

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
17531

Bailbrook
16576

Lambrook
16304

Chelston
15875

Pennard
15350

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of this half term, I would like to reflect on what has been an exceptionally positive and productive few weeks in school. Alongside the fantastic work taking place every day in classrooms, we have a wide range of exciting events planned for students next week. These will include careers trips, reward activities, golden ticket visits, and several other opportunities designed to enrich students' learning and celebrate their achievements.

Next week, we are also looking forward to welcoming a visiting band who will be supporting our assembly programme as part of Children's Mental Health Week. This promises to be a valuable and uplifting experience for students as we continue to promote wellbeing and positive mental health across the school community.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the parents and carers who attended our recent coffee morning to discuss feedback from the parent survey. Your contributions were incredibly valuable, and we look forward to sharing a further update on the actions we will be taking after the half term break.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. It is very much appreciated and plays a vital role in helping us to provide the best possible experience for our students.

I hope everyone enjoys the final week of term and finds some time for rest and recharging over the upcoming break.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Volunteers Needed:

Help Year 10 master the interview process!



We are looking for business professionals to volunteer their time to conduct mock interviews for our Year 10 students in preparation for their work experience in July.

Interviews will take place **Friday 26th June 2026, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm**. All information will be prepared for you on the day and refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested, please email Mrs Higman, Careers Lead, at EmmaHigman@hea.ac.uk

Curriculum Letter Update

Following feedback from the SLT Coffee Morning last week, there is some disparity as to whether parents/carers have received the curriculum letters for this half term.

All curriculum letters can be found on the school website [here](#), alongside overviews for our full curriculum.

This particular letter included reference to our Spring assessment overviews, which can also be found on the website [here](#).

For parents and carers of Year 11 and Year 13, mock examination overviews are accessible through the [Examinations](#) section of the website.



Primary Swimming Gala!

It was fantastic to have eight of our feeder primary schools join us for an action-packed gala full of talent, resilience, and teamwork. The atmosphere was electric, thanks to our fantastic parents and supporters! A huge shout-out to our young leaders for organising and running the event so professionally. Well done to every swimmer - you were outstanding!



A Visit from Hot Poets!

Last Friday, we were treated to a fabulous visit from Hot Poets, who bring poetry workshops and climate education into schools through their fabulous programme, 'Hot Poets Ignite'.

Year 7 and 8 students started the day by learning about Hot Poets, the environment, and how poetry can be used to describe and explore the world around us (including a recorded talk from Michael Rosen!), before splitting into groups for a poetry workshop.

After reading some environmental poetry, each of the students selected an object from nature, and drew inspiration from these to write their own poems, going through steps to first explore and describe their selected object before coming up with descriptive 'kennings' (a method of describing objects with a two-word phrase) - which they then used to create their poems.

It was amazing to see what the students came up with, such a variety of beautiful and thoughtful poetry was created in these workshops.

Finally, students had the chance to share their poetry with the rest of the group, with many students bravely performing their amazing poetry!



Feeling Unwell at School

If your child starts to feel unwell during a lesson, they should let their subject teacher know. The teacher will then alert an On Call member of staff, who will check on the child and take them to the Medical Room if needed. Our highly trained and caring medical team will assess and treat your child appropriately. If your child feels unwell during a social time, they may self-refer directly to the Medical Room, where the team will triage and provide care as needed.

Should your child need to go home, the Medical Team will contact you directly to arrange collection. Please remind your child not to call home themselves.

HPV Vaccination Consent

A reminder to all parents and carers of Year 8 and above who have not replied to the HPV Vaccination Consent Form to please do so as soon as possible.

Even if you do not consent to the vaccinations, we require your response.

The vaccinations will be taking place on **23rd - 24th February**.

Decision Form:

<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/HPV>

Unique School Code: **SM136294**

HUSH EPISCOPI ACADEMY
PRESENTS

**TWELFTH
NIGHT**



**MONDAY 30 MARCH
TUESDAY 31 MARCH
6.30PM
MAIN HALL**



**A
MIDSUMMER
NIGHTS
DREAM**

Tickets available on ParentPay
All proceeds go towards the
Drama Department

Year 11 Attendance Matters

As our Year 11 students approach an important point in the year, regular attendance is more important than ever. With mock GCSE examinations just two weeks away, being in lessons allows students to take part in vital revision, exam preparation, and subject-specific support.

Attending school consistent helps students build confidence, maintain routines, and access both academic and pastoral support from familiar staff. It also ensures they do not miss key guidance on exam techniques and final preparation.

We understand that challenges can arise, and we encourage families to keep in touch with us if support is needed. By working together, we can help our Year 11 students feel prepared, supported, and ready for the weeks ahead.

We thank you for your continued support.

Year 11 Macbeth Screening Reminder

A reminder to all parents and carers of Year 11 students that have signed up that on Thursday 19th February, Miss Eddy will be hosting a screening of Macbeth in H1 whilst pausing at key scenes to discuss and analyse.

Students will need to arrive at the school for a 12 pm start - Miss Eddy will be available from 11:45 am to greet students at the **Main Entrance, not the Sixth Form Reception** - and will need to be collected at 3 pm.

This is in preparation for their mock examination of the GCSE English Literature Paper 1 that they will be sitting the following week.

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**](mailto:HuishAccounts@hea.ac.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 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.



Parent and Carer Workshops

Talking to Your Children and Teens About Their Bodies, Feelings and Relationships

A relaxed and informative session for parents and carers of SEND children of all ages with an additional focus on teenage years. The 2-hour session focuses on talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings, and relationships.

Dates

- **In Person:** 26th February 2026, 1 - 2:45 pm at Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA
- **Online (live only):** 11th February 2026, 7 - 9 pm

[Book your place here](#)

Information Session with Escapeline: Child Exploitation by County Lines

We invite parents and carers to attend an important information session led by Escapeline, a specialist charity working to protect children from County Lines exploitation.

With a significant rise in criminal and sexual exploitation of young people—including in rural areas across the South West—this session will help families understand how gangs operate, the warning signs to look out for, and how to keep children safe. Drawing on Escapeline's extensive experience educating over 17,000 young people and schools across Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire, the session will offer practical guidance, real-life insight, and strategies for early intervention. This is a vital opportunity to learn how to support and safeguard our children from the growing threat of grooming, coercion and County Lines activity.

Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 6 - 7:30 pm

Room H1, Huish Episcopi Sixth Form, Wincanton Road, Langport, TA10 9SS

[Book your place here](#)

Equipment Reminder

Every student should have a pencil case, ideally one that is clear to prepare them for examinations and that contains the following equipment:

Blue/black pen, green pen, ruler, pencil, rubber, sharpener, calculator, maths set, whiteboard pen, glue stick.

Students are also expected to have their journal and Knowledge Organiser with them each day. If you need support providing your child with this full equipment, please contact the school office.





Huish Episcopi Sixth Form

The best in everyone™

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Applications Are Now Open

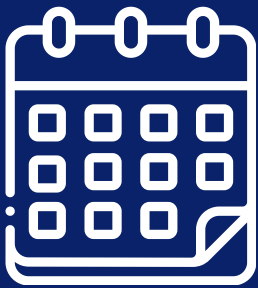
Small class sizes | Exceptional academic and pastoral support
Aspirational destinations | Excellent outcomes

Apply easily via our [website](#)



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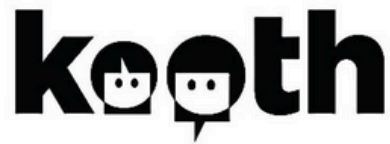


Dates for your diary for this term

- **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)
- **20th March** – Golden Ticket Trip: Bristol Basketball
- **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**



Respect
Ambition
Resilience



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK.

Kooth is **free** to access via any internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone. There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting www.kooth.com.

Kooth offers young people a range and choice of support options under one digital roof. It has services that are accessible 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This includes one to one text based sessions with experienced counsellors and wellbeing practitioners run from midday to 10pm on weekdays, and from 6 -10pm at the weekend. Appointments can be booked in advance or accessed via a drop-in text-based chat. Kooth also provides a fully safeguarded and pre-moderated community with a library of peer and professional created articles. And there are discussion forums too. All content is pre-moderated and age appropriate.

Kooth covers many topics on the website including relationships, LGBTQIIA+, exam stress, anxiety, eating difficulties, self harm, suicidal thoughts, body image, social media, bullying and family worries. All of these subjects affecting young peoples' mental health are presenting issues that Kooth and other mental health providers see from all age groups. Kooth is commissioned by the NHS and clinically approved for children from the age of 10, and is the only digital mental health provider to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation across the Country.

If you have any questions please let us know. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, please email parents@kooth.com.

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS



HELPING YOUR CHILD & TEEN SLEEP TOOLS, TIPS & TECHNIQUES



IN THIS 1 HOUR VIRTUAL WORKSHOP HOSTED BY SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM, WE WILL EXPLORE...

- Why do we need to sleep?
- Teen sleep struggles
- How to support young people to get a better night's sleep so they can meet their full potential
- Evidence based sleep information to improve sleep patterns



WHEN?

12th February 2026, 12 - 1 pm

13th February 2026, 10 - 11am

19th February 2026, 7 - 8 pm

Register here:

[12th February session booking link](#)

[13th February session booking link](#)

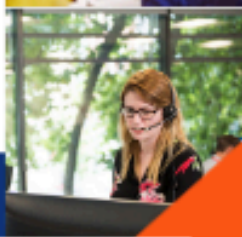
[19th February session booking link](#)



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.

Scan the QR code to book your place today...

