

6 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move towards the end of the first half term, we are delighted to see the number of students who have been involved in the extra curricular sporting activities. The end of this letter provides a summary of the events that have taken place just this week and we are celebrating the participation and success of all those who have taken part.

There are several updates in this letter regarding schools events and also updates and reminders about some school procedures.

Year group information evenings

We have enjoyed welcoming parents into school for the parent information evenings which have been highly successful and the feedback from parents will be invaluable in helping us to move forward as a school.

The Year 10 information evening takes place on Wednesday 18th October from 5-6pm.

The Year 11 information and exam success evening is on Monday 9th October starting at 5pm.

The Year 11 evening will combine with our exam success evening. There will be an opportunity to meet members of the senior team, learn about the plan for year 11, understand why revision is important for examination success and attend subject specific exam preparation workshops.

Please enter the school from the entrance at the front of the school building.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Year 11 students and their parents/carers are warmly invited to join us for our Sixth Form open evening on Wednesday 11th October. You will have the opportunity to look around our fantastic Sixth Form Centre, meet subject teachers and enjoy refreshments in our sixth form café. There will be Principal and senior team presentations at 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

Lesson Transition Time

Lesson transition time at Huish has been much improved over the last year through processes such as the one-way system. We are now keen to ensure that students move to lessons swiftly during transition periods to ensure that lessons start promptly to avoid disruption and lost learning time. Students will have 5 minutes to transition between lessons and a late bell will ring at this time. Any student arriving at lessons after this bell without good reason will be placed into a lunchtime detention.

Toilets

We have reminded students of expectations around toilet use this week. We want students to remain in lessons to ensure that they do not miss out on valuable learning time. Students can access the toilet at break and lunchtime and during lesson transitions. We understand that on rare occasions students may also need to use the toilet in a lesson. This will not be allowed in the first or last fifteen minutes of a lesson to avoid disruption to the learning.

For students where there is an identified medical reason to use the toilet more often the Head of Year will work with parents and carers to support this.



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Medical Room Update

We are reviewing the policy in place for administration of medication by the medical room in line with United Learning and Department for Education guidance to ensure that we are compliant with the requirements for schools. The medical room will only be issuing prescribed medication for students with known medical conditions in line with students' individual health care plans. We will update parents further on the procedures once the policy update has been approved by our governing body.

Huish SEN Coffee Morning Autumn 2023

We warmly invite the parents/carers of students on the SEN register, or undergoing assessment, to join Huish SEN Colleagues for tea and talk on Tuesday 31 October, 10.00 – 12.00 pm in the sixth form cafe.

There will be representatives from Somerset Council Community Inclusion and Local offer teams, Somerset Parent Carer Forum, Autism Somerset, Escape Support Group and others joining us as well as members of our own SEN team. We hope that this will build a supportive community around our young people with SEN at the Academy.

Please register your interest in the event by completing the jot form below.

[SEN Information Coffee Morning 2023/24 \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)

Students with a diagnosis of Autism:

The Children's Autism Outreach Team (CAOT) is part of [Children and Young People's specialist service](#) (previously known as SPOT) and works with parents and carers and their child or young person with a diagnosis of autism. The team provides help with understanding a child's situation; supporting and empowering them to provide strategies where needed and increasing their social opportunities. The CAOT team provide their own coffee mornings and soft play events to support families of children with Autism.

Please see the information advertised on their website to make contact with the team:

[Childrens Autism Outreach Team \(CAOT\) \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

Flu Vaccinations

SAINT are due to visit Huish Academy on the 22nd and 23rd November 2023 to deliver the flu vaccinations to all consented students in years 7-11.

Please complete the decision form (one for each child) using the link below and enter the unique code for Huish Episcopi Academy - SM136294.

[Immunisation Consent \(somersetsaint.co.uk\)](https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk)

The link will close at midday on 21st November. All forms will need to be submitted prior to this date. If you do not consent to your child having this vaccination, please follow the link on the



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letter to decline this also. This makes it much easier when SAINT are in school delivering these vaccines and not needing to contact home to gain consent/decline the vaccination. If we are unable to make contact on the day, your child will not be able to receive the vaccination.

Mental Health Support Team Parent Presentations

We have provisionally booked Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to come in and do two separate parent presentations; one on low mood and one on anxiety to help parents to support their children.

These are provisionally booked for:

- Anxiety- Thursday 30th November 4.00-5.00 pm
- Low Mood- Wednesday 31st January 4.00-5.00 pm

More details to follow.

Learning Support Assistant Recruitment

Have you a desire to work with young people with SEN? Do you have experience of raising a young person with SEN and feel you have developed valuable skills and knowledge which could benefit others? Are you thinking about a longer-term career in Educational Psychology, Teaching, or Youth / Mental Health Work and would like to gain valuable experience in an education setting? Then we may have a role for you. We are currently recruiting Learning Support Assistants and would love to hear from you. If you have a passion for supporting young people with SEND to achieve their potential, then please contact Hailey Coombes HR manager (haileycoombes@hea.ac.uk) for more information on these rewarding opportunities.

Vacancies

For other vacancies available at the academy, please click on the link below-

[Huish Episcopi Academy- Vacancies](#)

If you have any questions or concerns linked to your child then please do not hesitate to contact their tutor in the first instance.

Thank you in advance for your continued support as we move though the last part of this half term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Boyes
Principal



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KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

20 September	Year 12 Information Evening
21 September	Open Evening 5:00 – 7:00 pm
27 September	Year 13 Information Evening
27-29 September	Year 8 Geography Fieldwork visit to Lulworth Cove
28 September	Year 7 Information Evening
04 October	Year 8 Information Evening
05 October	Year 9 Information Evening
09 October	Year 11 Information Evening
11 October	Sixth Form Open Evening
18 October	Year 10 Information Evening
20 October	INSET DAY
23 – 27 October	Half Term
2-3 November	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork
9 November	Year 12 Theatre visit to see Machinal
22-23 November	Flu Vaccinations for year 7-11
22 November	Year 7 Parents' Evening
5 December	Year 13 Parents' Evening
12 December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
15 December	Last day of term
18 December – 1 January	School Holiday
2 January	INSET DAY
3 January	Start of term

Sporting Achievements this week:

Primary Netball and Football tournaments - Mr Akinpelu and Miss Davey

The primary school football and netball tournaments held on Monday were a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and youthful athleticism. Primary school students from various schools came together to showcase their talents in two thrilling tournaments.

The football tournament kicked off with immense energy, as young players from different schools displayed their passion for the sport. The enthusiasm on the field was palpable. Teamwork was a fundamental aspect of the football tournament. Players collaborated effectively, passing the ball, creating scoring opportunities, and defending as a unit.

In the netball tournament, precision passing and teamwork were crucial. Players demonstrated excellent passing accuracy and worked together to advance the ball down the court. The atmosphere was electric, with a supportive crowd cheering on their respective schools. Parents, teachers, and friends came together to celebrate the young athletes.



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The primary school football and netball tournaments were a testament to the talent, dedication, and sportsmanship of young athletes. These events not only provided an opportunity for students to showcase their skills but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among the schools. The participants should be proud of their performances, and their commitment to sportsmanship and teamwork is a reflection of the positive values instilled in them through sports. Congratulations to all the schools and athletes who made these tournaments a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

A MASSIVE thank you to all the Young Leaders who organised and officiated during the tournaments.

Year 7 Rugby - Tor RFC Festival - Mr Valente

The Year 7 rugby festival at Tor RFC was an exciting event, with Huish participating in a tournament against Crispin A, Fairlands, and Crispin B. Two standout players, **Henry Withams** and **Owen Collard**, who played crucial roles in Huish's performance during the festival.

1. Owen Collard showcased a strong physical presence on the field, making his presence felt in both attack and defense. His size and strength could have made it difficult for opponents to tackle him or break through his tackles.

2. Henry Withams had a knack for scoring tries, making him a go-to player when Huish needed to put points on the board. His scoring prowess could have been a significant asset to the team.

Overall, the Year 7 rugby festival at Tor RFC with the post-match clubhouse gathering (chips and sausage) offered a holistic experience for young rugby enthusiasts, combining competition, sportsmanship, social interaction, and the enjoyment of good food. It was an occasion that left a positive and lasting impact on these aspiring rugby players.

Year 8 Rugby - Mr Wood

Match Report: Huish Year 7 Rugby Team vs. Gryphon

In a thrilling and highly entertaining rugby match, the Huish Year 7 rugby team went head-to-head against Gryphon, resulting in a 20-20 draw. The game was a testament to the skill and determination of both teams, showcasing some exceptional performances on the field.

The match kicked off with tremendous energy and enthusiasm from both sides. Throughout the game, it was clear that each team was determined to secure victory, and the spectators were treated to a display of exciting rugby action.

Standout Players:

1. Albie Walby: Albie possesses strong ball-carrying skills, allowing him to gain significant ground when in possession of the ball. His powerful runs and ability to break through the defense make him a valuable asset to his team's attack. Albie's contributions in both attack and defense were instrumental in keeping Huish in the game.



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2. **Tommy Velji:** Tommy Velji also made a significant impact on the match. His strong ball-carrying abilities, powerful runs, and ability to break through Gryphon's defense posed a constant threat to the opposition. Tommy's determination and physicality made him a standout player on the field.

As the final whistle blew, the scoreboard displayed a 20-20 draw, reflecting the evenly matched nature of the contest. While the match ended in a tie, it was a victory for both teams in terms of sportsmanship, effort, and skill displayed throughout.

Year 9 Rugby - Mr Walby

In an action-packed and competitive rugby clash, the Year 9 rugby team from Huish delivered a resounding performance, triumphing over Gryphon with a final score of 36-10. The match showcased the team's skills, teamwork, and determination, securing a well-deserved victory.

While individual performances shone, the entire Year 9 team worked cohesively, emphasizing the significance of teamwork in rugby. Effective passing, support play, and strategic positioning allowed Huish to exploit Gryphon's defensive gaps. Several players contributed to the scoreboard, demonstrating a well-rounded team effort. Try-scorers showcased their speed, strength, and agility in crossing the try line, while the accurate kicking game added valuable points.

The standout victory by Huish's Year 9 rugby team showcased their dedication and skill on the rugby pitch. Gryphon put up a valiant effort but ultimately could not withstand the relentless attack and solid defense displayed by Huish. The match was a testament to the talent and hard work of the players, and it will undoubtedly serve as a source of inspiration as they continue their rugby journey.

Year 10 Rugby - Mr Valente

In a commanding and dominant display of rugby prowess, the Year 10 rugby team delivered a resounding victory against Gryphon, finishing with an impressive score of 31-7. The key to their success was a dominant performance by the forwards, both in set pieces and open play. However, the standout performer of the match was **Issac Moore**, who displayed exceptional rugby IQ throughout the contest.

Huish's forwards set the tone for the match, overpowering their Gryphon counterparts in both set pieces (such as scrums and lineouts) and open play. Their physicality and teamwork were instrumental in gaining control of the game.

While the forwards were dominant, the entire team worked cohesively to capitalize on their strengths. Backs and forwards combined effectively, ensuring that the team's strategy was executed with precision.

The standout performer of the match, **Issac Moore**, exhibited exceptional rugby intelligence. His understanding of the game's tactics, positioning, and decision-making stood out. Moore's ability to read the game and make critical choices greatly influenced Huish's performance.



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The match was characterised by good sportsmanship, with both teams showing respect for the rules and the spirit of the game. The referee's decisions were accepted without dispute.

Year 11 Rugby - Mr Valente

In a challenging and hard-fought rugby match, the Year 11 rugby team from Huish faced a tough opponent in Gryphon, resulting in a final score of 26-0 in favour of Gryphon.

Gryphon proved to be a formidable adversary, showcasing their strength, skill, and determination throughout the match. Their well-coordinated team play and strong defense presented a significant challenge for Huish. Despite the scoreline, the team demonstrated resilience and determination on the defensive end. They made commendable efforts to thwart Gryphon's advances and prevent further scoring opportunities.

While the outcome may not have been in Huish's favor, matches like these often serve as valuable learning experiences. Facing a strong opponent can help players identify areas for improvement and provide motivation to enhance their skills and teamwork.

A big thank you on behalf of Mr Madge and Miss Edwards for supporting the student who suffered a shoulder injury at the beginning of the second half.

Year 8 Girls Hockey - Mrs Rose

Year 7 and 8 played multiple league games at Westfield's AGP on Tuesday night. The year 8s were first up against Wadham School, with much possession going to Huish. An excellent pass into space to **Ruby Malecki** allowed her to score the only goal of the game. Huish battled hard in defense with the combined duo of **Izzy Coombes** and **Florence Quinn** seeing off the Wadham forwards who were pressing hard. 1-0 to Huish. Huish were then up against a very competent Westfield side. This was a great hockey game - truly end-to-end play with some outstanding play from both teams. The game ended 0.0. **Izzy Coombes** was picked as player's player in both games by the opposition, for her outstanding defending. Great work ladies!

Year 7 Girls Hockey - Mrs Davey

The year 7s headed out for their first competitive hockey game full of excitement and enthusiasm. We had brave **Lucy Redding** volunteer to be our year 7 goalkeeper - who although can hardly walk with all the big padding on - loved it and is eager to practice as a goalkeeper from now on. We started against Westfield where the girls started halftime at 2-0 and brought it back to a loss at 3-2 but an amazing comeback to finish strong! Some great defense from **Amelia Marlor** as she grew in confidence. Then onto the second game against Wadham where unfortunately we lost 2-0 but the girls did not give up and Lucy was still smiling in goal with **Lola Chilcott** and **Evelyn Lee** giving it their best shot at goal. Although the girls may not have won on the scoreboard they had amazing enthusiasm and loved every second of it, ALL coming to training the next day ready for more. Well done girls, great first tournament.



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