

— 17 July 2026 —

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

The final results for the year are in!

The final standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
34092

Bailbrook
32259

Lambrook
30602

Chelston
29541

Pennard
27887

Congratulations,
Merchant!

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to celebrate what has been a truly wonderful year for our school community.

The updates within this final newsletter provide just a flavour of the many opportunities, experiences and moments of fun that our students have enjoyed over the last few weeks and throughout the year. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through sporting successes, performances, competitions or enrichment activities, our students have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience and achievements. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and grateful to our dedicated staff who work so hard to make these experiences possible.

As the year draws to a close, we also say some fond farewells to valued members of our staff team. Mrs Bowhill is relocating outside of Somerset, Mrs Eele is leaving to take up a teaching role closer to home, Mr Catley is moving on to an exciting role at another school and Mrs Horsington and Mrs Fletcher will be leaving to spend more time with their families. We also say goodbye to Miss Brett and Mr Painter, who have successfully completed their training year with us.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank each of these colleagues for their commitment, professionalism and contribution to our school. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Please see the separate letter regarding September arrangements and reminders.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Strong partnerships between home and school are so important, and we greatly appreciate the encouragement, trust and support you provide for both our students and staff.

I wish all of our families a safe, happy and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting and successful year ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Congratulations to Award Winners Elli and Henry!

A huge congratulations to Huish students Henry (Year 9) and Elli (Year 12) who were chosen as winners at United Learning's Best in Everyone National Awards!

Every year, United Learning invites schools all across the country to submit nominations for their annual awards. Out of hundreds of nominations, Henry and Elli were chosen as winners. We, at Huish, are incredibly proud.

Henry was chosen as the winner for **MFL (Year 7 - 9)**.

Elli was chosen as the winner for **English (Year 10 - 13)**.

This year's awards ceremony was in the prestigious venue of Boughton House in Kettering, hosted by the Duke of Buccleuch. Both students travelled up the country with their families to attend the ceremony and collect their awards.

Congratulations again to Henry and Elli! This is a fantastic achievement, and we hope they are as proud of themselves as we are of them.



Free School Meals - Apply by 1st September

Many of us will be affected by the cost of living crisis. We want to help and make sure you know what support you can receive. Your child might be eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals can help your child by:

- Helping them focus and learn
- Teaching them to eat healthy food
- Giving them good food every day
- Letting them join free holiday activities
- Giving the school extra money to help your child learn

Even if your child does not claim the free school meal, the school still receives extra money to support their education if you apply. From September 2026, there will be two groups who can get free school meals:

Targeted group: This is for families on Universal Credit who earn less than £7,400 a year or receive other benefits. These families may get extra help, such as access to free holiday activities.

Expanded group: This is for families on Universal Credit who earn more than £7,400. These families will get free school meals only.

From 1 September 2026, all children whose parent or carer receives Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please apply during August 2026 to ensure they can receive them from the start of the new school year.

You can check if your family is eligible and submit an application through Somerset Council throughout August.

For more information and to apply online:
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

Trip Report: Year 7 Camp, Badminton Woods

Last week, 101 Year 7s embarked on an unforgettable camping trip to Badminton Woods!

There, students had the chance to relax in nature for a few days, playing around the camp site and surrounding woods, and learn a number of valuable bushcraft skills. Our happy campers took part in activities such as camouflage, building fires and cooking over the flames, making dens in the woods, wilderness first aid, wood whittling, and many more.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to bond and connect through the endless joy and that nature can bring, as well as learn a few valuable lessons and earn new happy memories that they will undoubtedly carry with them for the rest of their lives.



Forest School End of Year Round-Up

What an incredible year it has been for Forest School! Over the course of the academic year, our Forest School area has undergone an amazing transformation, and we are so proud of everything our students have achieved. Through teamwork, creativity, resilience, and lots of hard work, the woodland has become a thriving outdoor learning environment where students have been able to learn, grow, explore, and have fun.

This year has seen one of the biggest developments to our Forest School site yet. Students have worked alongside staff to help create exciting new spaces and features that will benefit future groups for years to come. Some of our exciting additions include:

- A climbing cargo net
- Tree houses designed and built by students
- Numerous dens and shelters
- Rope and tyre swings
- New woodland exploration areas
- Improved seating and gathering spaces

One of the things we are most proud of this year is how much we have been able to create from the reclaimed and waste wood. Rather than allowing materials to go to waste, students have transformed them into fantastic woodland structures, such as benches, tables, tree houses, shelter frames, outdoor workspaces and more! The creativity shown by our students has been outstanding.

Students have also been busy planting flowers around the woodland area, growing vegetables, caring for planted areas, learning about wildlife habitats, and exploring local ecosystems.

Perhaps the most important achievement this year has been watching our students thrive. Forest School continues to provide a safe and supportive environment that creates space for emotional regulation, wellbeing, confidence-building opportunities, and practical learning experiences. It is a place where every child can experience success. We are incredibly proud of every student who has been part of Forest School this year.



As we begin planning for next year, we would greatly welcome any donations from families, local businesses or members of the community.

We are particularly looking for:

Winter Preparation

Tarpaulins, ground sheets, waterproof shelter materials

Woodland Building Materials

Off-cuts of wood, untreated timber, pallets, wooden posts

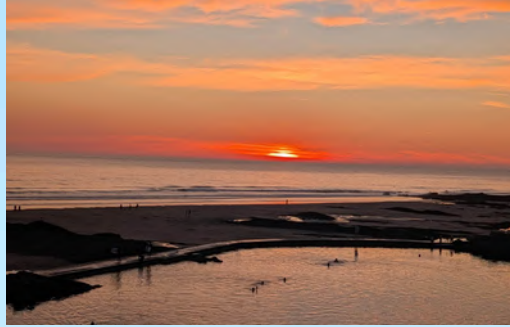
Tools and Equipment

Hammers, hand saws, screwdrivers, nails, screws, rope, measuring tapes

Craft Resources

String, wool, craft materials, natural crafting resources, buckets and storage containers

Trip Report: Year 8 & 9 Residential, Bude



Our Year 8 and 9 students enjoyed a truly fantastic week on their residential trip to Bude, packed with adventure, teamwork and unforgettable memories.

Throughout the week, students challenged themselves and developed new skills through a range of exciting activities, including surfing, bodyboarding, High Ropes, Team Trail, caving, mountain boarding, canoeing and kayaking. Their enthusiasm, resilience and willingness to step outside their comfort zones were evident in every activity.

As well as embracing the outdoor challenges, students also enjoyed some friendly competition. Huish students, working in collaboration with another school, were delighted to win the basketball competition and impress everyone with their performances in the talent competition. The evening activities provided plenty of laughs, with students having great fun dressing up and taking part in a variety of evening events such as football, tug of war and karaoke.

To top off an incredible week, the Huish team was proudly awarded Super Team of the Week, recognising their outstanding teamwork, positivity and support for one another throughout the trip.

We are extremely proud of all the students for their excellent behaviour, determination and enthusiasm. The trip was a huge success - well done to everyone involved!



Sports Day Recap

What a fantastic day of competition, participation and house spirit at our annual Sports Day! From the first race to the final event, students demonstrated determination, resilience and outstanding support for one another.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported the Be Her Lead team in their fundraising efforts through the sponge throw, bake sales and raffle. Together, we raised an amazing **£431.90** for Josephine's Star! A huge thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic total.

A special thank you also to our staff, volunteers and student leaders who helped make the day such a success. Well done, everyone! Congratulations, Chelston, on the win!

Results

1. **Chelston**
2. **Bailbrook**
3. **Merchant**
4. **Pennard**
5. **Lambrook**



Colour Run Update

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Colour Run in early July!

Students, staff, and families participated in an exciting obstacle course all while being absolutely covered in colourful powder – all in the name of fundraising for the William Parkinson Living Laboratory.

We are delighted to share that we raised a total of **£283.60**, which will go towards the continued conservation of Atlantic temperate rainforests. Thank you, as always, for your support.



Careers Recap

It has been a very busy term for Careers at Huish, with a wide range of activities taking place across the academy to help students explore future pathways and develop their employability skills.

Year 7 students enjoyed an inspiring talk on opportunities in agriculture, delivered through the Farmers 4 Schools programme. The session highlighted the diverse range of careers available within the agricultural sector and helped students understand the important role the industry plays in both the economy and the environment.

Year 12 students received a Higher Education talk from the University of South Wales, focusing on opportunities within the creative and digital sectors and broadening awareness of the wide variety of courses and career pathways available to them after sixth form.

Year 8 students enjoyed a visit to Yeovil College to participate in vocational workshops as part of the My Futures event. Students took part in a range of taster sessions, including construction, hair and beauty, creative arts, digital technologies and criminology, providing valuable insight into different career pathways and post-16 opportunities.

June's Drop Down Day was packed with careers-related activities across the year groups. Year 10 students took part in mock interviews, giving them the opportunity to build confidence and practise their interview skills with employers and volunteers. Year 8 and 9 students worked with Falmouth University on a creative Film Genre Design project, exploring careers within the creative industries. Meanwhile, Year 7 students participated in the Tyre Challenge, an enterprise activity that challenged them to develop a sustainable and innovative business idea to recycle or upcycle used car tyres.

The term culminated with Year 10 and Year 12 students undertaking one-week work experience placements with a wide range of local and regional employers. Feedback from employers has been extremely positive, with students praised for their enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to learn. The placements have had a significant impact on students, helping them gain confidence, develop workplace skills, improve communication and teamwork, and gain a greater understanding of different career sectors.

We are also delighted that several students have been offered part-time employment opportunities as a direct result of their work experience placements, highlighting the positive impression they made.

Finally, we were delighted to undertake our first employer visit to Sutton Bingham Reservoir, hosted by Wessex Water, with our Year 8 Future Ready Project students. The visit provided valuable insight into the wide range of careers available within the water and environmental sectors. The Future Ready Project is delivered locally by the Somerset Careers Hub and funded by JPMorganChase, with the aim of improving work experience opportunities and career-related learning for young people.



Year 10 mock interviews during Drop Down Day

A huge thank you to all the employers, education providers and partner organisations who have supported our careers programme this term.

Their contributions continue to help our students raise their aspirations, broaden their horizons and make informed decisions about their futures. We look forward to providing even more exciting opportunities in the year ahead.



GCSE & A Level Art Exhibition

At the end of June, we were thrilled to showcase some of the fantastic work produced by our Huish Artists in the end of year Art Exhibition.

The Art Exhibition, which takes place annually, is a true celebration of all the wonderful creativity that goes on at Huish, presenting the work of our GCSE and A Level artists across their Fine Art and Photography courses.



We had a fantastic turnout of families and students - both past and present - to our exhibition, all of whom commented on the wonderful, creative work and the high standard of art at Huish.

The exhibition was organised thematically and included more traditional areas of investigation and exploration such as landscape, portraiture and still life, as well as some brilliantly unique projects.

Congratulations to all our artists for your hard work and dedication over the GCSE and A Level courses. It has been a privilege to watch your creativity blossom and we wish those students who will be leaving us all the very best for your future.

Keep drawing, painting, and taking photos!



Year 12 Induction Day

It was fantastic to welcome students for our Year 12 induction day last week - what a great day! Students had an introductory lesson in their chosen subjects, an introduction to independent study skills, and ended the day by taking part in an enrichment session of their choice, with activities ranging from herbology to rounders, and from Italian to film studies.

As a reminder and for those who were unable to attend, the summer transition work can be found on our website here: [Transition Work](#)

We wish all Year 11s a fantastic rest of their summer and look forward to welcoming our new cohort of Year 12 in September. If you have not yet applied to Sixth Form but would like to know more, it is not too late - please contact Ms Wellfair-Priest

Trip Report: Shoemakers Museum

The Year 12 Sociologists recently enjoyed a trip the Shoemakers in Street, where they explored how their learning in sociology can be applied to the world around them. They enjoyed finding out more about the heritage of a local business which grew to be a global brand - long before many of the global brands we know today. We looked at how sociological concepts have real world applications in our own local community and came away enriched with new knowledge and understanding.



One of the students reviewed our morning saying - "I just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed the Sociology trip today to the Shoemakers Museum, and wanted to say thank you. It was a very relaxing experience, and I like the size of the museum as it was in depth but not an information overload! I love the history of the industrial revolution anyway, and having the sociology questions to answer helped me engage with the museum in a more focused way, helping me notice things I wouldn't have otherwise paid attention to. I felt the museum gave a good sense of the community feel to the company, helping you to connect to the people who worked there, and I love the photos and videos, as well as the adverts, because I find people interesting... Finally, I valued the time we spent having a conversation about sociology in the cafe at the end, because it wasn't prescriptive like a lesson, but we also had interesting things to talk about!"

Update from Textiles

Year 9 have been very busy using recycled denim, among other materials, to create reversible bucket hats! Students have been creating a vast collection of bucket hats, using a variety of construction skills – including patchwork.

Great work, Year 9! A huge thank you to all who donated fabric for this fantastic project.



Trip Report: Year 10 Geography Field Trip, Lyme Regis

On 1st and 2nd July, 105 Year 10 Geography students visited Lyme Regis as part of their GCSE fieldwork.

The aim of the day was to investigate what processes occur in this coastal town and to also evaluate how the area is defended from erosion.

A highlight is always how polite our students are when completing questionnaires and the many members of the public who complimented the students' engagement and behaviour.

Great work, Year 10!



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Ruby Malecki

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To honour my incredible dad I am doing a 80 mile walk along the coast path between Plymouth and Falmouth over the course of 5 days in July raising money and awareness for pancreatic cancer research, st margretts hospice and the ruth strauss foundation. In October last year, he was diagnosed with a terminal pancreatic cancer and sadly passed away this April. As a family we have been hugely supported through all of this by charities like the Ruth Strauss Foundation and St Margretts hospice and I would love to give something back for the invaluable kindness and support us and dad got. My dad was the most amazing, kindest, funniest adventure loving person and he passed on his love of mountain biking, snowboarding, hiking, water sports and music on to me and i believe doing this walk is the perfect way to celebrate him. Now I believe its my turn to give something back with dad giving me every more reason to. Thank you for helping me raise as much as I can. Ruby :)

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