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# Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

## House Update

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

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

**Merchant**  
**30200**

**Bailbrook**  
**27702**

**Lambrook**  
**27106**

**Chelston**  
**25334**

**Pennard**  
**25266**

## An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 11 and Year 13 students on the dedicated, mature and focused way in which they have approached their examinations so far. They have shown real determination, resilience and commitment, and we are so proud of how they have conducted themselves. We wish them every continued success and the very best of luck as the examination period continues after half term.

It has been a particularly busy and vibrant few weeks across the school, with a wide range of house events and competitions taking place. Our recent Character Fair was a wonderful showcase of the breadth of opportunities available to students, highlighting the strength of participation and community. This has been complemented by the excitement of the Taskmaster finals this week, which have brought together creativity, teamwork and a real sense of fun. These opportunities are an important part of our work on character education, helping to foster a strong sense of belonging, teamwork and healthy competition. It has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved, supporting one another and enjoying these shared experiences.

We have also very much enjoyed beginning our transition work with our incoming Year 6 pupils. It has been a real pleasure to start visiting the many primary schools from which students will be joining us in September. These early connections are so important in helping students feel known, confident and excited about the next stage of their education, and we look forward to welcoming them into our Huish community over the coming months.

As we now look ahead to the half term break, I hope that all families are able to take time to rest and recharge. With some wonderful weather forecast, it is a great opportunity to spend time outdoors and with family.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**Mrs Boyes**  
**Principal**



# Character Education Updates

## CHARITY FÊTE

As part of our school's Character Education programme, we recently held our much-anticipated Charity Fête. The event was a fantastic success and a true celebration of our community spirit. A huge thank you to all who supported!

We are thrilled to share that, together, we raised approximately **£302**, with a portion of the funds going towards [The William Parkinson Living Laboratory](#), supporting meaningful research and conservation opportunities in memory of former Huish student, William Parkinson.



## BAKE SALE AND HOUSE COMPETITION

A particular highlight of the day was the Huish Bake Off, which saw over 30 incredible entries from students across all year groups! The quality, creativity and effort on display were outstanding, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and showcased their culinary talents.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Merchant (Eddie)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Lambrook (Marni)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Chelston (Jess)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: **Pennard (Emily)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: **Bailbrook (Tiana and Esther)**



# Updates from Computer Science

During Computer Science lessons, Year 8 were recently challenged to build an app that is intuitive to use and calculates an entry fee.

Therefore, the Computer Science Department are pleased to announce the following winners of the family swim tickets, kindly donated by Lifestyle Fitness.

A huge congratulations to Elijah for excellence in coding and Eddie for best design! Well done to all of Year 8 for your brilliant work and creations.

Mr Walpole, Manager of Lifestyle Fitness, said, "Both apps show a great understanding of what consumers actually want, something that is clear and easy to use with helpful hints if unsure. Many apps in the industry have so much going on, it's often difficult to navigate and find what you need, but these are simple and effective! Great work, Year 8."

We hope your families enjoy the prize!

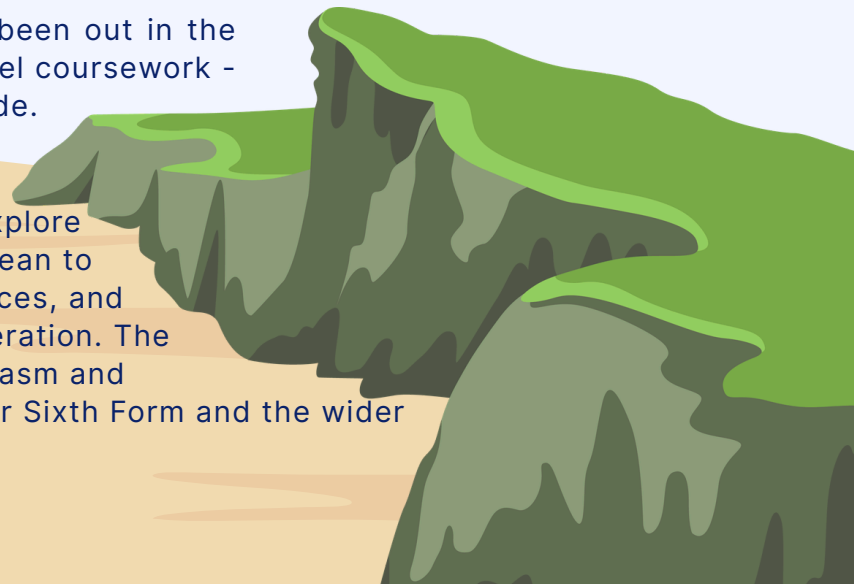


## Trip Report: Year 12 Geography Field Work

Year 12 Geography students have recently been out in the field collecting essential data for their A Level coursework - a project that is worth 20% of their final grade.

Their studies took them to a range of locations, including Berrow sand dunes to explore sand dune succession, the coastline from Brean to Burnham-on-Sea to investigate coastal defences, and Bristol Harbourside to examine urban regeneration. The students approached each task with enthusiasm and professionalism, and were a real credit to our Sixth Form and the wider school community.

Well done to all involved!



# Reminder: Year 9 Men ACWY/DTP Vaccination Consent

A reminder to all Year 9 parents and carers who have not yet replied to the Men ACWY/DTP vaccinations Consent form to please do so as soon as possible.

Even if you do not consent to the vaccinations, we require your response.

The vaccinations days will be taking place 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

Should you have any questions, please contact: [AmandaMitchell@hea.ac.uk](mailto:AmandaMitchell@hea.ac.uk)

Decision form:  
<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

Unique School Code: **SM136294**

## 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.



## Achievements in Music!

We are delighted to share that two of our Sixth Form students have successfully passed their Grade 8 Alto Saxophone exam! Zach and Eloise have achieved pass and merit respectively in the most advanced grade a musician can sit before moving on to Diploma.

This is a fantastic achievement, and a credit to the hard work and practice time that will have gone into preparing the challenging performance repertoire.

A huge congratulations to both Zach and Eleanor, and a big thank you to their teacher Nicola Tanner for preparing and supporting the students for their exams.

## Iceland Trip Information Evening

Parents and carers of students who are attending the Geography trip to Iceland in November 2026 are invited to an Information Evening on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6 pm**, in **H1**. There, further details about this exciting upcoming trip will be shared.

# United Learning Wellbeing Webinar Recording



Thank you to all who attended the Parent and Carer Wellbeing Webinar with United Learning and The Anna Freud Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> May. We hope that you found the session informative.

United Learning are aware that there were some issues with the circulation of the Zoom link, and apologise if anyone missed out on joining. To ensure all parents and carers have the opportunity to access the session, you can access the recording below:

Recording Link: [Parents & Carers Wellbeing Webinar Recording](#)  
Passcode: **A=8f@TXh**

## Huish Students Take on the Ten Tors Challenge!

A couple of weekends ago, a number of determined Huish students braved and conquered the Ten Tors Challenge on Dartmoor National Park.

The Ten Tors Challenge is attempted by 2,400 teenagers in 400 teams of six. The teams navigate routes of 35, 45 or 55 miles (depending on age) over the Northern half of Dartmoor, visiting ten nominated Tors/check points in under two days. Teams must be self-sufficient, carrying all that they need to complete their route and stay out overnight safely.

Completing Ten Tors is not easy, with the terrain, distances, and (more often than not) the climate all conspiring against success. However, with the right commitment, training, endurance and grit, it is achievable.

Year 11 student Ben successfully completed the 55-mile route and was the Team Navigator - a year earlier than normally permitted! He has now completed all three routes, which is no easy achievement.

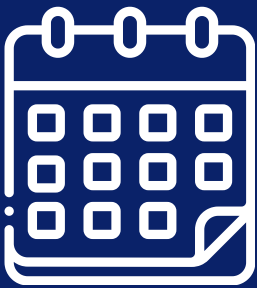
Year 11 students Dylan and Charlotte completed the 45-mile route, with Charlotte as Team Leader.

Year 10 student Florence also completed the 45-mile route and was the Team Leader.

All four have spent over seven months training for the event with their respective Cadet Forces and have shown incredible resilience. Overcoming personal injury and training in difficult terrain in poor weather making navigation difficult, the students have learned and displayed phenomenal teamwork and leadership skills to achieve this impressive feat.

A huge well done!





# Dates for your diary for this term

- **25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term Break**
- **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 9 Men ACWY/DTP Vaccinations
- **2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 12 History and Politics Trip: Houses of Parliament
- **12<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 9/10 SCI Netball Festival Residential
- **16<sup>th</sup> June** – Golden Ticket Trip: We the Curious
- **16<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 10 Taster Day at BTC/Huish Sixth
- **17<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
- **23<sup>rd</sup> June** – SEND Coffee Morning (9:30 - 11 am)
- **24<sup>th</sup> June** – New Student Sixth Form Induction Day
- **24<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 12 Independent Study Day
- **26<sup>th</sup> June** – PSHE Drop-Down Day
- **29<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Year 12 Work Experience Week
- **29<sup>th</sup> June** – Music: Summer Concert (6:30 pm)
- **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 10 Geography: Lyme Regis Field Trips
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 8 My Futures Trip: Yeovil College
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 11 Prom
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10 am)
- **5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 9 Residential Trip: Bude
- **6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 7 Residential Trip: Camp
- **14<sup>th</sup> July** – Golden Ticket Trip: Mystery Trip - to be confirmed!
- **16<sup>th</sup> July** – Best in Everyone Awards: Prizegiving Ceremony
- **17<sup>th</sup> July** – **End of Term - Early Finish**



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