

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

The house competition remains tight as we move further into the term.

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
4622

Bailbrook
4635

Pennard
4512

Lambrook
4396

Chelston
4025

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic fortnight here at Huish, and I am delighted to share just some of the highlights with you.

Over the past two weeks, we have hosted a series of Open Mornings for over 60 prospective families, and I could not be prouder of our student guides. They have conducted tours with such confidence and have been truly outstanding ambassadors for our school. Their enthusiasm and pride in Huish have shone through, and the feedback from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive.

Last night, we were thrilled to welcome Year 10 and Year 11 students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening where we showcased our academic offer and the vibrant community that defines Huish Sixth Form. You will find more details on the application process for Sixth form below.

Across the school, students have continued to demonstrate our core values in every lesson, and we have seen fantastic engagement and effort in classrooms. We are also incredibly proud of our many sports teams, who have represented Huish brilliantly in a range of fixtures over the past two weeks. Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship have been exemplary, and we have a number of impressive performances to report in this newsletter.

Importantly, opportunities outside of the classroom continue to be a strong and valued part of our offer at Huish. This newsletter provides some updates on just some of the fantastic opportunities that students have been engaged with. Whether through leadership roles, enrichment activities, or participation in the arts and sports, our students are developing confidence, character, and a sense of community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Character Education Update

We are excited to share with you the latest updates from our Character Education programme as we continue to focus on community involvement, student growth, and the development of core values. As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture thoughtful, responsible, and compassionate young people.

Planting for Polio

Next week, our Year 8 students will be working alongside our local Rotary Club as part of the Planting for Polio campaign. Each student will be planting crocus bulbs to raise awareness and support the global fight against polio.

There will be a donation box at Reception for those who wish to contribute to the Rotary Club's ongoing efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

The Biggest Quiz: Running Averages

The results of this term's Biggest Quiz are expected to significantly impact these rankings. At the moment, quiz averages are as follows:

Chelston	Lambrook	Bailbrook	Pennard	Merchant
15.5	15.5	15.2	14.7	14.5

With just two weeks to go until the live final, everything is still to play for!

Looking Ahead to the Next Half Term: Respect

Our theme for next term is **Respect**, and we're excited to announce a number of initiatives that will help our students demonstrate this value in meaningful ways.

Food Bank Challenge

We will be launching a food bank challenge to support members of our wider community who may need extra help this winter. Details will follow next term about how students and families can get involved.

Christmas Cards for the Community

Students will also be designing and writing Christmas cards to share messages of kindness and respect with local residents. We are especially keen to reach out to care homes and individuals who may appreciate receiving a card.

If you know of any organisations, care homes, or individuals who would welcome a card from one of our students, please let us know by emailing BenWood@hea.ac.uk.

Huish Episcopi Academy

presents a

CELEBRATION

of our

Young Musicians

Thursday 23rd October

6pm

H1 Auditorium

Doors open 5.45pm

£3 Adults

£2 Students

Proceeds go towards the Music Department

You are warmly invited to our next Celebration of Young Musician concert, featuring performances from students across all year groups. We recommend getting yours early, as seats are limited. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music and celebration. See you there!

Trip Report: Year 11 Geography Fieldwork, Bristol

This week, the Geography department took Year 11 to Bristol to complete the fieldwork element of their Paper 3 GCSE. The aim for the trip is to decide if the regeneration of Bristol Temple Quarter has been successful. We visited three locations at different stages of development: The Paintworks, The Arena site and Temple Quay.

We also highlight character education within our trips with students showing ambition when discussing jobs available at law and financial services businesses in the area, respect when asking members of the public to complete questionnaires and resilience when completing difficult tasks in a busy urban environment.

Well done, Year 11!



Homework Club

Monday - Thursday

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Library

Replacement Bus Passes

If your child travels on a bus operated by Somerset Transport and their bus pass has been lost, please order a replacement by completing the online form here: [Request a replacement school bus pass](#)

If your child travels on a bus not operated by Somerset County Transport, you will need to contact the bus company direct to request a replacement.

Whilst your child awaits the arrival of their replacement bus pass, please remind them to see Ms Neale at lunchtimes outside of ML1 to collect a temporary bus pass.

Cambodia: Camps International Trip 2027

Details for Interested Families

Following our amazing expedition to Costa Rica this year, we are pleased to offer a further exciting opportunity to Huish students in the coming weeks. Some dates you may wish to save for your diaries.

In the weeks beginning **13th October** and **20th October**, students in years 9 - 12 will hear a presentation about an expedition of a lifetime to Cambodia in 2027.

Parents and carers of interested students are invited to a presentation on **4th November at 6 pm**, outlining what the Camps International projects and processes are, including what to expect from camp life, as well as how to fundraise for this trip of a lifetime.

This year, students interested in taking part will complete the following process:

1. Commitment to join a team-bonding activity on **Saturday 8th November at 9 am** at school.
2. Following the activity, if students/parents and carers still wish to take part in the expedition, a deposit can be paid to secure their place. Further details of this will be explained in information evening on **4th November**.
3. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, with deposit payments open on **Tuesday 12th November**. This payment is to Camps International.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

**POWER
FOR
GOOD**
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 10th to
Friday 14th November

**ODD SOCKS
DAY 2025**
Monday 10th November

#OddSocksDay

#PowerForGood

SLT Coffee Morning

**16th October
9 - 10 am**

You are invited to our first SLT Coffee Morning of the year.

This is an informal opportunity to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team over a tea or coffee, and ask any questions you may have.

We hope to see lots of you there!

Year 11 Exam Information Evening

**22nd October
5 - 6:30 pm**

The Year 11 Exam Information Evening will now take place on Wednesday 22nd October.

This is an excellent opportunity to hear from Heads of Department about upcoming mock examinations, and study skill advice for the full academic year.

Please note the change of date from the original, 16th October, due to a clash with a Strode College Open Evening.

We look forward to seeing both parents/carers and students at the evening. Additional information will follow next week.

Science Club is Back!

Students in Year 7 were welcomed into science after school this week to enhance their knowledge of science, develop their practical skills and have fun! Over the course of the year, we will be doing a range of activities, from using microscopes to making sherbet and bath bombs so that students can see the real-world applications of science but also to improve their understanding of the taught curriculum.

This week, the students were developing their confidence in using Bunsen burners and basic heating skills. They were then set a task of comparing boiling points of pure water and salt water.

Science club runs every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in Sc11. Come along to meet new people and try out experiments you see on YouTube for yourself!

By the end of the year, students who wish to will do a short project to gain a Bronze Crest award. CREST awards bring STEM to life (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) for young people aged 3-19 of all abilities, equipping them to achieve a globally renowned Award. It aims to spark curiosity, builds confidence, and connects students with real-world science.

We were immensely proud of two of our Year 8 students, Jackson and Matilda, for supporting us in running the club. They have developed a huge amount of confidence in science by attending science club when they were in Year 7. They helped the Year 7s set up their equipment, helped us set up and pack away and checked the students all knew what they were doing. A great example of how Huish is building character in our students through our core values: Ambition, Respect and Resilience.

Year 9 Rugby Tournament:

Huish vs. Bucklers Mead, Preston, and Wadham

On Wednesday 8th October, the Year 9 Rugby team attended a tournament hosted at Bucklers Mead, competing against Bucklers Mead, Preston, and Wadham.

The tournament began with an impressive win over Wadham. Strong line speed in defence and some excellent running lines from the backs ensured a dominant performance and a confident start to the afternoon.

Next up was Buckler's Mead. This fixture provided an opportunity to rotate the squad and give all players valuable game time. Despite the changes, Huish maintained their intensity and structure. Strong counter-rucking and determined tackling resulted in another resounding victory.

To conclude the tournament, Huish faced Preston. After a slow start, the team began to build momentum, applying sustained pressure on the opposition. Once the deadlock was broken, the tries began to flow. The most impressive aspect of the performance came from the restarts, with one chaser applying pressure and the second player turning over possession, setting the platform for further scores.

It was a fantastic afternoon of rugby, with the team showing great skill, teamwork, and resilience throughout.

Sporting Fixture Round -Ups

Year 10 Hockey Match Report:

Huish vs. Bucklers Mead

The girls were victorious this week, with a strong 7 - 0 win against Bucklers Mead!

Opposition's Player of the Match went to Izzy for her tireless efforts in midfield. There was an outstanding display of ambition and resilience from every player, winning one-on-one battles and supporting on the attack.

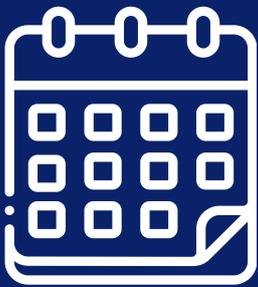
Well done, Team Huish!

Year 7 Rugby Update

Year 7 have been doing a fantastic job at their rugby matches recently! At their most recent festival, they won a staggering 3 out of 4 games, winning the entire festival.

Excellent work from the whole team and brilliant sportsmanship displayed by all - handshakes and cheers for all opposition.

Well done, Year 7! Keep it up!



Dates for your diary for this term

- **16th October** – Year 12 & 13 Textiles Trip: V&A
- **16th October** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10 am)
- **22nd October** – Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening
- **23rd October** – Music: A Celebration of Young Musicians (6 - 7 pm)
- **27th October** – **Half Term**
- **4th November** – Camps International Parent Information Evening
- **6th November** – Year 12 Parents' Evening
- **11th November** – Year 10 BTEC Information Evening
- **12th November** – Music Trip: BSO KS4 Schools Concert
- **18th November** - SEND Coffee Morning (9:30 - 11 am)
- **28th November** – **INSET Day**
- **3rd December** – Music: Primary Carols
- **4th December** – SLT Coffee Morning
- **4th December** – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **5th December** – Year 11 Winter Formal
- **8th December** – Music: Wells Cathedral Choir Concert
- **11th December** – Music: Christmas Concert
- **18th December** – Music: Christmas Carol Service
- **19th December** – **School finishes at 12:30 pm, with all students to be off site by 1 pm**



Respect
Ambition
Resilience