

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

The house competition remains tight as we move further into the term.

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
10897

Lambrook
10270

Bailbrook
10210

Pennard
9758

Chelston
9540

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few weeks, our students have been working exceptionally hard both inside and outside the classroom, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements, some of which we are delighted to share with you in this newsletter.

A huge thank you to those who have already completed our parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape the next steps in our improvement journey, alongside input from our student and staff surveys. If you haven't yet had the chance, please remember that the deadline for completion is next Friday, we would greatly appreciate your views.

Looking ahead, the next few weeks are packed with exciting events and activities that promise to make the end of term a memorable one. We hope to welcome you along to many of these events. Please see the key dates at the end of this letter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Character Education

Autumn 2 Focus: Respect

As we approach the festive season, our focus in Character Education this term is Respect. Students have been exploring what respectful behaviour looks like in school, as well as in the wider community. To support this work, we are pleased to share details of events taking place over the next few weeks.

Christmas Card Competition

Students have been busy designing and writing Christmas cards for members of our local community. Judging will take place today (28th November), with winners having their cards printed and earning valuable house points.

- **Year 7:** Local primary school staff.
- **Year 8:** ARC (Somerset-based charity supporting the homeless).
- **Year 9:** Thrive CCS.
- **Years 10 and 11:** Residents in local care homes.



This project gives students the opportunity to show gratitude and respect for members of the community who make a real difference.

Charity Events - 11th December

We are delighted to be supporting two fantastic causes on 11th December:



Christmas Jumper Day

Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their full school uniform to raise money for **Save the Children**.

A voluntary donation is welcome. Tutors will collect donations during morning line-ups, who will then record and reward house points.

Reindeer Run

From 4–5pm on the same day, students can take part in our Reindeer Run to raise funds for **St Margaret's Somerset Hospice**.

Parents and carers will have already received an email with the sign-up link. Students can run, jog, or walk the course as many times as they can.

If you would like to support or donate, please visit our [JustGiving page](#).



HUISH EPISCOPI ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS

CONCERT

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER



6pm Main Hall

£4 Adults

£2 Students



Refreshments available

Proceeds go towards the music department

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

Thank you to each of you who responded to our parent/carer survey on RSE and to those who attended the in-person consultation last week. Your feedback will be invaluable as we continue to develop our approach and deliver a high-quality curriculum for our young people.

Our RSE is embedded within our PSHE programme, details of which can be found on our [website](#).

News from the Maths Department

Following last month's news that some of our brilliant Sixth Form students progressed to the next stages of the UKMT Maths Competition, we are absolutely delighted to share that Shea Eastoe and Lyra Wootton both secured themselves a bronze award in the Senior Kangaroo challenge - an excellent achievement. A huge congratulations to Shea and Lyra!

SLT Coffee Morning Thursday 4th September, 9 - 10 am

You are invited to our next SLT Coffee Morning. Meet with members of our Senior Leadership Team over a tea or coffee, and ask any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

H1 Taylors Bus

There are a few spaces left available on the H1 private bus, run by Taylors Coach Travel. The route is as follows:

Yeovil (Larkhill Bus Stop), Chilthorne Domer (Halfway House), Ilchester (North Over Layby), Tintinhull (Old Post Office), Ash (Opposite Borough Street), Ash (Old Post Office), Huish Episcopi Academy.

If you would like to enquire, please call **01935 423177** or email info@taylorscoachtravel.co.uk

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.





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Future Skills Questionnaire

This half term, students in Year 7 will be completing the **Future Skills Questionnaire**. They will have the opportunity to do this during their IT lessons.

The Future Skills Questionnaire (FSQ) is a set of questions that have been specifically designed for young people in schools and colleges to help them to think about their skills, strengths, and what they might like to do in the future. FSQ is a key feature of our school's careers programme. We will analyse learner responses to help evaluate our careers provision, plan future careers activities, and identify learners who may need additional support.

The questionnaire takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. There are up to three sections of the questionnaire that cover the following areas:

- Careers knowledge and skills
- Essential skills for life and work
- Career planning

Completing the FSQ should be an engaging and insightful activity for our students, that aims to encourage them to continue thinking about their future choices and next steps after school or college.

All learner data is processed in compliance with GDPR. More information about how data is used and stored can be found **here**.



Huish Careers: We Need Your Help!

As we continue to develop our Careers Programme at Huish, we would be incredibly keen to hear from you if you believe that you may be able to support us in any capacity:

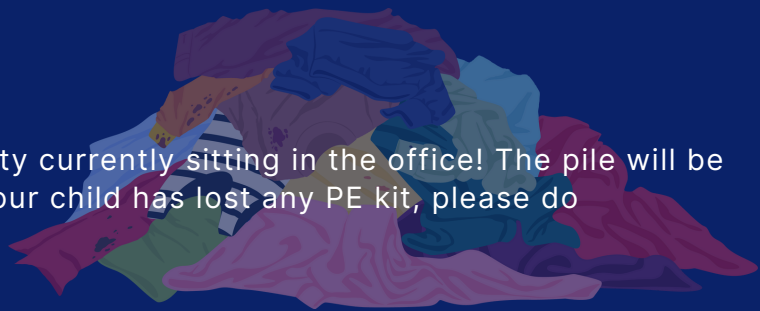
- Are you prepared to come in and talk to a group of students about your current job?
- Do you have an interesting career journey that you would be happy to share?
- Are you working for a company that would be keen to promote their industry sector?
- Are you a local employer who is looking to recruit apprenticeships?
- Are you a local employer who would be willing to support our work experience programme?
- Does your company offer career talks/business mentors or staff to support mock interviews?
- Does your job have specific links to any of our subject areas?
- Would your company be willing to offer a workplace visit from a group of students?
- Have you started your own business and would be willing to share your journey?
- Can you support our students in developing transferrable skills, e.g, team-building, oracy, digital skills, etc.?
- Do you have a large plant that we could have to brighten up our careers hub?

These are just some suggestions of what we would be interested in, but would welcome any other ideas!

If you have any questions regarding the FSQ or supporting our Careers Programme, please contact Emma Higman, Careers Lead, at **EmmaHigman@hea.ac.uk**

PE Lost Property

The PE Department have a large pile of lost property currently sitting in the office! The pile will be cleared out prior to the Christmas holidays, so if your child has lost any PE kit, please do encourage them to check.



Sporting Updates

NSEA Show Jumping: Fantastic Start to the Season!

Our equestrian team kicked off their first competition of the year in outstanding style, with all three riders delivering brilliant performances against strong competition from across the South West. The team's consistency and determination earned them an impressive 4th place overall out of 7 teams - a superb achievement for the first outing of the season and for this newly-formed team.

Individual Results (41 riders)

Amy Wadsley	5th Place
Livi A'Court	11th Place
Alice Chapman	27th Place

A special congratulations goes to Amy Wadsley, who also competed individually in the 80cm class, producing a skilful and confident round to finish 12th out of 46 riders - a fantastic result in a highly competitive field. We could not be prouder of the team's hard work, competitive spirit, and brilliant riding. Exciting things ahead for the season!



Rugby Match Report: Huish vs. Robert Blake



What an absolutely stonking match against Robert Blake the other day! The Huish team did not just win the gain line, they moved it with brutal intent and determination. Fierce in attack, dominant in defence, and with some truly impressive kicks, the Year 10 boys delivered an astonishing masterclass.

The 9/10 partnership was slick and controlled, bringing our big runners into the game and keeping the tempo high.

The match culminated in a clean 17-0 win. A performance with a clear message: this is the Huish standard now. A huge congratulations to the Year 10 boys.

Sporting Fixture Round-Ups: Football

Year 9-11 Football Match Report: Huish vs. Wadham

A great start to their league campaign with a strong team performance, despite the bitterness and wet weather conditions! The girls demonstrated excellent resilience and ambition to see the game through and take the win, scoring 3 - 1!

Year 7 and 8 Football Match Report: Huish vs. Wadham

The girls continued their league run with a fierce match against Wadham, which offered valuable game time for Year 7, as well as experience playing alongside Year 8. While it was a close game, Huish were pipped to the post. On to the next match!

Year 9 Hockey Match Report: Huish vs. Bucklers Mead

Despite some superb link-up play through the units, the Year 9 girls unfortunately lost out to Bucklers Mead and their incredibly strong defence. While this means that the Year 9 team have just missed out on a place at the finals (with a 1 point difference), the girls should be hugely proud of their progress this hockey season and their transition from 7 to 11-aside, full pitch hockey. Bring on next year!

Sporting Fixture Round-Ups: Hockey



Year 7 Hockey Match Report: Huish vs. Westfield

Year 7 played for the last game of the league! They came prepared and raring to go, fired up by the prospect of making it through to the finals. It was a hard game, getting to half-time with a draw of 2-2. Positive team talk and encouragement meant that the girls pulled through and won the match 4-2! Not only was it a fabulous match, but the Year 7 girls are now through to the finals - a huge congratulations!



Year 8 Hockey Match Reports

Year 8 also played their last two games of the league, needing the wins to make it through to the finals. Their first game ended with a phenomenal 7-0 win! The second game was a fierce battle and required the girls to pull together and showcase all of their skills and determination, culminating in a 1-0 win! This means that our utterly brilliant Year 8s are also off to the finals - well done, girls!

Year 7 and 8 Hockey Match Report: Huish vs. Holyrood

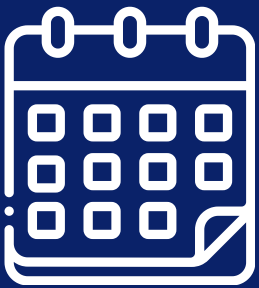
The Year 7 and 8 boys hockey team had their first hockey game of the year against Holyrood. They showed excellent team work as they played throughout the game and showcased their skills together, displaying brilliant determination and support for each other. While they did not win the game, they move forward ready for the next.



Year 10 Hockey Match Report: Huish vs. Westfield

The Year 10s secured their place in the Hockey finals after drawing 0-0 against Westfield - huge congratulations! In addition, a big well done to the Year 9s who have stepped up this year to place alongside the Year 10s. The hockey finals will be next week - good luck girls!





Dates for your diary for this term

- **28th November – INSET Day**
- **3rd December – Music: Primary Carols**
- **4th December – SLT Coffee Morning**
- **4th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening**
- **5th December – Year 11 Winter Formal**
- **8th December – Year 13 Parents' Evening**
- **8th December – Music: Wells Cathedral Choir Concert**
- **9th December – Year 13 Product Design Trip: Numatic**
- **9th December – Rewards Trip: Ice Skating Day 1**
- **10th December – Rewards Trip: Ice Skating Day 2**
- **11th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children**
- **11th December – The Reindeer Run - Supporting St. Margaret's Hospice**
- **11th December – Music: Christmas Concert**
- **12th - 19th December – Year 11 - 13 Ski Trip**
- **15th December – Year 7 Trip: Pantomime, Westlands**
- **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