

26 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As this is the first letter of this term we hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break, it was great to welcome students back into school last week, ready for the exciting term ahead. The start of a new term brings with it a sense of renewed energy and enthusiasm, and we are confident that together, we will make this term a memorable and successful one for all of our students. We know that for students in Year 11 and Year 13 this is a vitally important term, and we will continue to work hard to support them with all the final preparations for the exam period.

Throughout this term, we have several key events and activities planned that I would like to bring to your attention.

### **Lord of the Flies**

Our talented students have been hard at work rehearsing for this production, and we can assure you that their dedication and passion have truly brought this timeless classic to life. "Lord of the Flies" is a thought-provoking and powerful story that explores themes of civilization, power, and human nature, and we have no doubt that our students' interpretation will be both captivating and thought-provoking.

Attending the school production is not only an opportunity to support our students and celebrate their artistic achievements but also a chance to engage with the themes and messages of the play alongside your child. We believe that these shared experiences enrich our school community and foster meaningful conversations both in and out of the classroom.

Tickets for the production are available for purchase either on Wisepay or at Reception and will also be available at the door on the day of the performance (cash only). We encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance to ensure your seat for what promises to be an unforgettable performance.

### **Tamsin Mori- author visit**

Children's author Tamsin Mori visited Huish earlier this week to speak with a group of students about her creative process and what inspires her to write her children's fantasy books. She led a wonderfully interactive session, sharing how observing the world around her has inspired her writing and encouraging students to share about their own creative ideas and processes, from mountain biking to poetry writing. All the young people who attended this session did Huish proud, contributing thoughts and very engaging questions!

It was lovely to then also see students thanking and chatting with Tamsin after the session. Some students had their copies of Tamsin's books personalised and signed, and we now have all Tamsin's books available for students to borrow in the library!



## Uniform

Since the Easter break students returning to school have been overwhelmingly smart and have been wearing their uniform with pride. We do continue to support students and parents with the loaning of uniform daily where we have it available. Since January, we have loaned more than 300 ties and are now running low to be able to support students. Please can you support us by ensuring loaned uniform is returned to the school the same afternoon before departing school or the following morning at the latest. If we continue to deplete our uniform stocks, we may have to look at an alternative solution to supporting with uniform.

## 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 - Foundation	Maths - Higher (invitation only) Maths- drop-in (H/F)	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.

## Sixth Form

Sixth form applications for September 2024 are open. 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 or via the following link:

[Application portal](#)

## Year 12 progression evening

We would like to invite year 12 parents/carers to our upcoming UCAS and Apprenticeships information Evening which will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Refreshments will be available from 5.30 pm in the Sixth Form Café, with the presentation starting at 6pm in H1.

## Work experience

The deadline for year 12 to secure their work experience placements is the 30<sup>th</sup> April. The work experience week will take place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. If students have not yet secured their placement they can see Mrs Higman in the Careers Office for support.

### End of year exams

The end of year 12 exams will take place from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. The grades achieved by students will play a key role in determining predicted grades used for UCAS applications. The expectation is that students are using their non-timetabled lessons in school, alongside their free time outside of school, to prepare for these examinations.

### Camp International Costa Rica Trip- Summer 2025

Camp International delivered assemblies this week to students in years 9, 10, 11 & 12 to launch our Costa Rica trip in the summer 2025. The trip includes four immersive weeks in the heart of Costa Rica, where students will volunteer at community and wildlife conservation projects as well as explore the depths of the ocean learning to scuba dive and earn their PADI qualification. Students are encouraged to fundraise the cost of the trip so it is accessible to all. Don't forget to sign up online to confirm your place on the team, this needs to be done by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May when students will be invited to meet their team mates and attend the first fundraising meeting.

Simply complete your [Application Form](#) and pay your deposit using the Booking Code: **9222**  
If you have any further questions, please reach out to Sophie our Senior Coordinator  
[Sophie.roy@campsinternational.co.uk](mailto:Sophie.roy@campsinternational.co.uk)

*Remember: Year 11 you must be planning to stay at Huish to join the expedition team*

### Sanitary products

We have a large stock of period products and understand that times can be hard for families in the cost of living crisis. We are able to supply period products to females that can be collected discreetly from the house base, medical room or reception. If students feel too embarrassed to ask, please email Mrs England directly on [SuzieEngland@hea.ac.uk](mailto:SuzieEngland@hea.ac.uk) and she can arrange for a package to be given to the student or left at reception to be collected by parents.

### Tuning into Teens Course

Tuning into Teens is a course for parents to help their children develop a better understanding of emotions. Being more emotionally aware helps them to know how to manage strong emotions and recognise them in other people. This helps them to build resilience, feel more in control, improves behaviour and relationships. It is a 6-week course, 2 hours a week. Each session builds on the previous session; therefore, it is important to be able to commit to the whole course.

Claire Kelly, Parent and Family Support Adviser, and Victoria (PFSA for Primary schools) will be running the course on:

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> May. We then break for a week for half term and then return for 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of June.** All sessions run from **10-12pm** at **Somerton Library**.

If you would like a place on the course, please complete this short form:

<https://form.jotform.com/240703159731049>

Places are limited and will be given on first come first serve basis. Completion of the form doesn't guarantee a place on the course, we will be in touch with confirmation letters to those successful.

### **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

### **Vacancies**

For vacancies available at the academy, please click on the link below-  
[Huish Episcopi Academy- Vacancies](#)

Please mark your calendars and check communications from us for more information regarding the events listed withing this letter. Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns at any point throughout the term, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will make this term a resounding success for our students.

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
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Costa Rica fundraising meeting (deadline for applications)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 12 UCAS and Apprenticeships Information Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term