

# Principal's Post

Thursday 20 November 2025



Welcome back to our first newsletter of the half term. It's been a wonderfully full and heartening start, and we've already seen so many moments where our students have shown the values we treasure most as a community: **kindness, curiosity and resilience.**

We were delighted to welcome our local MP into school to meet our new Student Council. The conversation about leadership, service, and making a difference was inspiring for everyone involved, and our students represented the school beautifully.

On Tuesday, we were thankful for a welcome pause in the rain, allowing us to come together as a whole school for our Remembrance Day gathering. Being joined by a brass quartet from the community and members of the Cadets made the moment especially meaningful, and our students showed great maturity and respect throughout.

The week ended on a joyful note with the first fundraising event led by our Head Students. Their energy and commitment helped raise over **£1,000** for **Children in Need**, and the generosity from across our school community was truly touching.

A heartfelt thank you as well to all the families who came in for the Year 8 Progress Evening and Year 11 Information Evening. Your support and partnership mean so much to us.

Looking ahead, we're very much looking forward to welcoming Primary School Headteachers next week to see how warmly and confidently our Year 7s have settled into life here.

*Mrs. C Brothwood, Principal*



This week, our Year 7 students have once again demonstrated the values we are so proud of. Their engagement and kindness during our Children in Need activities were

outstanding. It was wonderful to see so many pupils taking part, showing empathy, generosity, and a real willingness to support others in need.

We were also incredibly proud of the maturity and respect shown during our Remembrance Day events. Students conducted themselves with great dignity, reflecting on the importance of remembrance and representing the school beautifully.

A huge well done to all of Year 7 for their excellent behaviour, positive attitude, and community spirit. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support.

*Mrs. B Dupré, Head of Year 7*



Since our return to college after half-term, there have been lots of opportunities for Year 9 students to shine. Last week was a busy week with our Remembrance Day events.

It was so wonderful to see so many students in different uniforms, Tuesday last week, from students who are members of Cadets to Guides and Scouts. All were well represented and looked so smart. It was so fantastic to hear members of the Honiton Town Band playing for us, and it really gave all the students the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made for us all.

Lots of fun was had by everyone on Friday and as a school we raised an impressive amount of money for Children in Need. Students were great at managing to get around to different events that took place during lunchtime despite the wet and blustery weather!

Year 9 students are launching a school-wide competition this week 'Operation Foodbank' to collect food for the Honiton Food Bank, with a prize going to the tutor group which can collect the most donations. Year 9 students will be popping into all tutor groups this week to drop off a collection basket and explain what donations are needed. Another group of Year 9 students will be presenting to all Year groups in Assemblies throughout the week; they are excited, despite the nerves of standing up in front of a crowd!

Next week we will start looking at option choices that are available to Year 9 students to study in years 10 and 11. Information will be delivered during Assembly time on a Wednesday, and I encourage you all to start conversations about GCSE options at home in preparation for our Options Open Evening in January.

*Mrs. E Meek, Head of year 9*



It was lovely to see Year 8 return after the half-term break. I hope you are well rested and ready to continue the remainder of this term. Only five weeks until the Christmas break!

In our assembly before half-term, we spoke about kindness, which as you know, is one of our school values. Please remember to be kind to other students and staff and show acts of kindness whenever you can at school and at home. The quote 'if you don't have anything nice to say then don't say anything at all' was the parting message of that assembly and I would like you to still bear that in mind during your daily interactions.

Year 8 progress evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> November went really well. It was fantastic to see so many of our students and their families attend. If you were unable to attend due to other commitments but you would still like an update on how your child is getting on then please let me know and I can collate some information for you.

Well done year 8- keep being awesome.

*Mrs. C Kendall Head of Year 8*



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We ended the first week with a successful fundraising event for Children in Need on a very wet Friday, featuring

sponge throwing, basketball, a cake sale, karaoke, and a variety of other activities, all helping to raise money for a great cause.

Year 10s, this is the perfect time to start securing your work placement for June! Gaining real experience in a workplace is a fantastic opportunity to explore future career paths, develop new skills, and build your confidence.

Once you have found your placement, **remember to record all the details on Unifrog**. This helps us keep track of your plans and ensures everything is organised well in advance.

Year 10 students are working hard as they prepare for next week's English mock exam, supported by the English Department.

*Mrs. L Roberts, Head of year 10*



It has been a busy and exciting time for our Year 11 students as they head into their mocks next week. They have been working hard, and we are confident that their efforts will serve

them well as they take this important step in their GCSE journey.

There has also been a real buzz around school as students received, and proudly began wearing, their new leavers' hoodies. They look fantastic, and it's lovely to see the sense of unity they bring. A gentle reminder, however, that these should be worn alongside full school uniform – shirt, tie, school trousers and school shoes – so that standards remain high throughout the year.

We are also delighted to confirm that the Year 11 Prom has now been booked! It will take place on **Friday 3rd July 2026 at Honiton Golf Club**. A form has been sent out to students to indicate whether they are planning to attend; this will help us to set a ticket price that is as affordable as possible for everyone. We encourage all students to complete the form, even if they are undecided at this stage.

Well done to Year 11 for their positivity and maturity this term. We wish them the very best as they head into mock week.

*Miss E Lindsay, Head of year 11*

## Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 10th December



The college is planning to provide a Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 10th December**.

- \* Cost: £2.88
- \* Free for students eligible for free school meals

A survey will be sent out to all parents/carers to find out whether their child would like to take part.

### Main Course

Roast Turkey Breast, Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

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Sage, Onion & Cranberry Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy (VG)

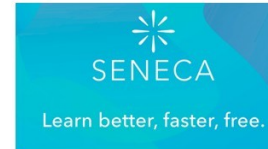
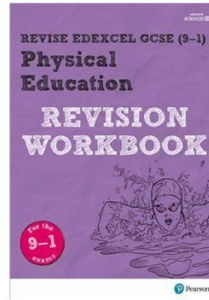
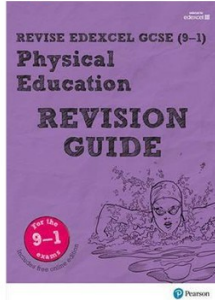
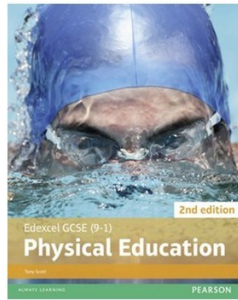
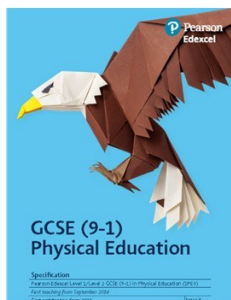
### Dessert

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce

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Festive White Chocolate Confetti Cookie

## YEAR 11 PHYSICAL EDUCATION REVISION



**To help support your revision the websites below will be very useful:**

**Sport Science SharePoint site:** <https://twmat.sharepoint.com/sites/HCC-PEStudentsGCSE>

**SENECA learning:** <http://www.senecalearning.com>

**erevision:** <https://erevision.uk/auth> (Use your college email and then click forgotten password)

**Oak Academy:** GCSE Physical Education (Edexcel): <https://www.thenational.academy/pupils>

**All topics covered – YouTube The EverLearner:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2VQuuWnbIB35d0kiqIIClqRT8soLxcl5>

### Useful books / resources:

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) PHYSICAL EDUCATION, 2nd Edition (Tony Scott) ISBN: **9781292129884**

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Revision Guide ISBN: **9781292135120**

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) PE Revision Workbook ISBN: **9781292135083**

Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) PE Revision Flashcards ISBN: **9781292182438**

## YEAR 11 PHYSICAL EDUCATION REVISION / STUDY GROUP

DAY	STAFF	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC
Every Friday Lunchtime	Mr Taylor	1:30-2pm	RO4	GCSE Revision / Study Group Topic tests intervention. <b>OPEN TO ALL GCSE SPORT SCIENCE STUDENTS</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Mr Taylor	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.1- Applied Anatomy and Physiology
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Roberts	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.1- Applied Anatomy and Physiology
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Mr Forsyth	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.1- Applied Anatomy and Physiology
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Miss Outram	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 2.1- Health, Fitness and Wellbeing
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Mr Taylor	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 2.1- Health, Fitness and Wellbeing
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs Roberts	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 2.1- Health, Fitness and Wellbeing
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Mr Forsyth	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.3- Physical Training
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Miss Outram	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.3- Physical Training
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Taylor	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.3- Physical Training
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Roberts	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.2- Movement Analysis
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Forsyth	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.2- Movement Analysis
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Miss Outram	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 1.2- Movement Analysis
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Mrs Roberts	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 2.2- Sports Psychology / Topic 2.3- Socio-cultural influences
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr Forsyth	1:30-2pm	RO4	Topic 2.2- Sports Psychology / Topic 2.3- Socio-cultural influences
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr Taylor	1:30-2pm	RO4	All topics covered

### Year 11 Mocks:

- November W/B **24<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
(revision session Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 3:05-4pm, RO4)
- March W/B **2<sup>nd</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### GCSE PE Exams:

- Physical Education Paper 1: Fitness and Body Systems 1PE0 01  
1h 30m – **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 (AM)**
- Physical Education Paper 2: Health and Performance 1PE0 02  
1h 15m – **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 (AM)**





On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November we were very fortunate to have a visit from Richard Foord MP who came into school to work with the newly appointed Student Council.

Richard led a one-hour session on leadership and how to serve the local community. It was also a great opportunity for our students to ask questions of their local MP, find out what he does week by week and what it's like to be a Member of Parliament.



**11** November  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Lest We Forget*



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November we held our school Remembrance event. Students spent period 2 reflecting on the sacrifice of all of those affected by war and conflict around the world.

The whole school lined up outside to take part in the national two-minute silence. We were joined by members of the Honiton band as well as Lieutenant Sykes from the Honiton Army Cadets.

**OPERATION**

**FOODBANK**

**@HCC**

**We're running a tutor group food donation challenge from 17 - 28 November which will be launched in assemblies this week!**

- ◆ Each tutor group will be given their own collection box.
- ◆ Student volunteers from Year 9 will monitor progress and encourage donations.
- ◆ The tutor group with the highest number of donations will win a Pizza Party!

**The foodbank is currently desperate for essential items, especially:**

- \* Tinned fruit
- \* Tinned ham/meat
- \* Tinned hot dogs
- \* Tinned tuna
- \* Fray Bentos pies
- \* Tinned soup
- \* Tinned beans
- \* Spaghetti & noodles (no other dried pasta, please)

**Please help us support those in our local community!**

## Next Fortnightly Events WEEK A

### Monday 24 November

- ◆ Year 11 Mocks (All Week)

### Tuesday 25 November

- ◆ Year 11 Rugby Vs Colyton @ HCC (15:45-17:45)
- ◆ Honiton Learning Community: Multi Skills @ LED (10:00-12:00)

### Wednesday 26 November

- ◆ East Devon vs Exeter Cross Country @ Blundell's School (09:-15:00)
- ◆ U15 Girls & U15 Boys Badminton @ Sidmouth (13:30-17:30)

## WEEK B

### Tuesday 2 December

- ◆ Year 11 FutureSmart Careers Guidance (whole Day)
- ◆ Fixture: U15 7aside Girls Football R1 @ Axe Valley (14:15-17:15)
- ◆ Fixture: U14 and U16 girls netball v Exmouth Community College @ Exmouth College (15:15-17:30)

### Wednesday 3 December

- ◆ Governors Meeting @ HCC (17:00-19:00)

### Thursday 4 December

- ◆ Year 8 Rugby V Sidmouth @ HCC (15:10-16:45)

## YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL DEPOSITS PAYABLE ON MCAS

A reminder that a £35 deposit is required via MCAS to secure your child's place on the Year 7 residential, as part of Activities Week.

The total cost is £93 per student, which includes:

- ✓ Packed lunch and a full day of activities on Day 1
- ✓ Evening meal
- ✓ Evening activity
- ✓ One-night stay
- ✓ Breakfast on Day 2
- ✓ Lunch for the return journey

Your child will either be attending on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.



## DEPARTMENT



**Tuesday 9  
December**  
at  
**18.30**  
in the Drama Hall

## AUTUMN TERM CONCERT

### Featuring

The HCC House Band  
Singing Group  
Taiko Ensemble  
Rock School  
Balalaika Ensemble

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Department amplifiers)



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