18 September 2026

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

It is the start of a new year and the competition is already heating up!

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Bailbrook
935

Merchant
886

Pennard
808

Lambrook
807

Chelston
794

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete our first full cycle of the timetable, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff and families for such a positive start to the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see students settle quickly into their routines, approaching their learning with focus and enthusiasm. Across the academy, classrooms have been purposeful and productive, with students demonstrating the high expectations and ambition that we are so proud of at Huish.

This week has also seen the launch of our extracurricular programme, and it has been fantastic to see so many students already embracing the opportunities available beyond the classroom. These experiences play a vital role in helping young people develop confidence, character and new interests.

I would also like to thank the many parents and carers who have attended our recent Parent Information Evenings and online Meet the Tutor event. We know that when schools and families work together positively, students thrive both academically and personally, and we value the support, encouragement and partnership that our parents and carers provide.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome prospective families to our Open Evening next Thursday. If you have family members, friends or neighbours who are considering the next step in their child's education journey, please encourage them to come along and experience everything that Huish has to offer. We would be delighted to welcome them and showcase the exceptional opportunities, support and community that make Huish such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading this first newsletter of the year and celebrating the many successes and opportunities already emerging across our academy.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal



Sixth Form Open Evening

7 October 2026, 5 - 7 pm

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Open Evening

24 September 2026, 5 - 7 pm

Explore departmental areas, speak with our experienced members of staff, and hear from the Principal.

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Reminder: Cashless Systems

A reminder that we have moved to a completely cashless system here at Huish Episcopi Academy. We will no longer accept cash payments for any school-related transactions, including lunch payments, uniform, tickets, and stationery items.

Payments for catering, uniform, stationery, and event tickets can be made through ParentPay.

Payments for trips can be made through Evolve.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at HuishAccounts@hea.ac.uk

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.



Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to all parents and carers who have not yet replied to the Flu Vaccination Consent form to please do so as soon as possible.

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

The vaccination days will be taking place on **23** and **24 November**.

Should you have any questions, please contact: **AmandaMitchell@hea.ac.uk**

Decision form:
https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SM136294

Unique School Code: **SM136294**

Home Access to Technology Survey

To help us ensure that all students can access homework and online learning resources, we are gathering information about access to technology at home. If you are a parent or carer of a student at the school, please complete the short survey using the link below. The survey should take no longer than a couple of minutes to complete.

Please complete a separate form for each child.

Survey Link



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7	5	9	6	6	10	1

LIVE ONLINE CLASSES

- 1-hour sessions
- One Saturday morning every month
- 9:30am starts

COST TO FAMILIES

£3.60
BOOKING FEE PER REGISTRATION

- Secures your child's place for the full year
- No hidden extras
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Parent / carer registration required
Year 11 students cannot self-register.

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Register today

Registration deadline: 16 October 2026

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2. SECURE YOUR PLACE
3. JOIN ONLINE

Or visit: https://capitaltuitiongroup.com/mathsclinics

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Attendance Matters

At Huish Episcopi Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every pupil attends school regularly and benefits from the full range of educational opportunities available to them. Excellent attendance is o**ne of the strongest predictors of academic success, wellbeing and future life chances.**

The Department for Education (DfE) is clear that pupils should aim for 100% attendance, and that schools and families should work together to ensure attendance remains as high as possible. Attendance below 90% is defined as persistent absence and means a pupil has missed the equivalent of at least one half-day of school every two weeks.

Research consistently shows a strong link between attendance and attainment. DfE data demonstrates that pupils with higher attendance are significantly more likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes, while continued attendance into the sixth form is linked to better A Level performance and progression opportunities. You can find further information in the DfE's attendance guidance: **https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance**.



Attendance Raffle

To recognise and celebrate excellent attendance, we continue to run our Attendance Raffle each term!

Every week that a student achieves 100% attendance, they receive a raffle ticket from their tutor. By putting their ticket into the box in the atrium, students are entered into our termly draw. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs, including:

- An iPad
- A pair of Beats headphones

The more 100% attendance weeks a student achieves, the more tickets they earn and the greater their chance of winning!

A Reminder

Our Year Teams, Attendance Team and wider pastoral staff remain fully committed to working alongside parents and carers to improve attendance by identifying and removing barriers wherever possible. We recognise that every family's circumstances are unique and will continue to provide support, guidance and challenge where appropriate.

We would like to thank parents and carers in advance for their cooperation and ongoing support. By working together, we can ensure that all students access the education they deserve and maximise their opportunities for success - both now and in the future.

Year 11 English Revision Sessions

After school, every Monday, starting 21 September

To assist and prepare Year 11 in the lead-up to their Autumn mock examinations, the English Department are holding after school revision sessions every Monday - **starting Monday 21 September**. A full timetable of revision topics and room allocations will be available on the Year 11 Microsoft Teams page.

Please do encourage your child to attend if they are able to do so. Thank you for your support!



Student Council Updates

A huge congratulations to the students in Years 7 - 11 who were elected to the Student Council this week! Our first Year Council meetings will be taking place next week.

FREE PARENT & CARER

WEBINARS

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Led by the Mental Health Support Team

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- CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
- EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
- RESILIENCE & SELF ESTEEM
- SLEEP
- EXAM STRESS

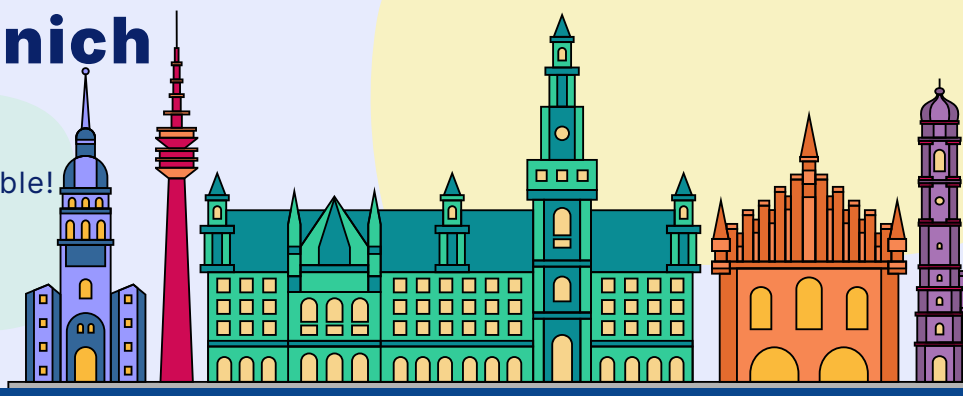


REGISTER AT:

canva.link/mhstautumn2026

Year 10 and Year 12 History Trip: Munich

Places on the GCSE and A Level History trip to Munich are now available! Please check your emails for more information. Places are on a first come, first served basis.



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Private Instrumental Lessons

At Huish Episcopi Academy, we believe all students should have the opportunity to access **high quality instrumental lessons** to develop their musical skills outside their classroom Music lessons with our **experienced** peripatetic instrumental teachers at an **affordable** price.

Why learn a musical instrument?

- There is a strong correlation between musical training and **academic success**, improving a child's **memory** and **abstract thinking skills**.
- Playing an instrument builds **confidence** and gives a real sense of **achievement**.
- Playing music **reduces stress** and has been proven to **lower heart rate** and **blood pressure**.
- Learning to play an instrument teaches **patience, discipline** and **resilience**.
- Playing an instrument nurtures a child's **creativity**.
- Your child will **progress more rapidly** on their chosen instrument with 1:1 tuition.
- Work towards **internationally-recognised graded music exams** from **ABRSM** and **RSL**: these are **highly regarded** at **sixth forms, colleges** and **universities**.

What instruments are available?

We are currently able to offer instrumental lessons on the following instruments:

Piano	Violin
Acoustic Guitar	Viola
Electric Guitar	Trombone
Bass Guitar	Saxophone
Drum Kit	Flute
Trumpet	Singing
Clarinet	Cello
French Horn	



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1:1 Tuition 20 minutes
Your child is taught on their own
£12.00 /lesson



How do I arrange private instrumental lessons?

To arrange a **free trial** or to **sign up** to a term of lessons, please **click here** to fill out your details. Alternatively use the **QR code**.

Frequently asked questions

When and where so lessons take place?

Lessons are held at Huish Episcopi Academy and rotate on a weekly basis during the school day. We rotate the lessons to ensure your child does not miss the same subject consistently.

Can I hire an instrument for my child to take home and practise?

The Music Department has a stock of some instruments that are available to hire. Alternatively, Somerset Music Service offer a very competitive rate.

Visit https://somersetmusic.co.uk/instrument-hire/ for more information.

Please contact Mrs Walker for advice on hiring instruments.



How do I pay for lessons?

Our instrumental teachers will invoice you directly for lessons. Lessons are paid in full at the start of the term and ones term's written notice is required to terminate lessons.

Is there financial support available?

We want as many students to have the option of private instrumental lessons as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Bond to discuss potential funding options.

Music Extracurricular: Now Up and Running!

We are delighted to share that extracurricular music for the term is now up and running!

Day	Time	Club
Tue	8:30 - 9:10	Huish Voices (Year 9 - 13)
Wed	8:30 - 9:10	Year 7 & 8 Singers
Thu	8:30 - 9:10	Orchestra
Fri	Lunch time	Karaoke Club

Practice clubs for all year groups are also available at lunch times.

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PRESENTS

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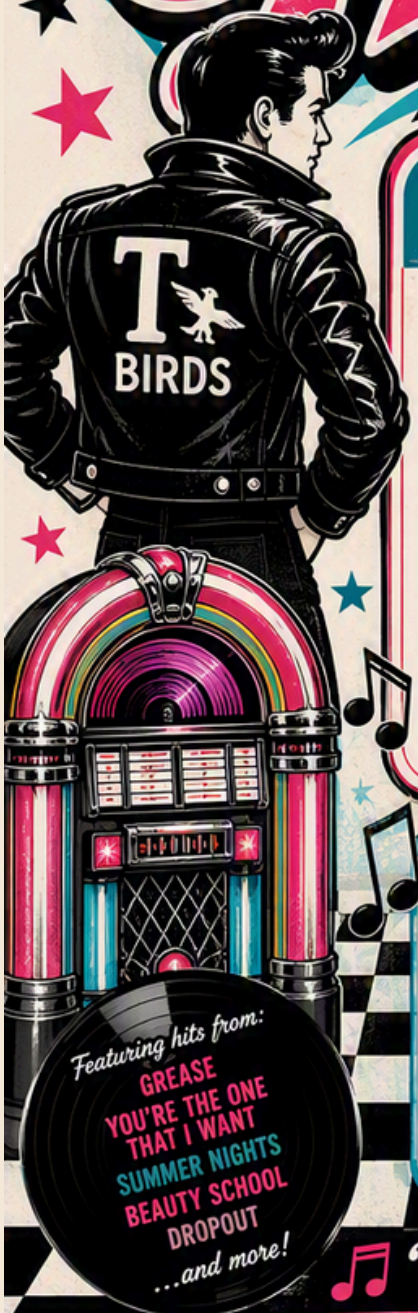
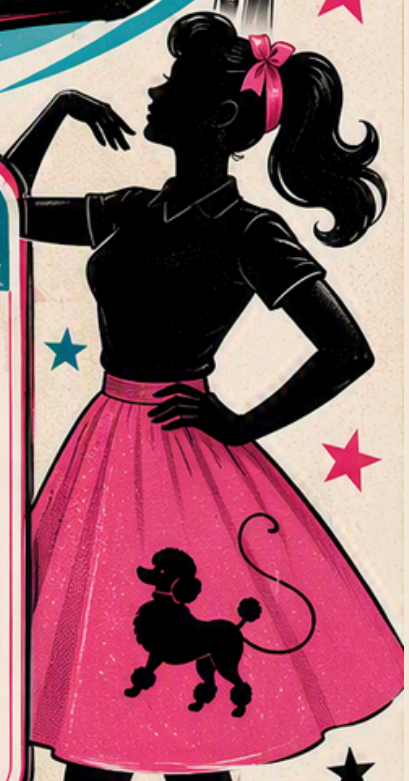
SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2027





INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY
22ND SEPTEMBER

3:45PM

H1 (NEXT TO SIXTH FORM RECEPTION)

FIND OUT:

- WHAT THE PRODUCTION IS ALL ABOUT
- AUDITION INFORMATION
- REHEARSAL SCHEDULES
- PERFORMANCE DATES
- OPPORTUNITIES ON STAGE AND BEHIND THE SCENES



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Dates for your diary for this Half Term

- **22nd September** – Girls Rugby Introduction Festival 2026
- **24th September** – Open Evening (5 - 7pm)
- **25th September – INSET Day**
- **29th September** – Year 12 Politics Trip: Houses of Parliament
- **29th September** – Open Morning (9 - 10:30am)
- **30th September** – Year 8 Geography Trip: Lulworth Cove (day 1)
- **1st October** – Year 8 Geography Trip: Lulworth Cove (day 2)
- **1st October** – Year 13 Exam Information Evening
- **6th October** – Ski Trip Parent Information Evening (5 - 6pm)
- **7th October** – Sixth Form Open Evening (5 - 7pm)
- **7th October** – Open Morning (9 - 10:30am)
- **13th October** – Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip: Bristol (day 1)
- **14th October** – Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip: Bristol (day 2)
- **14th October** – Year 10 Music Trip: Westlands
- **14th October** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10am)
- **15th October** – PSHE Drop Down Day
- **15th October** – Year 13 Careers Trip: UK University and Apprenticeship Fair
- **16th - 26th October** – China Residential Trip
- **16th October** – Open Morning (9 - 10:30am)
- **21st October** – On Your Bike/Dr Bike Maintenance Sessions
- **22nd October** – Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening
- **26th October - 30th October – Half Term**

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SUNDAYS
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SOMERTON
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