



Dates for the Diary

Week B

Mon 6 Nov	Students first day back
Tues 7	Yr10 Rugby @ Kings College, leaving 1.30pm U16 Netball @ HCC—cancelled
Wed 8	ED X-Country Championship @ Bicton all day
Thu 9	Yr12 Physics Competition @ Exeter Race-course, all day Year 7 Progress Evening 3.45—7pm
Fri 10	Ten Tors Navigation Training all day @ HCC

AUTUMN TERM 2



We are looking forward to seeing all your children returning to school on Monday. To help them settle, share key information/reminders, and offer any support needed on their return, we will

be running an extended tutor group session first thing on Monday, which we find makes for a very settled, calm start after a holiday. Please help us maintain excellent standards of presentation with uniform, it really helps our students take pride in themselves and helps with consistency and fairness. Please also ensure they have all their equipment ready for Monday morning, including stationary, booklets and booklet bag. Thank you as always.

IT UPDATE

As we all know, IT is wonderful when it is set-up and working, and thanks to some amazing people in our IT and admin teams, a phenomenal amount of work has gone in to transferring and updating our systems. **Please continue as you have been for this first week back of term.** A separate communication will come out this week explaining how together, we will move away from Weduc & Class charts, to just one platform: **Bromcom.**

The final changes are being made to our set-up for a full **transition on Monday 13th November.** We will have IT support available but please for now, wait for our next steps letter coming soon. Thank you.



PARENT SURVEY 2023

Mr Kirkbride and the leadership team would like to send their thanks to everyone who shared their views and feedback with us through the recent parent survey. They have read through all the responses and will soon share an overview of the feedback, next steps and anything already in progress as a result. Thank you to everyone who shared their time; it is very much appreciated.



Yr7 Progress Evening



A reminder that our Year 7 Progress Evening is being held on **Thursday 9th November.** Thank you to everyone who has already signed up.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as can attend. Please arrive in good time to register in the Post-16 Centre and find your way to your first appointment. (Don't worry, our Student Ambassadors will be around to help you find your way!) We try to keep to the 5 minutes for appointments to keep things running smoothly. Members of the leadership team will be circulating to answer more general questions that might come up. There will be tea and coffee available throughout the evening and plenty of chances to catch-up with other parents too. Hope to see you soon!

Yr11 Macbeth - After School Movie

Showing **16th & 23rd November 3.05 – 4.05pm**



Miss Boyce has kindly arranged a **film showing of Macbeth** for the year 11s in The Hub and we would love as many students to attend as possible please. The movie will be shown at the above times, and coming to watch will help support the students' knowledge of the plot.

Miss Boyce will also be starting a **lunchtime drop-in revision club on Wednesdays.** Please encourage your child to make the most of this excellent support available to them.



Enrichment Opportunities & Personal Development



HALF-TERM CHALLENGE REMINDER—ALL YEAR GROUPS

Thank you to all those students who have already sent in photos and information for our half-term challenge. We are so pleased to see you have been engaging in educational activities during your break. It is not too late to get involved! Please send any photos and a description of what you have done to Miss Blight at: Hayley.blight@honiton.college

WATER SAFETY YOUNG LEADER TRAINING for years 7, 8 & 9. Book your place now!

As part of a national program, the charity 'Above Water' <https://www.abovewater.org/> will be holding Water Safety Young Leader Training at Honiton Community College on Tuesday 14th November. This offer is for students in years 7, 8 and 9 and is a unique method of teaching water safety and drowning prevention. It has already taught thousands of children in Cardiff, Oxford, London, Torbay and the Wirral. The session is completely **free** for students and once trained, these young leaders may have the opportunity to teach and instruct their peers on how to become water safety smart through classroom sessions and/or assemblies, if they were confident to do so. Students from other local secondary schools and feeder schools will be joining us for this session. It has been sponsored by a local business, **McCarthy Contracting & Developments Ltd** and regionally by **SW Water**. Thank you to both companies.

Drowning Prevention

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, FLOAT

How to self-rescue

How to rescue others

JUMPING or Tombstoning

Water Safety

Information & statistics

Understanding the hazards near water

What is drowning?

Cold water Shock

RIPs and flow



What is included in the training?

Resources will be sent to the Young Leaders via their member of staff to help and guide how the students will implement the water safety and drowning prevention teaching for their school.

Spaces for this are offered on a first come first served basis so if your child/children in years 7, 8 or 9 are interested in becoming a Young Leader in water safety training then please email Miss Blight on Hayley.blight@honiton.college

RAF CAREERS TALK for years 9, 10, 11 and Post-16



On **Wednesday 15th November during lunchtime (13:30pm)** we welcome **Corporal Scott Wyatt from the Royal Air Force** in to talk all things careers in the RAF and answer some questions. This is an open session for years 9 to 13. There is no need to sign up, just turn up promptly and bring your lunch! Please remind your child on the morning if they are interested in attending.

Year 10 Work Experience

We are so pleased with the number of yr 10 students who have already sourced a placement for May 2024. All year 10 students have been provided with a student PIN number to access the Careers South West data base to look for suitable placements. Alternatively, students can approach employers in their local areas who work in sectors which are of interest to the student. Please get in touch if you have any questions – Miss Blight (Personal Development Lead)



JUST A
REMINDER...



**TERM
DATES 24/25**

Our 2024-2025 term dates are now on our website.