



HUISH Newsletter
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In early September we welcomed our new intake of Year 12 students to Huish Sixth. Students spent time together in form groups taking part in team building games and workshops including sessions on:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Time Management
- Organising Resources
- Self-Regulation and Metacognition

Students had a very productive and enjoyable day which ended with an assembly with Mr. Woodward where all students made 'commitments to self-development and progress' captured in the photograph here.

Thank you to Miss Cawthorn for organising the day and to all the staff and students who took part.



On Saturday 24th September Year 12 student Matthew Harriss played in the Somerset Youth Badminton Championships and came:

- 2nd in under 19s mens singles (lost in 2 ends to a very good opponent)
- 1st in under 19s mens doubles (narrowly won in 3 ends after 3 very close games)
- 1st in under 19 mixed doubles (a more comfortable win in 2 ends)

After the tournament Matt commented:

"Overall I'm extremely happy with my performance. The opposition was very tough but thanks to amazing teammates and support I achieved some great results and had an amazing time."



Other exciting news: A few weeks ago, two of our aspiring lawyers, (Oscar Wright and Tom Francis), were put through their paces by the barrister Jessie Bowhill, (pictured right), who works at 8 Newsquare in Central London. Jessie grilled each student for approximately 45 minutes covering legal issues such as the right to privacy, copyright law, The Equality Act and other areas, in order to help the boys prepare for university interviews.

Jessie has worked on many high-profile cases including the most recent Ed Sheeran copyright case and the action brought by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex against the Daily Mail. She commented: "I was really impressed by both boys who acquitted themselves very well. I am sure they will grow to be successful lawyers in the future"

Thank you to Mrs Boarder for organising this opportunity for the boys.



Just last week, our Huish Sixth Psychology, Biology, Applied Science and Philosophy students really enjoyed attending Guy Sutton's Brain Day at the Academy. This was a full day workshop investigating the workings of the brain delivered by an experienced Psychiatrist, Neuroscientist and Academic.

Students benefitted from a series of presentations, practical activities and had the chance to handle and analyse a dissected sheep's brain. Many thanks to Mrs Boarder and Miss Low for organising the event.

Guy will be visiting again next year and also offering staff training at the end of the day covering the topic of 'Understanding the Teenage Brain'



We were also very fortunate to have a visit from Karen Perryman who works with the Alcohol Education Trust. Karen presented a very interactive, informative and fun session around responsible drinking and awareness of the short, mid and long-term effects of alcohol. Students were informed regarding units of alcohol in different drinks, how alcohol is metabolised at different rates and also some of the warning signs regarding overdrinking on a night out.

This session is just one of many that will be taking place during 'mypd' sessions over the autumn and spring terms.

Finally, last week, YR12 and 13 students took part in the first round of the UKMT Maths Challenge, the event being organised by Mr. Watts.

This is a national competition which, historically, Huish Sixth has performed well in. Speaking to students at the end of the event confirmed that it really was a 'challenge' with some very complex questions being tackled. Hopefully they will get through to the silver 'kangaroo' round next. Many thanks to Mr. Watts for organising the event and to the site team for setting up all the desks.

With the recent news now updated, it just leaves enough space to say thank you to all our students and to wish everyone a pleasant half-term break.

Best wishes,

Andrew Woodward
Head of Huish Sixth

