

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

Competition remains fierce as we progress further into the term!

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Bailbrook
3031

Merchant
2845

Lambrook
2714

Pennard
2681

Chelston
2624

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through another busy and successful fortnight, I continue to be hugely proud of all that is taking place across our school community. There is so much positive work happening in classrooms every day, with students engaging enthusiastically in their learning and staff working tirelessly to provide the very best educational experiences.

I would like to offer a particular congratulations to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, who have now completed their first month and made an excellent start to life at Huish. They have settled quickly, embraced new challenges and become valued members of our school community in a remarkably short space of time.

While learning in the classroom remains at the heart of what we do, the past two weeks have also been packed with opportunities beyond the classroom. Students have represented the academy with pride in a range of sporting fixtures, enjoyed a fascinating Politics trip to London, and explored the stunning Dorset coastline on the Year 8 Geography visit to Lulworth Cove. We have also been incredibly grateful to the large number of students who played a key role in supporting our packed Open Evening and ongoing Open Mornings, showcasing our school with maturity, confidence and enthusiasm to prospective families.

These experiences are an important part of school life and reflect our commitment to developing well-rounded young people who are ambitious, engaged and ready to contribute positively to their communities.

Finally, thank you for your continued support with our mobile phone policy. As promised, we will be reviewing the policy as we approach the end of the half term and will share feedback and any next steps with parents and students once that review has been completed.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal



Sixth Form Open Evening

7 October 2026, 5 - 7 pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form Open Evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out about the wide range of A-Level and Level 3 courses, enrichment opportunities, and life at Huish Sixth Form. You will also receive free refreshments from our fabulous sixth form café. We look forward to seeing you there!



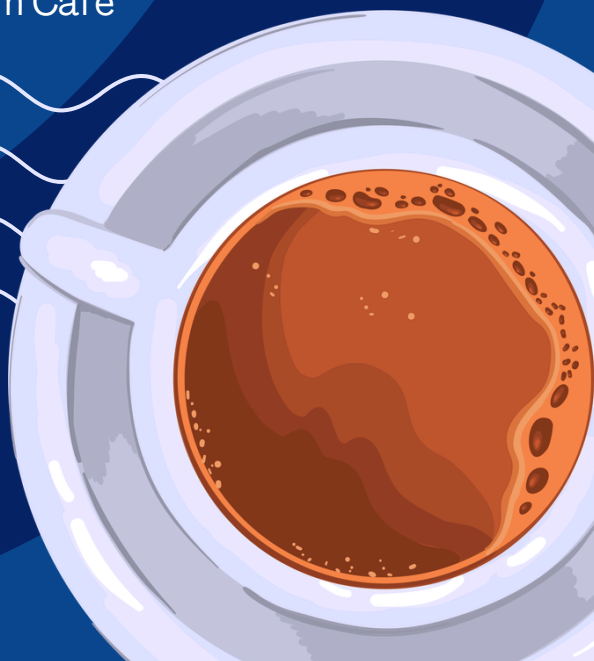
Huish Episcopi Sixth Form

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SLT COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 14 October, 9 - 10 am
Sixth Form Cafe



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 **24 and 25 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**

Live Music: Curry Rivel Music Concert

Curry Rivel Music has very kindly offered to open up their concert on Saturday 24th October by offering free tickets to any adults, **provided they are accompanied by a child/student**.

The concert will feature well-known trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins. With a varied programme of different pieces and genres, there will definitely be something for everyone.

No need to pre-book, just arrive with your child and let them know you are taking up the "student's free ticket offer" (offer may be limited to one adult place per child).

Saturday 24th October

7 pm

St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

For further details, click [here](#).



Character Education Update

Since the beginning of a new academic year, it has been wonderful to see so many examples of students demonstrating our school values of Respect, Resilience and Ambition each day.

Students have shown fantastic ambition and resilience in their learning while also enthusiastically supporting school events, notably our recent Open Evening. We are extremely proud of the positive contribution they continue to make to our school community.

Golden Tickets

Students have been working hard to demonstrate our school values, and our Golden Ticket boxes are rapidly filling up. At the end of this term, 30 lucky students will be selected in a live lunch time draw and be rewarded with a place on our first Golden Ticket trips!

Current Golden Ticket Rewards:

- Harry Potter Studio Tour
- Lion King: The Musical at Lyceum Theatre, London
- Sporting Experience Trip (details to be announced shortly)



World Polio Day Project

We are delighted to be working alongside the local Rotary Club again this year as part of their ambitious campaign to help eradicate polio across the world.

To support World Polio Day on 24th October, all Year 8 students will take part in a crocus bulb planting project early next term. This initiative helps raise awareness while giving students the opportunity to contribute to a global cause.

This project strongly reflects our value of ambition, encouraging students to think about how their actions can make a positive difference to communities worldwide.

Christmas Card Project

In the lead-up to Christmas, our Respect Project will invite students to write Christmas cards for members of our local community.

The aim is to spread kindness and appreciation to people who may otherwise feel isolated during the festive season.

If you work with, or know of, a charity, community group, care home, healthcare setting, or organisation that would welcome receiving Christmas cards from our students, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact BenWood@hea.ac.uk



Trip Report: Year 8 Geography

Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove

This week, almost 200 Year 8 students have taken part in Fieldwork along the stretch of the Jurassic coast between Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove.

They learnt about the geology of the area and how this has led to the formation of spectacular natural landforms.

As always the walk between the locations, particularly the steep hill is a highlight and the students certainly earned an ice cream once they got to the other side!

Well done to all the students for their brilliant attitude and enthusiasm on the trips!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 8-9 Badminton Lunch time Sports Hall	Huish Voices (Year 9-13) 8:30 - 9:10am Music classrooms	Year 7-8 Singers 8:30 - 9:10 am Music Classrooms	Orchestra 8:30 - 9:10 am Music Classrooms	Karaoke Club Lunch time Music Classrooms
Year 9-11 Table Tennis Lunch time Gym	HPQ Clinic Lunch time GG2	Drone Club (Years 8+) Lunch time GG2	Year 10-11 GCSE Textiles Catch Up Lunch time DT6	Year 7-8 Table Tennis Lunch time Gym
Year 7 Football Lunch time AGP	Year 8-9 Football Lunch time AGP	Year 8-9 Football Lunch time AGP	Year 10-11 Football Lunch time AGP	Year 10-11 Football Lunch time AGP
Year 7-9 Girls Rugby 3:30 - 4:30 pm Lower Field	Year 7 Badminton Lunch time Sports Hall	Year 10-11 Badminton Lunch time Sports Hall	Year 7 Badminton Lunch time Sports Hall	Year 9 Badminton Lunch time Sports Hall
	Year 7-9 Flying Start Challenge STEM Club 3:30 - 5 pm DT1	GCSE & BTEC Sports Table Tennis Lunch time Gym	Music Theory Lunch time Music classrooms	Badminton Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm Sports Hall
	Year 11 NEA Catch UP 3:30 - 4:30 pm DT6	Year 9-11 Hockey 3:30 - 4:30 pm AGP	Year 11 Food & Nutrition NEA Catch Up 3:30 - 4:30 pm IT1	
		Year 9 Rugby 3:30 - 4:30 pm Top Field	Year 11 Music Intervention 3:30 - 4:30 pm MU2	
		Year 10-11 Rugby 3:30 - 4:30 pm Top Field		

Clubs: Week A

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Clubs: Week B

Student Council Updates

The first round of Year Council meetings have concluded this week, culminating with the Core Council (pictured).

Well done to all of the students elected across the year groups for their participation and representation of their peers!

The full Student Council welcome event is planned to take place shortly – further information will follow.



Trip Report: A Level Politics

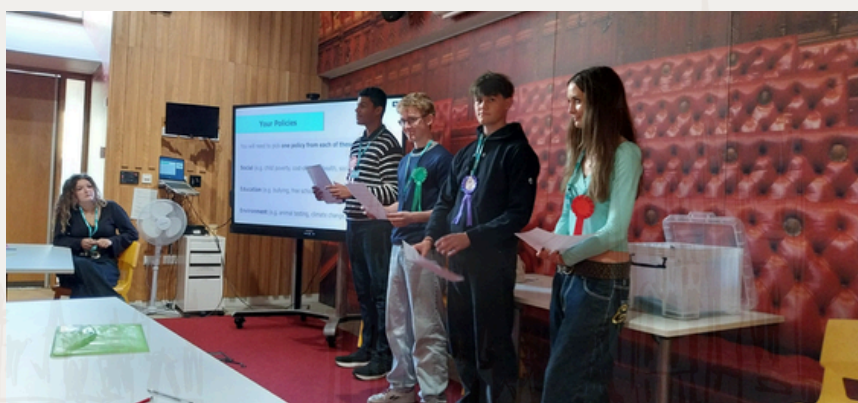
Houses of Parliament

On Tuesday this week, our A Level Politics students enjoyed an inspiring visit to Westminster, which began with a very early start and a minibus full of enthusiasm!

During the day, students were given a fascinating tour of the Houses of Parliament, exploring not only the iconic chambers, but also some of the Palace of Westminster's lesser-known areas, including the Royal Robing Room and the voting lobbies. A particular highlight was a workshop led by the Parliament's Education Team, where students worked together to create their own political parties and manifestoes before taking part in a lively mock election.

The group also visited the Supreme Court, where they learned about the important role it plays within the UK justice system and had the unique opportunity to sit in the seats normally occupied by the Justices.

Before heading home, students enjoyed exploring the Westminster area and a stroll along the South Bank. It was a memorable day that brought politics and law to life, giving students a deeper understanding of how key institutions shape our society.





A FREE WORKSHOP FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS

LED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

WONDERING HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD/TEEN'S BIG FEELINGS?



Join us at our workshop for parents:

"SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN'S BIG FEELINGS"

"IT WAS REALLY GOOD.
SO INFORMATIVE WITH
LOTS OF FOOD FOR
THOUGHT."

PARENT

In this workshop we will explore:

- What's really going on beneath your teen's emotions
- Practical ways to help your teen cope with setbacks, stress & big feelings
- 'Emotion Coaching' techniques to strengthen your relationship
- Simple, effective tools for everyday family life



WHEN: 5th October 2026
16:30-17:30



WHERE:

Huish Episcopi Academy, H1

Register by emailing
SuzieEngland@hea.ac.uk



Sporting Fixture Round-Ups



Year 7 & 8 Hockey: Huish vs. Ansford

The Year 7 and 8 girls hockey teams started the season confidently with wins all round against Ansford last Thursday!

The Year 8s finished with a 3-2 win, while the Year 7s claimed an automatic win due to Ansford, unfortunately, being unable to fulfil a team. However, both teams had the opportunity to gain valuable game practice to prepare for forthcoming matches.

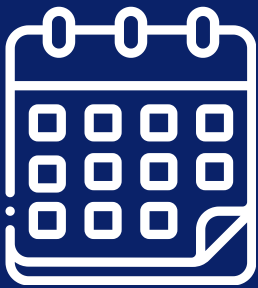
A huge well done, girls!

Year 10 Hockey Match Report

The Year 10 girls have had a smashing start to the season, with great numbers at the club and showing a real drive this year.

They had their first game on Wednesday and showed up raring to go. Determined to start the year positively, they gave an amazing performance and showed strong teamwork. Their efforts ensured that they secured a brilliant 4-0 win. Well done, Year 10!





Dates for your diary for this Half Term

- **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



Respect
Ambition
Resilience