

11 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Year 11 students have now completed their final series of mock exams to support them with their preparations for the final exams which are just a matter of weeks away now. We are incredibly proud of how all of the students approached the mock period and look forward to their mock results day on Wednesday 27th March.

We continue to have a large number of co-curricular opportunities running for students to support their development both inside and outside of the classroom. Please find a link below to the most up to date co-curricular clubs list with new additions are highlighted in red. If your child is not yet taking part please encourage them to take part.

[Huish Episcopi - Clubs](#)

Equipment Reminder

Thank you to all parents who have supported us with ensuring that their children have the correct equipment with them, in a school bag, each day. It allows students to engage in their learning promptly and supports purposeful starts to all lessons.

Some students are still not arriving with the correct equipment which does impact on this. Please check that your child has this and if you need support, contact your child's tutor.

- School bag
- Pencil case (ideally clear)
- Pens x 2 at least (blue or black ink)
- Green pen x 2
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- 15cm ruler
- Calculator

Attendance

The vast majority of students returned from the February half term break and have attended school every day. As we have hit week three, we have noticed a significant increase in illnesses being reported to the school as reasons for absence. As we have written previously, we are unable to authorise lengthy periods of absence for illnesses without medical evidence being provided. Our attendance and pastoral teams do have a safeguarding responsibility and will follow up on all absences.

We would encourage all students to try and attend school each day. To support parents the NHS has a webpage to help you determine when your child is well enough to attend school and to support in minimising absences: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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Behaviour update

We are grateful for the support of parents and carers in encouraging positive behaviour in school. From both the parent and student surveys, we are aware how important disruption free classrooms is and we have a clear behaviour policy and procedures in place to support this. To help further, we ask that all colleagues who do remove a child from a lesson due to them not meeting our expectations and disrupting learning, make contact with you to explain the reason for the removal which will support in avoiding repeat incidents.

Detentions are a cornerstone of our school's behaviour policy and are used to sanction behaviour outside of the classroom. Staff issue detentions for 'hands on', repeated uniform corrections and arriving late to lessons. All detentions are held at lunch time in the first instance and escalate to after school if the original detention is missed. All parents and carers will be notified of the detention the day before so there is prior notice.

Medical Room Updates

Heat packs

There has been an increase of students asking for Heat packs for menstrual cramps, these can no longer be provided to students, but students are able to bring in their own from home to use if necessary.

Medication

We can no longer provide medication to all students. However, if a student requires medication (including paracetamol and other over the counter non prescribed drugs) when in school please provide this in the original container clearly labelled with the student's name, dosage and expiry date on the packaging and/or the prescription label. This must be in line with the recommended dosage as per medication instructions. Please ensure the consent form is completed and clearly states what the medication is for, for example a headache, back pain, menstrual cramps. We will only be able to administer the medication for the reason stated on the consent form.

If you are consenting to medication please complete this form: <https://form.jotform.com/233442701358049>

Year 10 and 11 Health and Social Care- Mrs Lavelle-Sullivan

The Y11 and Y10 Health and Social Care students have now completed the latest round of coursework exam assessments.

I would like to commend all of the students who sat their PSA on their engagement and level of application in the exam venues. The students produced an extraordinary amount of work and should be very proud of their efforts.

These assessments will be marked and any areas that require some adjustment or borderline improvements will be addressed in lesson time over the next few weeks. It is important that students continue to engage fully with the feedback in order to maximise their successful outcome. Students will be at a disadvantage if they do not complete outstanding work within this time frame.

Many thanks and congratulations to the students once again.

Year 11 Revision sessions

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
GCSE Art – this session is by invitation. Please speak to your teacher if you wish to attend.	GCSE Art – this session is by invitation. Please speak to your teacher if you wish to attend.	GCSE Art – this session is by invitation. Please speak to your teacher if you wish to attend.
CNAT Sport – Mr Walby's group in IT1 Mr Akinpelu's group in IT2.	English – En3	Computer Science and Creative Media – IT2 and IT3
D & T – please ask your D & T teacher for more details.	French – ML5 (Week 1 only)	CNAT Sport – Mr Walby's group IT1
Health and Social Care – SC5.		Drama – meet in the Main Hall (Week 1 only)
Music GCSE and BTEC – Mu 1 and Mu 2.		Food preparation and nutrition – DT7
Science drop-in session – Sc6		French ML5 (Week 2 only)
Science intervention class- Sc1		Geography - Gg4
GCSE Physics 11E1 and 11H1 – Sc4		German – ML7
Maths	Maths	Spanish – ML6
General revision/Independent study in the Library		Textiles – DT6

A reminder that Year 11 English revision sessions take place after school on Wednesdays, 3.30 - 4.30 pm. Many of the sessions are led by Miss Donnellan - GCSE English Literature Senior Examiner Team Leader and Reviewer, and Mrs Noyce English Language Paper 2 Examiner. The schedule is published on the English year group Google Classroom. Each question or text will be revisited once before the final exams.

Maths revision has been organised based on the topics that come up in the exams most frequently.

We are running sessions on both Tuesday and Wednesday but it is the **same session for both days**.

You only need to attend on one of the days. The reason for this is to allow you flexibility if you want to attend revision sessions in other subjects.

Please make sure you go to the correct tier session for the exam you are taking. Higher tier need to go to Room 44 and Foundation Tier to Room 36. Details of the topics each week are available on Google Classroom.

Sixth Form

We are taking the Year 12 students to visit Exeter University & the UCAS show on the 12th March. Parental consent is required and a link has been emailed out.

The Year 12 parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 19th March between 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Students are able to book appointments directly with their subject teachers. If parents/carers are unable to attend, an email or phone update can be requested with the teacher.

We are enjoying interviewing our fantastic year 11 students and discussing their aspirations for their education post GCSEs and future careers.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the Sixth Form offer or if you want to arrange a tour before applying. Applications can be made on the Sixth Form page on our website.

[Click here to apply](#)

Parent App and Photo Consent

We love to recognise and celebrate student achievements with parents, carers and the wider community through newsletters and on our website and social media channels. In order to use any photographs of students we do require parental consent.

On the Arbor app, under your child's profile at the bottom of that section are the parental consents. Please can you check the permissions are as you require. The app will permit you to give and decline permission if you have not already provided this information. If you need to amend a previously given permission, please contact the office.

The three photo consent options are:

- Photograph student
- Photographs- Academy publications
- Photographs- Local newspapers and other news media

School transport

Please note for any school bus/ travel queries you will need to contact school transport directly using the following number 0300 123 2224.

MHST (Mental Health Support Team)

The MHST are running a series of parent/carer webinars over the April-June period on the following topics:

- Supporting your child's big feelings
- Supporting Exam wellbeing
- Supporting change and (school) transitions

Parents/carers can sign up via these links-



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Supporting your child's big feelings:

02/04 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ddb2d5a0-1549-4ae0-af0d-f34f890ab1eb@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

10/04 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ec142641-76a9-4c94-9c63-fac0bb407214@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

17/04 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bc3d04d9-e6bf-4c5b-8b4e-fc7315b08feb@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

Supporting Exam Wellbeing:

10/04 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8cce2829-c1c5-4141-9494-bb0070c3c010@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

16/04 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7641f06b-e9ca-4adb-b273-a9d2766a98c7@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

01/05 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d944e324-e0ad-434a-b567-19376f10e925@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

Supporting your child with change and transitions:

29/05 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/586f830f-cb8c-4fa2-ad2a-800f864bba80@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

04/06 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a155bb8f-6d9d-42cb-ab61-c1cc7d14e892@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

18/06 <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/dacedafb-71b9-49d8-b1c7-d68e88c9c555@98ec91be-8de7-48a3-9e80-0f0180ed9219>

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	
19 th February – 1 st March	Year 11 Mocks
11 th March	Year 12 UCAS fair
19 th March	Year 12 Parents' Evening

29 th March – 12 th April	Spring holiday
15 th April	INSET day
25 th April	Year 10 Parents Evening
29 th April – 2 nd May	Lord of the Flies production
8 th May	Year 8 Parents Evening
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term

PE Update: Yeovil Recreation Centre update

I'm delighted to say that the Yeovil Recreation Centre will remain open. Yeovil district council will now fund this facility. This is great news for the local community. Thank you to all those who have signed petitions and raised awareness of the potential closure.

Sporting Achievements this week:

Congratulations to Daisy in year 11 who came first in the intermediate girls cross-country event who will now be representing Somerset at the ESAA Cross-Country Championships. Good luck Daisy!

Year 9 girls netball

The year 9 girls comfortably won their first game against Wadham with an impressive team performance. However, this was followed by a loss to Preston. They play Stanchester this week and we are hoping for another win! The turn out to training has been awesome. We have also welcomed some boys (who play basketball) to our club. Great work everyone!

Equestrian Team Success

During the last half term, the Huish Episcopi Equestrian Team achieved remarkable success in competitive events. Jockey Rebecca Curtis and Hollie Ainsworth participated in a Dressage competition and an NSEA Show Jumping Competition, respectively.

Hollie displayed exceptional skill and determination as she competed in a Class 2 Test Prelim Dressage test, facing a series of challenging tasks. The test encompassed various elements, from basic walk/trot/canter on straight lines and 20m circles to more intricate movements like serpentine, rein back, lengthened trot and canter, and 15m circle. In Dressage competitions, achieving an overall score of 80% is considered outstanding, with scores of 70% or higher deemed very good. Scores ranging between 60-70% are considered good, indicating commendable performance. Consistently scoring 60% or above at any level of dressage competition signifies readiness to progress to the next level for both the horse and rider. The achievements of our equestrian team members reflect their dedication and commitment to excellence, and we commend them for their outstanding performance.

Hollie's commendable performance led her to secure the 7th position out of 26 competitors, a testament to her talent and dedication. This achievement signals Hollie's readiness to contemplate competing at a higher level of difficulty, underscoring her commitment to continual growth and excellence in equestrian sports. We applaud Hollie for her outstanding

accomplishment and look forward to witnessing her continued success as she progresses in her competitive endeavors.

Later in the last term, Rebecca also achieved success, winning her entry of 70cm at Kings Sedgemoor. This further highlights the talent and competitiveness of our equestrian team members. We commend both Hollie and Rebecca for their exceptional achievements and for representing HEA with distinction.

Year 8 Football: Huish 5 - 3 Holyrood

In an intense match between Huish and Holyrood, Huish emerged victorious with a final score of 5 - 3. Despite the game being a scrappy affair, Huish demonstrated remarkable grit and determination, ultimately overpowering a spirited Holyrood team. Standout individual performances were evident throughout the match, with James Roberts delivering an exceptional hat-trick, earning him the well-deserved title of player of the match. With this victory, Huish secures their second win in as many matches, setting the stage for an eagerly anticipated showdown against Westfield. The team's impressive performance reflects their dedication and skill on the field, and we look forward to their continued success in the upcoming matches.

Year 7 Football: Huish 4 - 4 Gryphon

In an exhilarating match between Huish and Gryphon, the Year 7 football teams battled to a thrilling 4 - 4 draw. Both teams displayed exceptional skill and determination throughout the game, resulting in an evenly contested encounter. Goals were scored in quick succession, showcasing the offensive prowess of both sides. Despite the intense competition, sportsmanship prevailed, with players demonstrating respect and fair play on the field. The match concluded with a well-deserved draw, highlighting the competitive nature of school football. Both teams can be proud of their performance, and we eagerly anticipate their future matches as they continue to showcase their talent and dedication to the sport.