

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

The house competition remains close as we begin the final term of the year.

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
26127

Bailbrook
24103

Lambrook
23423

Chelston
22337

Pennard
21743

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the summer term, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our students and their families. It has been a pleasure to see how positively students have returned to school, demonstrating enthusiasm, focus and a real readiness to embrace the opportunities ahead. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in helping us ensure such a successful start to the term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the students who participated in our end-of-term production of Twelfth Night and A Midsummer Night's Dream. The performance was a wonderful celebration of creativity and collaboration, and it was fantastic to see students from across all year groups performing together in such an impressive and memorable showcase. My thanks go to the staff who supported the productions and to families for their encouragement and attendance.

Looking ahead, all parents, carers and students are warmly invited to our much-anticipated Huish's Got Talent event taking place next Thursday. We are really looking forward to another entertaining evening celebrating the talents of our young people—further details can be found below.

The summer term promises to be a busy and exciting one for all year groups. Please do take note of the key dates listed at the end of this newsletter so you can plan ahead.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout the term ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal



HUISH'S GOT TALENT

30TH APRIL, 6 PM
MAIN HALL

TICKETS £2
AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY

We are delighted to invite you to Huish's Got Talent! This exciting evening will showcase a wide range of student talents, and we look forward to celebrating the creativity, confidence, and hard work of our students with you.

Tickets are priced at £2 and can be purchased via ParentPay. All money raised from ticket sales will go towards supporting the school's Character Education Programme, helping to further develop important personal qualities and values in our students.

We can't wait to see you there!

United Learning Mental Health Webinar

18th May 2026, 4 - 5 pm

The Anna Freud Centre will be hosting an online Mental Health and Wellbeing Webinar for United Learning parents and carers on Monday 18th May, 4 - 5 pm. The Anna Freud Centre are national leaders in children and young people's mental health and have worked closely with United Learning schools for several years.

The session will be led by their expert trainers and will focus on supporting you as parents and carers with your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers are invited to **sign up in advance**, and will have the opportunity to submit any questions you would like the sessions to cover. Topics such as anxiety have already been flagged and will be included. If you are unable to attend on the day, you can still register and then you will be sent a recording of the session afterwards. We encourage all parents and carers who are interested to sign up and take part.

[Booking Link](#)

Year 10 Careers Guidance

Over the course of the Summer term and leading into the Autumn, all students in Year 10 are invited to sign up for individual careers guidance meetings. These meetings are an opportunity for students to talk one-to-one about their plans and aspirations post-16. They form an important part of our Careers Programme – supporting students with their next steps after GCSEs.

Students can sign up for appointments via their tutors or by emailing a request to EmmaHigman@hea.ac.uk. Parents and carers are always welcome to contact Emma directly for any information regarding post-16 progression.

Attendance and Exam Success

Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of success at GCSE and A level. National research from the Department for Education shows that pupils in Year 11 with attendance above 95% have almost double the chance of achieving a grade 5 or higher in English and Maths compared to those who attend 90–95% of the time. Alarming, missing just 10 days across the year can halve the likelihood of achieving these key GCSE outcomes. [\[educationh...log.gov.uk\]](#)

The same message applies to post-16 study. Strong attendance in Key Stage 5 supports deeper subject knowledge, stronger exam performance and successful progression to university, apprenticeships or employment, as highlighted in wider DfE analysis linking attendance with attainment across secondary education. [\[gov.uk\]](#)

As a school, we remain committed to supporting and celebrating good attendance. This term, pupils across all key stages will continue to be recognised for excellent and improving attendance through targeted rewards and acknowledgement, alongside ongoing pastoral support for those who may be facing barriers to attending regularly. We thank all our families for your continued partnership in ensuring pupils are in school every day and fully prepared for success in their examinations.



'Twelfth Night' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' - Coming to Barrington Court!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our school production at the end of March. Months of hard work and preparation culminated in a phenomenal double-bill of two Shakespearean classics – *Twelfth Night* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – with a twist! We are so proud of every single student involved and the dedication that they have shown. They are most certainly the next generation of superstars.

If you missed out on watching this fabulous production, then you are in luck! We are delighted to share that we will be performing *Twelfth Night* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at National Trust's Barrington Court on **Saturday 9th May** at **11 am** and **2 pm**. Tickets will be £10 and available via [Evolve](#). The tickets will also grant admission into Barrington Court itself. Don't miss out on what is guaranteed to be an amazing day of incredible performances in a beautiful setting!

HUISH EPISCOPI ACADEMY
PRESENTS

**TWELFTH
NIGHT**



SATURDAY 9TH MAY

11 AM & 2 PM

BARRINGTON COURT



**A
MIDSUMMER
NIGHTS
DREAM**

TICKETS £10 VIA EVOLVE

Summer Concert

MONDAY 29TH JUNE

6:30 PM

MAIN HALL

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Music News

Several of our talented musicians took part in the *Somerset Youth Concert Band* course, a three-day intensive rehearsal period of brand new music that concluded with a sold-out concert at Cedars Hall, Wells Cathedral School.

Students involved were Eloise A (Baritone Saxophone), Lottie H (Flute), Juliet K and Beatrix S-S (Clarinet), Tess N (Alto Saxophone) and Matilda D-S, who was a featured soloist in the *Allegro Spiritoso* from *Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Band* by Ronald Binge.

A link to the performance is below, and other videos from the concert can be found on the Somerset Music YouTube page: ['Concerto For Alto Saxophone and Band: Allegro Spiritoso' - YouTube](#)

A huge congratulations to all involved!

Congratulations to...

Join us in celebrating the recent sporting achievements of Gracie and Jess in Year 11!

Gracie - Kickboxing

Gracie has had an exceptional run of success, winning Gold and Bronze at the Peterborough Championship Series. She has also secured a Bronze Medal at the ISKA English Championships, an achievement that now sees her qualify to represent England at the ISKA World Championships in Madrid.

Jessica - Rugby

Jess has been of the first U16 Somerset Girls League Winners, a fantastic achievement in itself. In addition, through the Somerset County Team, Jess has been selected to go trial for PDG England U18's team!



Updates from the Textiles Department

Year 10 have recently finished a Textiles project on corsets, using a range of printing techniques and different materials to create reversible corsets. Some complex construction skills were used alongside learning to make a product with different types of material. Well done, everyone!



The Textiles Department have also recently received some wonderful fabric donations from the local community and would like to share how much this has been appreciated.

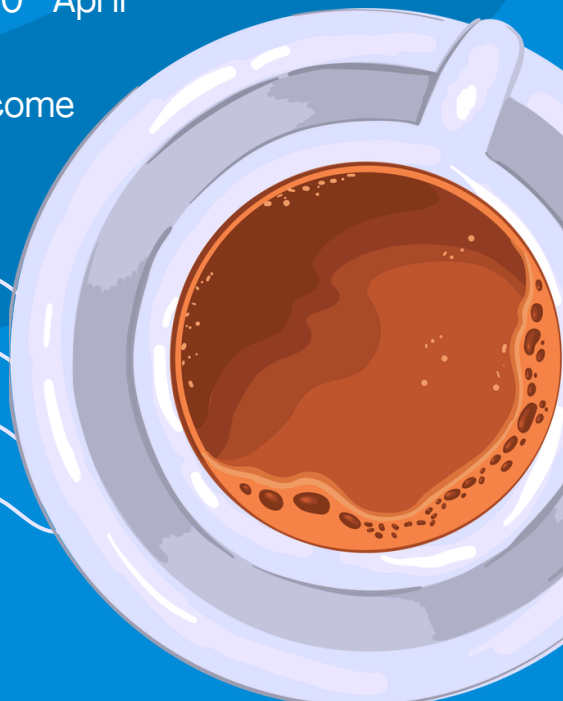
While they are currently are full capacity for fabric, any donation of denim or jeans would be gratefully received, as the material is used by Year 9 for their bucket hat project. A huge thank you, as always, for your support!

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 30th April

9 - 11 am

All are welcome



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 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.



Summer Term Extracurricular Sports Clubs

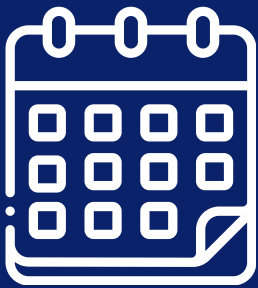
Day	Year Group	Club	Staff	Location	Time
Tuesday	7 & 8	Rounders	HJD / GB	Bottom Field	15:30 - 16:30
	7 & 8	Cricket	SV	Top Field	15:30 - 16:30
Wednesday	9 & 10	Rounders	SO / MC	Bottom Field	15:30 - 16:30
	9 & 10	Cricket	BW	Top Field	15:30 - 16:30
Thursday	All Years	Athletics	All PE Staff	Top Field	15:30 - 16:30



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Dates for your diary for this term

- **29th April** – UKMT Junior Maths Challenge (Year 7 and 8)
- **30th April** – Year 8 - 10 Rewards Trip
- **30th April** – SEND Coffee Morning (9:30 - 11 am)
- **30th April** – Huish's Got Talent! (6 pm)
- **4th May** – **Bank Holiday**
- **5th May** – **Public Exams Begin**
- **5th May** – Year 12 Geography Trip
- **6th May** – Golden Ticket Trip: Wicked
- **9th May** – Drama - Shakespeare Festival: Barrington Court
- **14th May** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10 am)
- **22nd May** – Year 13 Leavers' Assembly and Afternoon Tea
- **25th - 31st May** – **Half Term Break**
- **1st & 2nd June** – Year 9 Men ACWY/DTP Vaccinations
- **12th June** – Year 9/10 SCI Netball Festival Residential
- **16th June** – Golden Ticket Trip: We the Curious
- **16th June** – Year 10 Taster Day at BTC/Huish Sixth
- **23rd June** – SEND Coffee Morning (9:30 - 11 am)
- **24th June** – New Student Sixth Form Induction Day
- **24th June** – Year 12 Independent Study Day
- **26th June** – PSHE Drop-Down Day
- **29th June - 3rd July** – Year 12 Work Experience Week
- **29th June** – Music: Summer Concert (6:30 pm)
- **1st & 2nd July** – Year 10 Geography: Lyme Regis Field Trips
- **2nd July** – Year 8 My Futures Trip: Yeovil College
- **2nd July** – Year 11 Prom
- **2nd July** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10 am)
- **5th - 10th July** – Year 9 Residential Trip: Bude
- **6th - 10th July** – Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **8th - 10th July** – Year 7 Residential Trip: Camp
- **16th July** – Best in Everyone Awards: Prizegiving Ceremony
- **17th July** – **End of Term - Early Finish**



Respect
Ambition
Resilience