

28 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to thank all parents and colleagues within school for your continued support with the work we continue to do to improve our school and support students across the academy.

There are some staffing updates that I would like to make you aware of as we come to the end of term. Mr Sweet and Mr Haysom are leaving us today to pursue new opportunities both within and outside of education. I would like to thank them both for their work and commitment to the school and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Mrs Kelsey is stepping down as Head of Languages but will remain with us to teach key exam groups within the summer term. Mrs Wellfair-Priest who is Assistant Principal at the academy will also be interim Head of Languages ahead of a new colleague who is joining us later this academic year.

We are delighted that the following staff will be joining the Huish team at the start of the summer term:

- Mr Michael Waterhouse – Lead Practitioner Physics
- Mrs Ella Horsington – Teacher of English

Mr Beech will become the form tutor for Mr Haysom's form (12MH). Mr Beech's current form will be moved across other Year 13 groups for final few weeks however he will continue to have a link with these students.

Mr Waterhouse will become the form tutor for Mr Sweets' form (9AJS).

Mr Catley will become the form tutor for Mrs Kelsey's form (13MK).

### **Spring Term Progress Report**

Report cards for all year groups will be sent home via email today. This will be accompanied by an email from Mr Perrins, Assistant Principal, with some additional information about the grades contained within the reports.

### **Start of the school day**

We have had a focus on punctuality over the last few weeks to ensure that students arrive at school and all lessons on time. This is to ensure that students are not missing out on key messages at the start of the day and vital learning time. Please could we remind parents that the **school day starts at 8.50am** each day.

### **Year 10 & Year 12 work experience**

Work related learning continues to play a vital role in helping young people to gain the skills, qualifications and experience they need to meet the demands of adult life – it develops their understanding of the world of work and the economy, allows them to make informed career choices, and supports the development of transferable skills highly regarded by

employers. The value of work experience is proven to give students a real head start with their career progression and as such it is an expectation of the Academy that all Year 10 & Year 12 students complete a work experience placement. If you require further support in placements for your children, then please contact your child's form tutor.

## Exams

All students taking a formal exam in the summer have been issued a timetable. Please can these be checked for any issues. Any concerns should be directed to your child's form tutor or the exams office.

## Year 11 Revision sessions

The following revision sessions will continue to take place after school to support students in the final weeks before the exams. We encourage students to attend as many of these as possible.

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		Spanish – ML6
Maths	Maths	Textiles – DT6
General revision/Independent study in the Library		

The English revision session will 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.

As a result of reviewing the recent mock results the Maths Department have decided to change the structure of their Period 6 Maths Revision provision.

Tuesday's revision sessions will be aimed at Foundation tier students and Wednesday's will be predominantly for Higher tier.

Some students will receive a letter inviting them to a specific session on either the Tuesday or the Wednesday. If students do not receive a letter but still wish to partake in some after school support with their revision then there will also be a "drop in" session on the Wednesday. At this session a teacher will be there to help students with past paper questions that they might be struggling with.

### **Leavers Hoodies**

Ordering for leavers hoodies is open until March 31<sup>st</sup> and should be completed using the online link below. Please contact Mr Walby if you have any queries regarding this.

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/huish-episcopi-academy-year-11-2024-leavers>

### **Sixth Form**

Year 13 UCAS applicants (2024 entry)

Our Year 13 students have been receiving information and guidance on applying for Student Finance and how to budget at university. Applications for Student Finance are now open and anyone going to university this autumn should register and begin their application. The final deadline for completing the process is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - after this date applications can still be made but there is no guarantee that funding will arrive before the start of the course. It does not matter if students have not made their final decision on their firm choice of university at this stage - they should name the one they are most likely to go to and simply update their application if necessary.

The following link will take you to the Student Finance Page which includes all the necessary information and a link to the gov.uk website to begin the application. If any students have any questions they can come and see me for advice.

<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

Our high achieving Year 12 students attended an HE+ conference this week at Kings of Wessex School where they had a talk from the Head of Admissions at Cambridge University and delivered their own presentations to students from other schools on a range of topics.

All of our sixth form students attended an assembly this week about revision techniques and study skills. A copy of the presentation has been made available on the Year 12 & 13 Google Classrooms. If students want additional support with their revision skills, then we welcome them to contact their personal tutors in the first instance who can arrange additional support sessions.

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](#)

### Year 9/10/11/12 students - Camps International - Costa Rica

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Camps International to offer students the opportunity to go on a life-changing, 4-week expedition to Costa Rica during the summer of 2025. To find out more there will be a parent presentation on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00pm in the Main Hall, Huish Episcopi Academy.



### 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

### Cashless Catering

If your child is purchasing food and drink from the canteen, please can you ensure that their cashless catering account is credited in advance.

### School transport

We are hoping to offer transport from the Yeovil area for the next academic year however this is dependent on demand. Please contact [office@hea.ac.uk](mailto:office@hea.ac.uk) to express an interest in accessing this service. This notice is for students in all year groups, including sixth form.

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

### 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.

School finishes for the Easter break at 3.30pm today and all students return to school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs. Boyes**  
**Principal**

KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM	
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring holiday
15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET day
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Costa Rica Parent Information Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 10 Parents' Evening
29 <sup>th</sup> April – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Lord of the Flies production
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term