

5 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome all students back into school for this Spring term following the Christmas break.

Over the holidays we carried out a significant piece of work to move our management information system to a new provider. The move has taken place smoothly and we are now working on ensuring that the parent portal linked to this is set up and working effectively. Further details will be sent out to you on how to access this over the next week but in the meantime, you will not be able to use the old parent app.

Parents' Evenings

The Year 9 Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 11th January. Booking details have been sent home. If you require any support accessing the system, please contact the main office. This evening provides an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress in subjects ahead of the Year 9 options evening which takes place on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

Year 9 Science

In Science, all Year 9 students are starting their GCSE course now that we have returned to school for the new year. All pupils will study B1 Cell Biology, C1 Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table and P3 Particle Model of Matter.

At the end of Year 9, pupils will be assessed and assigned to appropriate ability sets for the start of Year 10. For this reason, we do not recommend buying revision guides just yet.

At Huish we take the AQA exam board for Science. The following links can be useful to support pupils with work or revision. It would be best to use combined science resources for this year.

<https://cognitoedu.org/home>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h>

All the content that pupils will cover now will be assessed in their final GCSE, so it is important that the work is completed and kept safe for Years 10 and 11.

If you have any questions or require any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school website.

Year 11 Examination Preparation Evening



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The second Year 11 examination preparation evening will take place on Monday 29th January. Details of the event will follow. This event will follow the same format as the first evening with a keynote address followed by the opportunity to attend subject specific workshops.

Sixth Form

We were delighted to welcome back two previous Sixth Form students this week, Bethany Austin who is studying Medicine at Sheffield University and George Waller who is studying Chemistry at Oxford University. Bethany and George gave a fascinating presentation about their journey to university as well as tailored advice and guidance to our current students who are hoping to apply to Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities. We are really appreciative of Bethany and George giving up their time to do this and it was great to have them back in the Sixth Form.

We continue to receive a steady stream of applications to join the Sixth Form in September 2024 and are really enjoying interviewing the fantastic students who have applied to join us. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the Sixth Form, or if you would like to arrange a tour prior to applying. Applications can be made on the Sixth Form page on our website.

[Click here to apply](#)

We have various assessments happening in the Sixth Form in the coming weeks;

The Year 12 Criminology Internal Controlled Assessments will take place on the 8th, 9th & 10th January. The Year 13 mocks will run from Wednesday 10th – 17th January. BTEC assessments for Music are on the 17th and 18th January. Cambridge Technical Sport is also on the 11th and the 17th of January, BTEC Health and Social Care is on the 15th of January and BTEC Applied Science is on the 22nd and 23rd January.

Students have received their mock/assessment timetables and been assured that normal lessons will continue to run though out so they can attend their usual timetabled lessons when not in a mock exam or assessment.

Co-curricular

We are both delighted and proud to offer such an extensive range of co-curricular clubs this term. Our staff are dedicated to extending the learning of students beyond the classroom. We acknowledge how important this is in offering a well-rounded education and building of character. Please do look at the list in the link below, have a conversation with your child and encourage them along to a club and try something new. If you want more information on any of the clubs offered, please email the school office, and they will forward your query to the relevant staff member.

[Co-curricular Activities- Spring Term](#)

Information sessions for parents and carers

The Academy is hosting several information sessions for parents and carers. The first session is a Behaviour Management Techniques Workshop being held on Monday 15th January. This session was very popular last year and has some excellent tips and techniques for all ages.

[Click here to book your place](#)

The link below will take you to our website where further details can be found.

[Huish Episcopi - Information sessions for parents/carers](#)

Vacancies

For 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.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Boyes
Principal

KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM	
2 nd January	INSET DAY
3 rd January	Start of term
4 th January	Sixth Form Open Evening
11 th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
22 nd January	Year 11/13 Drama Trip
23 rd January	Year 9 Options Evening
29 th January	Year 11 Exam Evening
9 th February -19 th February	Half Term
8 th May	Year 8 Parents Evening
25 th April	Year 10 Parents Evening



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