



Update from the Principal

Friday 16 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome to the first Principal's bulletin of the academic year, and I'd like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all parents and carers of new pupils to Huish Episcopi this academic year. I send out a short bulletin every fortnight, so I hope you will find it informative.

Well, I think we can honestly say the summer is in the rear-view mirror now, as we move in to the third week of term. Timetables have hopefully now been finalised and all pupils have been to all of their lessons, learning the routines and getting stuck into their learning. Overall it has been a very positive start to the year, with the new Year 7s settling quickly in their vertical form groups, and older pupils getting to grips with the challenges they face in the next academic year.

Uniform on the whole has been excellent. We have been relentless on the gate in the mornings, and this will continue as we establish our high expectations for every pupil. Some have asked why I am so keen on ensuring uniform is worn properly and I always try to explain that part of being on the same team, in the same learning community is having a uniform and a standard we can be proud of. A football or rugby team could easily just wear a certain colour and be identified as a team, but they would not have the collective buy-in or pride in wearing it, they wouldn't feel part of something exclusive or special. That what our uniform does, it creates a bond and a joint experience that we can be proud of, so that when pupils look back on their time at Huish, they do so knowing they were part of an exclusive group and be proud of that.

We have already completed a fire drill this term, which worked very smoothly. Our next drill will be for a lockdown, so tutors will be explaining how this works over the next week.

To help with the cost of living from September there will be sanitary products available in each of the tutor rooms, as well as the Medical room, House base, SSB and iSpace. If any students require these they are more than welcome to ask for these products.

Please can I remind those parents/ carers needing to drop off/ pick up pupils at the beginning and end of the day to do so away from the academy entrance / driveway to allow the buses to operate as smoothly and safely as possible. The church car park is a short walk from the pedestrian crossing.

Open evening last night was incredibly busy and very successful. It is without question my favourite day of the year, as it gives us the opportunity to show off our great school. We had so many pupils helping out, it felt at times as if no-one had actually gone home at the end of the day. Everyone who did help did an amazing job; something every parent I spoke to was keen to tell me. We are running open morning tours next week too, to give potential pupils and parents a look at the school on a normal day.

As you will be aware the school will be closed on Monday due to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. In assemblies this week we spoke about the lifetime of service she gave to the country and globally during her reign and used this as reminder that whether you are a Royalist or a Republican, we can all learn something about duty, respect for others and a sense of responsibility from her example. I am sure many of us will be watching the events as they unfold on Monday, but I hope the day goes calmly whatever you are doing.

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

Apprentice ICT Technician

Cover Supervisor

Please see our vacancies page for further information
<https://www.eteach.com/careers/huishepiscopi/>

With best wishes.



Mr Chris Wade
Principal

