

8 May 2026

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

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

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
27710

Bailbrook
25468

Lambrook
14691

Chelston
23523

Pennard
22999

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a significant week for the school, as we welcomed Ofsted to Huish. Whilst I am unable to share the outcomes with you at this stage, it has been a really positive week for the school. I am immensely proud of our whole school community. Our students demonstrated what they do every day – maturity, confidence and kindness throughout. Our staff, as always, were unwavering in their commitment and professionalism. I would like to thank you all for your support, not only this week, but for the continued support you give to the school. I look forward to sharing the outcomes with you once the report is published, which we anticipate will be early in June.

Alongside this, it has been a very busy and vibrant few weeks in school, with a wide range of performances, visits, trips and enrichment opportunities taking place, many of which are celebrated within this newsletter. These experiences are such an important part of school life and a real strength of our community.

Finally, I would like to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best as they begin their public examinations. They have worked incredibly hard to reach this point, and we are very proud of them all. We wish them every success over the coming weeks.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Celebrating Year 11 Examination Success and Commitment

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 students who have recently completed examinations in Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sports Development, German Listening, Film Studies, and Drama. Students conducted themselves impeccably in the examination hall, demonstrating maturity, focus, and a highly positive attitude throughout. Their exemplary behaviour and calm approach are a real credit to themselves and the Academy.

As a school, we are also extremely proud of the wider Year 11 cohort for their diligence and commitment this week. Students have engaged purposefully in targeted revision, practiced key examination techniques in lessons, and have made excellent use of additional sessions. This consistent effort is helping students build confidence as they progress through this important examination period.

To further support students, **Year 11 Breakfast Club** started on Tuesday 5th May and will continue to run every morning until Tuesday 16th June. This provides a calm but focused start to the day and an opportunity for students to prepare positively for their exams.

We would also like to remind families that the **Year 11 Leavers' Assembly** will take place on Wednesday 17th June, starting at 2pm – details will be shared closer to the day.

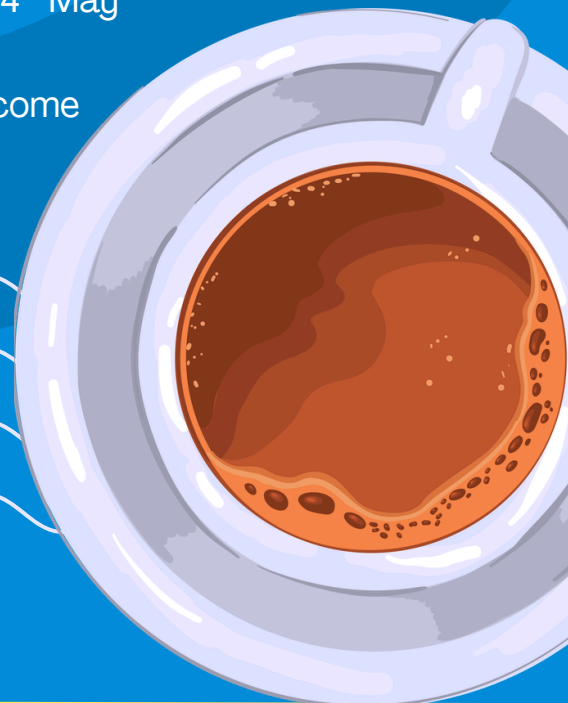
Thank you for your continued support and well done to Year 11 for the determination and resilience you continue to show.

SLT COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 14th May

9 - 10 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.



Character Development Events

Next week, we are excited to be running a number of Character Development events that support and celebrate our school values. Together, these events aim to continue developing our students' character by encouraging respect for others, ambition in their efforts, and resilience through participation and challenge.

CHARITY FÊTE FRIDAY 15TH MAY, LUNCH TIME

Next week, the Character Reps will be holding a lunch time charity fête, with lots of fun stalls and prizes to win! Please encourage your child to bring in some change and take part.

All money raised will go towards our Character Education Programme and **The William Parkinson Living Laboratory** at Europe's first Temperate Rainforest Research Station, built by The Thousand Year Trust, in memory of former Huish student William Parkinson.

To learn more about the project or to make a donation, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/william-parkinson-living-laboratory#supportersList>

BAKE SALE AND HOUSE COMPETITION

On the same day, we will also be holding the Huish Bake Sale House Competition! Students are invited to bake a cake that best represents their House:

Bailbrook **Chelston** **Lambrook** **Merchant** **Pennard**

Cakes will be judged during break time, before being sold at lunch time as part of the Charity Fête. This event always generates fantastic creativity, teamwork, and House pride!

Please note: Due to allergies, please do not include nuts in your cakes!

Forest School Update

Forest School is in full swing, with students fully immersed in outdoor learning. Flowers and vegetables are being planted, dens are being built, and creativity is flourishing. Learners are even beginning work on an exciting tree house project!

It has been fantastic to see teamwork, laughter, and hands-on learning thriving in the natural environment.



Updates from GCSE Food!



This week, the Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students were very busy making utterly delightful cheesecakes in just one hour! Wonderful work, everyone. A fabulous display of skill, creativity and hard work!

Trip Report: Wicked

On Wednesday 6th May, our lucky students whose Golden Tickets were drawn enjoyed a brilliant day out in London and watched Wicked: The Musical at the Apollo Victoria Theatre!

Not only did students have the time of their life at Wicked, but they enjoyed travelling around central London – by Tube and by foot – and seeing the infamous London Eye, Buckingham Palace, and more!



An Introduction to Emotion Coaching

Wednesday 20th May, 6 – 8 pm
Sixth Form Cafe, Huish Episcopi Academy

Helping children and young people to understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur, and how to handle.

Emotion coaching is a strategy that can support families with enabling their children to identify and respond appropriately to their emotions.

It can:

- Support families to identify emotions earlier by teaching parents to tune in and identify small early signs. This can then support parents to talk these emotions through, and support their child to understand the source of their emotions.
- Help parents to feel empowered to support their child, to set limits and help with problem solving where appropriate.
- Help parents feel more confident with responding to their child's emotions with empathy and validation.
- Support parents to understand the link between their own feelings around emotions and how they support their child through their big emotions.

Reserve your place here: <https://form.jotform.com/261262449301047>

HUISH'S GOT TALENT RESULTS!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our talent competition last week! We are delighted to share the winners:

1 st	56 votes	Tiana and Daisy (Year 8)
2 nd	54 votes	Brooke (Year 7)
3 rd	35 votes	Jack (Year 9)

Congratulations to our winners and all who took part! It was fabulous to see so many of our brilliant students share talents on stage.



Congratulations to...



... Year 13 student Zach who, last weekend, competed at the BSGA National Schools Final in Stoke-on-Trent, where he won his competition in the U19 Men's Tumbling category. While this is not the first time he has won this title, it was his last chance to represent Huish Episcopi Academy on a National Stage.

Overall score: 52.3/60

Well done, Zach. We are so proud of you and all that you have achieved during your time at Huish!

...Year 9 student, Coby, a member of Somerset Ryū Karate and JKS England, who has achieved his black belt after seven years of dedicated training.

Throughout his journey, he has shown commitment, discipline, and perseverance - qualities that reflect the true spirit of Shotokan Karate. An incredible milestone!



...Brothers Casper and Freddie for their outstanding performances at the Yeovil Half Marathon and 10k a few weekends ago!

Casper performed phenomenally during the 10k, finishing 1st in the U20 category and an incredible 3rd overall.

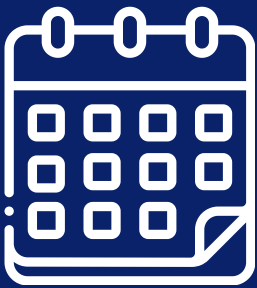
Freddie took on the half-marathon, securing 1st in the U20 category and finishing 16th overall – a fantastic achievement over such a challenging distance.



...Year 8 student Tyler, who has won the Somerset Golf Grassroots Championship!

Even more impressively, Tyler has now been selected for the Somerset County Squad - a testament to his hard work, dedication, and talent.





Dates for your diary for this term

- **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
- **17th June** – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
- **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**



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