphere was full of energy and enthusiasm, especially during the relays at the end, which truly brought everyone together in a spirit of fun and friendly competition!

Year 7

	Blackbury	Hembury	Roundball	Hartridge
Total	159	169	173	138
Position	3rd	2nd	1st	4th

Year 8

	Blackbury	Roundball	Hembury	Hartridge
Total	130	130	110	153
Position	2nd	2nd	4th	1st

Year 9

	Blackbury	Roundball	Hembury	Hartridge
Total	226	174	94	67
Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th

Year 10

	Blackbury	Hembury	Roundball	Hartridge
Total	106	214	88	105
Position	2nd	1st	4th	3rd

Shoe Expectations – Advanced Notice to avoid costs - IMPORTANT



As has been the expectation at the College for some time, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our guidelines regarding student footwear, as outlined on the College Website.

"Sensible, plain black all over, leather or leather-look school shoes only. The shoe should cover the whole foot. No patterns or logos should be visible, and they must be low-heeled. Canvas shoes are not acceptable."

"Sandals, flip-flops, dolly shoes, high-heeled shoes, knee and ankle boots are not acceptable"

These expectations are in place to ensure consistency, safety, and presentation standards across the College. We appreciate your ongoing support in helping students meet uniform requirements.

From September, students that arrive in incorrect footwear will be required to put on correct footwear, change into loan shoes available at the College or be educated separately until college expected shoes

Swap Shop



Saturday 19th July
HCC Drama Hall
11am – 2pm

We host a termly 'Swap Shop' at HCC, which has been a great success for the last 3 years. It is a community event, where families can bring a donation of any size and take away what they need, for no charge. We stock:

- Clothes & coats (all ages)
 - Shoes & accessories
 - Children's games and books
 - Some homeware items
- Spare school uniform basics

While we have the space, we are now accepting donations of really good quality, clean items.

Clothes must be clean, dry and folded. Toys must be complete and in good working order.

We are unable to accept bedding, DVDs, or very large plastic toy items.

Thank you for all previous donations, and support from our volunteer team.

Please do spread the word, and drop in on the day. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available too.

Next Fortnightly Events

WEEK A

Monday 7 July

- ◆ TRANSITION WEEK for Year 6
- ◆ PE Highly Able students kayaking/paddleboarding @ Exmouth Watersport (08:35-15:05)

Tuesday 8 July

- ◆ Honiton Learning Community Games (09:00-14:30)
 - ◆ Year 7 & 8 Awards Evening (18:00-19:00)
- ◆ SEND Parent meeting: Year 5 and Year 6 families (15:30-17:00)

Thursday 10 July

- ◆ Year 9 & 10 Awards Evening (18:00-19:00)
- ◆ Under 15's Cricket vs Cullompton @ Cullompton CC (12:30-16:30)

Friday 11 July

- ◆ Silver & Bronze Actual expedition DofE- (SILVER- Friday-Sunday BRONZE- Saturday-Sunday)

WEEK B

Monday 13 July
Normal day

- ◆ **Activities** 14 July to 18 July (All day)

Friday 18 July

Last Day of Term
Early Finish (13:00)

The View, Ashill, Cullompton
Devon EX15 3FJ



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3 Day Summer Holiday COMMUNITIES

July 30th to August 1st

August 6th to August 8th

9:00am 3:00pm each day

Ages 6 to 14

£40 per day



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**
- ◆ Friday 19 December 2025 – Last day of Term