

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

The students have been working hard to gain house points over the last couple of weeks.

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
2280

Pennard
2278

Bailbrook
2273

Lambrook
2190

Chelston
2078

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a real pleasure to welcome so many families to our Open Evening last night. The event was a wonderful celebration of our school community, and it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and interest from prospective students and their families.

What made me most proud, however, was the incredible contribution of our own students. So many students from all year groups volunteered their time to support the evening, leading tours, assisting in departments, and speaking with visitors about their experiences at Huish. Their pride in our school was clear to see, and the feedback we received from guests about their warmth, confidence and maturity was outstanding.

Alongside this, over the last two weeks, it has been great to see our students engaging in a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom. From trips and visits, to sporting fixtures and careers assemblies, our young people continue to develop their character, confidence and curiosity. Combined with the fantastic effort and hard work taking place in lessons, it is clear that students are making the most of every opportunity available to them.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Trip Report: Year 8 Geography Fieldwork

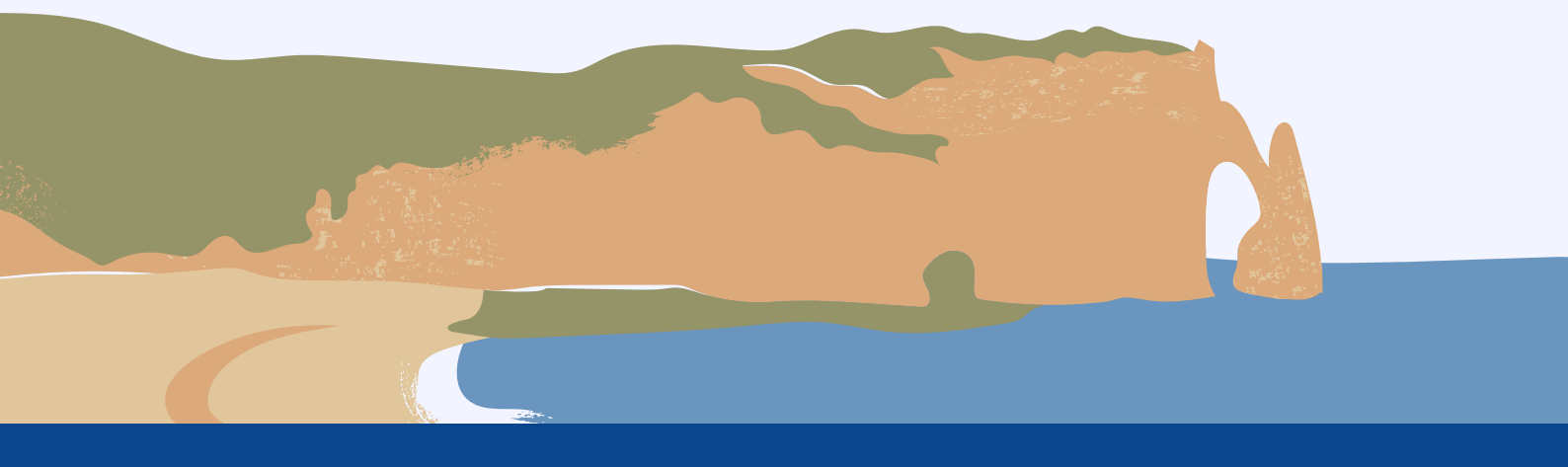
Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove

This week, the Geography Department had the privilege of taking over 200 students in Year 8 to Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door. They were very lucky to have the perfect weather conditions, which enabled the students to see this spectacular stretch of coastline in all its glory.

We are proud to offer all in students in Year 8 this fieldwork opportunity and feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many of them using what they saw as inspiration for their creative writing in English.

The trip also complements our Character Education programme, with students showing ambition when completing their fieldwork to a high standard, resilience as they walk a section of the South West Coast Path, and respect through their interactions with members of the public.

Well done, Year 8!



Online Safety Information Session Led by Amy Brittan

Date: Tuesday 14th October

Venue: Room H1, Huish Sixth Form Building,
Huish Episcopi Academy, Wincanton Road,
Langport, TA10 9SS

Time: 6pm - 7:30pm

We warmly invite you to join us for an important information session on online safety. In today's digital world, understanding how to keep children safe online is more crucial than ever. This session will provide practical advice, highlight common risks, and offer tools to help you support your child's safe and responsible use of technology. Whether your child is just starting to explore the internet or is already active online, this session will empower you with the knowledge to guide them confidently. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sign up to the session here:

<https://forms.gle/iGBMVscVZpuqWJER9>



MHST Webinars

Please find attached the Autumn Webinar booklet, which outlines a range of sessions available for your parents to attend. We're pleased to introduce some exciting new themes this term, designed to support the evolving needs of your parent community.

[Autumn Webinar Booklet](#)

Replacement Bus Passes

If your child travels on a bus operated by Somerset Transport and their bus pass has been lost, please order a replacement by completing the online form here: [Request a replacement school bus pass](#)

If your child travels on a bus not operated by Somerset County Transport, you will need to contact the bus company direct to request a replacement.

Whilst your child awaits the arrival of their replacement bus pass, please remind them to see Ms Neale at lunchtimes outside of ML1 to collect a temporary bus pass.

Expedition to Cambodia: Summer 2027

We are thrilled to announce that our next expedition will be to Cambodia in the Summer of 2027. In the week commencing **20th October**, we will be sharing details regarding this adventure with Years 9 - 12.

For families that are interested, there will be an information session on **Tuesday 4th November** at **6 pm**.

Reminder: Costa Rica Reunion

A reminder that, on **Wednesday 1st October** at **6 - 7 pm**, we will be hosting a reunion event for those that attended the Costa Rica Expedition this Summer.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to share photos, videos, and memories of the amazing adventure. If your child took part, please do come along!

Character Education Update

We are excited to share with you updates from our Character Education programme at Huish. This initiative is designed to help students understand and embody our core school values of **Respect, Ambition, and Resilience**. Our aim is to provide meaningful opportunities for students to explore and demonstrate these values both in and out of the classroom.

Term 1: Ambition

Our **Planting for Polio Project** has started, with small groups of students working to create an area at the front of school ready for planting. Working with the Rotary Club, students in Year 8 will each plant a crocus bulb. Every year, Rotary Clubs help to plant millions of purple crocuses to raise awareness for efforts to end Polio. Our students are supporting the Rotary Club's ambitious global efforts through local initiative.

Our House Competition for this half term is also underway, with students and houses fiercely battling it out in **The Biggest Quiz** every Friday. The highest scoring KS3 and KS4 student in each house will make up the final team, who will compete for **1000 house points** to go to the winning house! The current results (average points per student) are below:

Lambrook

9.7

Chelston

9

Bailbrook

8.9

Merchant

8.6

Pennard

8.6

Huish Careers Update

It has been a busy start to term for careers at Huish. Every year group has had an assembly to meet Mrs Higman and have an introduction to the new careers programme. Careers education will be delivered in tutor time on alternate Tuesdays. The careers programme is designed around three key objectives:

Knowledge, Skills, Confidence; aiming to empower every student to explore and realise their potential. The programme began with all students watching and discussing our 'Job of the Week' video resource. Students should now know what a 'Foley Artist' is... do ask them! We have an updated **Careers Strategy** which can be found on our website, along with an outline of our **careers programme**.

Year 11 students had an assembly this week outlining the post-16 options process. There are many open evenings taking place this term, which the students should register for. We encourage them to complete their post-16 applications before the end of this term. Students requiring support with this can request an individual guidance appointment with Mrs Higman. This is highly recommended for students who plan to apply for apprenticeships.

A number of speakers are booked into the careers programme, including presentations by Huish Sixth, local colleges and apprenticeship training providers.

Huish Sixth: Year 13 students have been focusing on their post-18 pathways, many attending a workshop on UCAS applications delivered by Exeter University and an apprenticeship workshop run by Mrs Higman. Year 12 students have started to look at updating their CVs in preparation for applying for work experience placements later in the term. Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Swansea University to talk to students in Year 12 and 13.

We are keen to develop the Careers Hub in the library this year. Mrs Higman will be running a weekly drop-in on Thursday lunchtimes. This is open to all year groups and we encourage students to call in to seek support and information on anything careers related.



Sporting Fixture Round -Ups

Year 10 Hockey Match Report:

Huish vs. Holyrood

The Year 10 Hockey team faced a very experienced Holyrood side in what was their opening league game of the year!

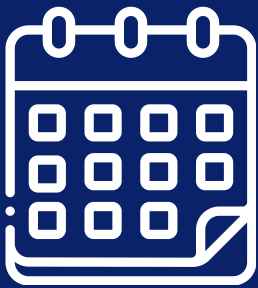
With several Year 9s stepping up to further strengthen our Year 10 team, our students had the opportunity to experience an 11-aside Hockey match for the first time at Huish.

The first half finished 2-0 to Holyrood, as the team settled into their positions and differing playing styles. Despite falling behind with a further 2 goals, the girls managed to pull back a superb set piece and score a fantastic final goal, finishing game with a score of 4-1 to Holyrood.

There are a lot of positives to carry into training, from outstanding defensive performances to brilliant teamwork and collaboration. That first win of the year is inevitable!



Some of our Year 9 girls recently had the opportunity to attend a Rugby Training Tournament!



Dates for your diary for this term

- **2nd October** – Parent Information Evening: Years 12 - 13
- **9th October** – Sixth Form Open Evening (5 - 7 pm)
- **15th October** – Year 7-9 Drama Trip: Globe Theatre
- **16th October** – Year 12 & 13 Textiles Trip: V&A
- **16th October** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10 am)
- **22nd October** – Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening
- **23rd October** – Music: A Celebration of Young Musicians (6 - 7 pm)
- **27th October** – **Half Term**
- **6th November** – Year 12 Parents' Evening
- **11th November** – Year 10 BTEC Information Evening
- **12th November** – Music Trip: BSO KS4 Schools Concert
- **18th November** - SEND Coffee Morning (9:30 - 11 am)
- **28th November** – **INSET Day**
- **3rd December** – Music: Primary Carols
- **4th December** – SLT Coffee Morning
- **4th December** – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **8th December** – Music: Wells Cathedral Choir Concert
- **11th December** – Music: Christmas Concert
- **18th December** – Music: Christmas Carol Service
- **19th December** – **School finishes at 12:30 pm, with all students to be off site by 1 pm**



Respect
Ambition
Resilience



Ministry
of Defence

Armed Forces Families & Safeguarding

2025 Service Pupil Premium

Get extra school funding to support your Service child!

- Are you a parent of a Service child in a state school, academy or free school in England?
- Is your child in Reception Class to Year 11?

If the answer is yes, your child may be eligible to bring in an extra £350 funding for their school with the Service Pupil Premium (SPP).

Simply inform your child's school of your Service status by 2 October 2025, otherwise they will miss out on extra funding.

How will the funding support my child?

The SPP is provided to fund mainly pastoral support to help Service children with their education and wellbeing. But it's for the school to decide how the money is spent.

Pupils attract SPP if they meet one of the following criteria:

- A parent is serving in the regular armed forces or is on full commitment Full-Time Reserve Service.
- A parent died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.
- They have been registered as a 'Service child' in the most recent DfE school census or in the census in the past 6 years.
- A parent is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England.

For general queries:

Email the MOD Armed Forces Families and Safeguarding team:

People-AFFS-Education-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk

For more guidance: Please scan the QR code:

(GOV.UK Guidance Service Pupils in Schools:
Non-statutory guidance)

