

— 23 January 2026 —

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

The house competition remains tight as we move towards the end of term.

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
15957

Bailbrook
15093

Lambrook
14741

Chelston
14482

Pennard
13874

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring term is now in full flow, and it has been a joy to see students so wholeheartedly living out our school values each day. Their positivity, hard work and commitment continue to shine through across all aspects of school life.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school for the Year 9 Options Evening last night. Our students demonstrated impressive maturity and high aspirations as they considered the next steps in their educational journey, and your support in guiding these important choices is truly appreciated. If you need any further support with the process, then please contact your child's tutor.

I would also like to draw your attention to our upcoming Parent Coffee Morning, where we will be sharing the feedback from the recent parent survey and exploring the next steps together. This is an open invitation to all parents and carers. Your voice is an invaluable part of shaping our continued school development, and we would be delighted to see you there.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Reindeer Run: Fundraising Total Update!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Reindeer Run at the end of last term. We are thrilled to share that we raised an incredible £3,790.54 for St Margaret's Hospice!

As a school community, we were extremely proud of the students' commitment and efforts, as well as thankful to all who donated to a fantastic cause - what a brilliant way to end the Respect Project!



Reminder: China Trip Information Evening

A reminder to parents and carers with children attending the China Trip in October 2026 that we will be hosting an information evening on **Tuesday 3rd February at 5:30 pm.**

During the evening, we will relay key details of the trip and important information regarding travel arrangements, as well as answer questions relating to the trip.

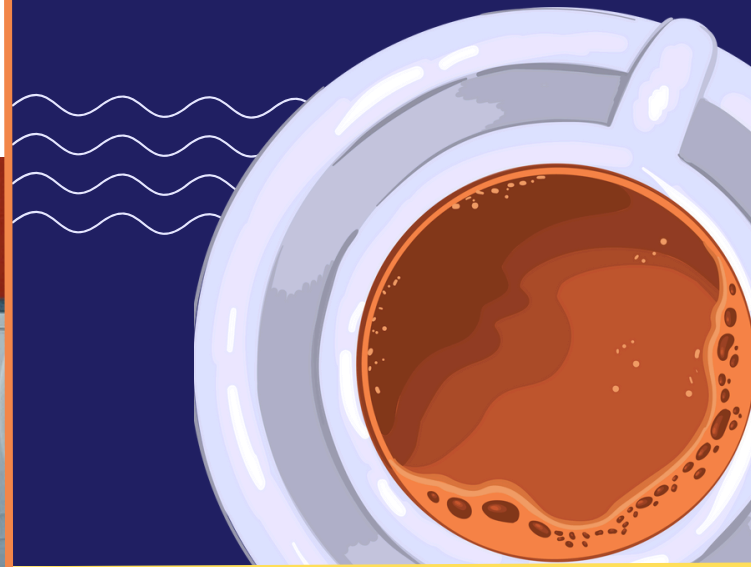
Please ensure that you bring your child's passport to the meeting, as we need to verify and record essential travel documentation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SLT Coffee Morning

Thursday 29th January
9 - 10 am
Sixth Form Café

At this SLT Coffee Morning, we will be discussing the responses to the Parent Feedback Survey and next steps. Please do come along to share your voice!



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 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.



Reminder: Parking

We would like to remind all parents and carers to be considerate to our neighbours in the community when dropping off and collecting children.

Please do not leave your engine running or block private residencies or driveways. In addition, please do not park dangerously on zigzag lines or near pedestrian crossings.

If the school car park is full, the church car park is available to drop off and collect students. Please try to avoid having to use residential roads nearby. We thank you for your collaboration.



Reminder: Cashless Systems

A reminder that, from Easter, we will be moving to a completely cashless system here at Huish Episcopi Academy. Following the Easter school holiday, we will no longer accept cash payments for any school-related transactions, including lunch payments, uniform, tickets, and stationery items.

Going fully cashless will make payments safer, faster, and more convenient.

- Payments for catering, uniform, stationery, and event tickets can be made through **ParentPay**.
- Payments for trips can be made through **Evolve**.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at HuishAccounts@hea.ac.uk

Trip Report: Theatre Careers Workshop - Westlands, Yeovil

On Monday, a group of KS4 and KS5 students spent the day at Westlands for an exciting introduction to careers in the creative arts.

Students were divided into smaller groups and took part in two one-hour workshops, during which they rehearsed and then pitched a short piece of scripted drama. Throughout the day, they were introduced to a wide range of roles in theatre, including lighting, sound, directing, and producing.

Everyone involved had a wonderful time, gaining valuable insight into the world of theatre-making. A huge thank you to Westlands for having us!



Trip Report: Huish Days out with the YCYW Education Network

It has been a busy week of trips with the students of Knowle Hall, in partnership with the YCYW Education Network!

On Monday, a small group of Year 9s visited Bristol with a group of YCYW students visiting from China. They started their trip at the Clifton Suspension Bridge, where learned about the history of the bridge from tour guides. They then visited the bridge museum and took part in workshops themed around bridge maintenance and budget management. Finally, the day out ended in a visit to Bristol Aquarium, learning about fish that are native to UK waters, as well as species from around the world.



During the lessons, the students worked on individual pieces of their artwork before developing their pieces into a large collaborative project. Each student took their own piece of work and blended it into another's work using a wider range of mediums, resulting in a large abstract artwork full of colour, line, and creativity. With some brilliant communication and artistic skills, the students produced some beautiful, bright, ambitious, and successful works of art.

It was a fabulous day - thank you to the staff and students at Knowle Hall for making us feel so welcome!



On Wednesday, a group of Year 8 students visited YCYW's base in Somerset, Knowle Hall, to participate in and Arts Day.

The day involved getting to know the students from China through a range of different tasks and artistic challenges. The students enjoyed working in an expressive art form with pens, paints, oil pastels, and other artistic mediums.

Break times gave students the opportunity to show off their basketball skills on the hard courts or spend time getting to know one another in the break room. It was wonderful to see students from other cultures sharing similar ideas and interests.



Huish Careers Update

We have lots of exciting careers activities planned for this half term. Year 7 and Year 8 have been exploring the local labour market and we will be welcoming Langport employer, ABP, into school to deliver an assembly to Year 8 students about their business.

On Thursday this week, a group of Year 11 students visited Train 4 All in Somerton to find out about post-16 options in the fields of Construction and Engineering. Train 4 All offer apprenticeship training in brickwork, property maintenance, welding and fabrication. They also offer a welding scholarship programme. Some of our leavers last year were successful in gaining places on this fully funded programme.

In February, we will be joined by Trevor Latham who is a First Officer for Easyjet at Bristol Airport and he will be delivering a presentation to students as part of the Pilot Outreach Ambassador programme. Students in Year 10 upwards will be able to sign up to attend this presentation. If your child is interested in attending, please email EmmaHigman@hea.ac.uk.

Year 10 students will be attending a careers fair on Thursday 12th February at Junction 24. The event is organised by UCS College Group and will be open to all parents and students to attend during the evening (5:30 - 7:30 pm). It may be useful for Year 9 students choosing GCSE options and Year 11 students who are still considering post 16 options.

Employers attending include;

- Mulberry
- Howards Motor Group
- Somerset NHS Foundation Trust
- British Horse Society
- Submarine Delivery Agency
- Yeo Valley
- YMCA
- Matravers Engineering
- The Newt

CAREERS & APPRENTICESHIP JOBS FAIR

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026

5:30PM - 7:30PM | THE VENUE @ JUNCTION 24



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Huish Sixth will be welcoming representatives from Aberystwyth University at the end of this month. Sessions will be aimed at Year 12 students, supporting them to think about university as an option. They will receive guidance on how to choose between different universities and to consider the wide range of courses available. For those considering apprenticeships, we also have a presentation from YTL Group (Wessex Water) about the variety of apprenticeship opportunities that they offer.

For more information about any of these events or the career programme at Huish, please refer to the careers section on the website or contact Emma Higman, Careers Leader, at EmmaHigman@hea.ac.uk.



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Sporting Fixture Round-Ups

U13 Girls FA Schools Cup: Huish vs. Whitstone

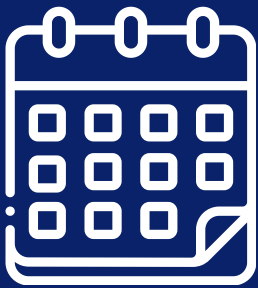
The team had their first experience of an FA cup game versus Whitstone school last week. Under awful weather conditions in the wind and rain last Thursday, the girls demonstrated outstanding resilience, drawing 1-1 at half-time. With some squad rotation in the second half, we scored another goal but unfortunately conceded soon after, with a final result of 3-2 to Whitstone. However, we are so impressed with the team's efforts and cohesion as conditions worsened in the second half - fantastic resilience and determination.

Their final league game against Preston Academy finalised what has been a brilliant and committed season of school football and a great introduction to 9-a-side football for most. Well done, girls!

U13 Girls FA Schools Cup: Huish vs. Preston

The girls battled to the very end to trail 5-2 in what was a well-matched game versus Preston, despite the numerous player rotations to give all an opportunity to represent Huish in the girls football league this season.

We have been so impressed with the progress the girls have made this year - both in games and competitions! Lots more to come next season. We are very proud of the team; the commitment and resilience has been outstanding. Well done, all!



Dates for your diary for this term

- **29th January** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10am)
- **5th February** – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **6th February** – NSPCC Number Day
- **9th February** – Year 9 Careers Trip: Sustainable Future Conference
- **12th February** – Year 10 Careers Trip: UCS Careers Fair
- **13th February** – Golden Ticket Trip: Longleat
- **16th February** – **Half Term**
- **23rd February-6th March** – Year 11 Mocks
- **23rd February-6th March** – Year 13 Mocks
- **23rd-24th February** – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- **26th February** – Year 7 Parents' Evening
- **12th March** – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **13th March** – Year 12 Trip: HE and Apprenticeship Fair
- **17th March** – SEND Coffee Evening (4 - 5:30 pm)
- **19th March** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10 am)
- **24th March** – Music: Celebration of Young Musicians (6 - 7:30 pm)
- **26th March** – Year 11/13 Exam Information Evening (5 - 7 pm)
- **30th-31st March** – Drama: School Play - Midsummer Night's Dream
- **2nd April** – **INSET Day**
- **3rd April** – **Bank Holiday**
- **6th April** – **School Holiday**



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Year 11 After School Revision Timetable

Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Art	English Language/Literature	Science (Higher and Triple)	H&S Care
Music	Essay Club	Maths	Art
Drama	Art	Music	Science (Foundation)
		Art	History
			Geography
			Drama

Week B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Music	English Language/Literature	Science (Higher and Triple)	Art
Drama	Essay Club	Maths	Science (Foundation)
		Music	History
		Art	Geography
			Drama



An Intro to Apprenticeships

Monday 9th February 2026 | 18:00 - 19:00 | Online

As part of **National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2026** this online session will answer all your questions about **Apprenticeships** and **T-Levels** at Hinkley Point C...



What are **apprenticeships** and **T-Levels**?



What are the **Benefits** of these pathways?



What **subjects** are available?

What's the **application Process**?



You will also get the chance to meet some of our **current apprentices** to hear about their day-to-day activities and ask any questions you may have.

[Click here](#) to book your place today

