

# Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

## House Update

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

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

**Merchant**  
**20295**

**Bailbrook**  
**18769**

**Lambrook**  
**18617**

**Chelston**  
**17779**

**Pennard**  
**17606**

## An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share how proud I am of our students for such a fantastic start to the new half term. The atmosphere across the school this week has been incredibly positive, and I would like to commend everyone for the strong attendance we have seen in all year groups. Let's keep this up as we move through the half term, being present and ready to learn each day truly sets the foundation for success at all levels.

A special mention must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have completed the first week of their mock exams with real determination, focus, and maturity. It has been wonderful to see so many of them engaging in the morning breakfast revision sessions, setting themselves up for a successful day of assessments. The commitment that students are showing is inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of the example they are setting for the rest of the school.

As you read through this week's newsletter, you will see a celebration of some of the wonderful opportunities students have been engaging in outside of the classroom. These experiences play a vital role in our Character Curriculum, helping students to develop confidence, resilience, leadership, and a sense of belonging as part of the Huish community. We are placing a strong emphasis on these opportunities this year, and I want to encourage all students to get involved wherever they can, whether it is a club, a trip, a competition, or a new experience. These moments enrich school life, build character, and create lasting memories for students.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support. Your partnership with us makes an enormous difference, and we are grateful for all of your support.

Warm regards,

**Mrs Boyes**  
**Principal**

# A Day of Live Music with The Runaway Club!

To close out Children's Mental Health week, we were delighted to welcome Glastonbury-based band The Runaway Club to Huish!

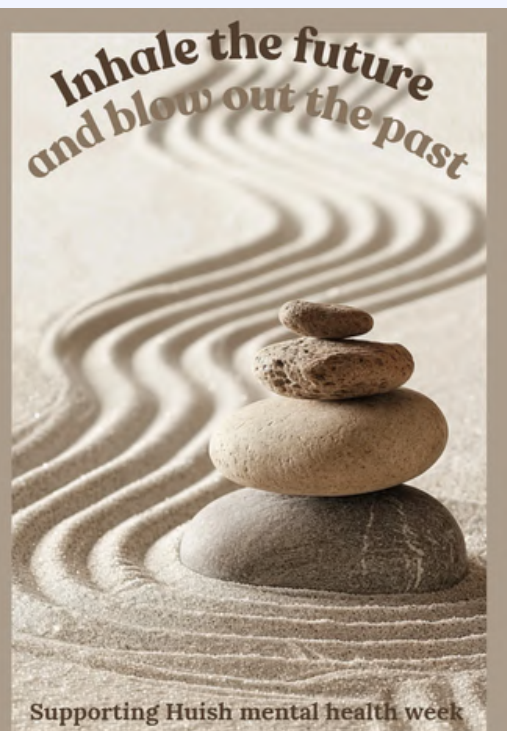
The atmosphere at school was buzzing on Friday 13th February, as the band performed energetic back-to-back concerts for Years 7-11 throughout the school day. It was fantastic to see so many of our students having the time of their life singing along and dancing, as well as listen to the band share their own experiences with their mental health. The band discussed the importance of taking breaks and reaching out to the support systems in their lives when they needed some extra help.

A huge thank you to The Runaway Club for the incredible live performances, honest talks, and signing sessions for the students!



## Year 7 PSHE Poster Challenge

As part of Year 7's PSHE studies, students were challenged to produce posters in support of mental health awareness. With common themes of mindfulness, healthy eating, exercise, and getting enough sleep, students displayed their brilliant creativity with fabulous posters! Here are just a handful of them. Brilliant work, Year 7!



Charlotte and Summer



Evie and Mia



Sienna and Daisy

# Call for Submissions: Everyday Maths!

When it comes to learning a new mathematical skill, one question students often ask is "When am I ever going to use this in real life?" To help them see the relevance of what they learn, the Maths Department are seeking examples of real-life application of maths and numeracy skills.

Do you use maths in your day-to-day job? Is it perhaps an unusual or unexpected skill? Do you even use it for a hobby? If so, the Maths Department would like to hear from you! If you are able to share, please send details of what your job/hobby is and what kind of maths skills are used to [HelenRoberts@hea.ac.uk](mailto:HelenRoberts@hea.ac.uk).

We have previously heard from double-glazing fitters who use Pythagoras to check if windows were right-angled and an archaeologist who used the same skill to check trenches were being kept to planned dimensions and not incurring considerable additional costs and fines.

Thank you for your help and support!

## 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 try to avoid having to use residential roads nearby. If the school car park is full, the church car park is available to drop off and collect students.

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

We thank you for your collaboration.



## Year 11 Mocks

Year 11 have completed their first week of mock examinations, and we could not be prouder of them. Their maturity, focus, and determination has been exceptional. It is clear that students are taking this final mock examination window seriously and are working incredibly hard to give it their very best.

This morning, our Head of Maths delivered a pre-exam briefing before students headed into their exam rooms. This is a great example of our 'marginal gains' approach - small, purposeful improvements to routines and preparation that, together, help students to achieve their optimum success.

Thank you so much for your continued support at home. We look forward to building this strong start as Year 11 move through the remainder of their exams.



## Year 10 Parents' Evening

A reminder that Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Invitations with a link to the booking portal and access codes was sent out on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have not yet received this, please contact the Year 10 team.

HUISH 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

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:EmmaHigman@hea.ac.uk)

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who donated to our Food Bank drive in the lead-up to Christmas. We are pleased to share that our 190 items helped the Lord's Larder Food Bank in Yeovil to support those in need in our community over the Christmas period.

It was wonderful to see so many of our students showing respect and kindness through contributions. Thank you, as always, for your support.



## The Year of the Brass



On Thursday 12th February, the Music Department celebrated "The Year of the Brass", a collaborative project with Jackdaws Education Trust, Solis Trio and a number of our feeder primary schools. Year 7s were treated to a musical assembly, where they were introduced to the history of the trumpet, trombone, and french horn, complete with live performances ranging from classical to jazz. The Trio then workshopped with members of the school orchestra.

After school, students from Huish Episcopi Primary and Hambridge Primary joined our Academy musicians and Solis Trio to rehearse and perform a wonderful concert, based on the theme of 'Seasonal Growth', involving fanfares and music from The Nutcracker and Blue Moon.

A huge well done to all involved!

# Character Education

## Spring 2 Focus: Ambition

This term, we will be revisiting our character focus of Ambition. We will be encouraging all students to challenge themselves, set personal goals and push beyond their comfort zones. Ambition is about striving to improve, aiming high, and showing determination in everything we do - whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through creative pursuits.

### Planting for Polio

Our crocuses have begun to bloom, which has been a wonderful sign that Spring is on its way! We are now looking forward to developing our flower bed at the front of the school.

A group of students will be getting their hands dirty, planting a variety of flowers and plants to help create a welcoming and respectful environment. This project supports Rotary International and their campaign to end polio worldwide. Through this initiative, students will demonstrate ambition by contributing positively to both our school environment and a global cause.

### Football and Netball House Competitions

At the end of last term, our Football and Netball House Competitions came to an exciting conclusion. Matches were played in excellent spirit, with students demonstrating enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout. A huge well done to everyone who took part!

1<sup>st</sup>

**Merchant**

1000 house points

2<sup>nd</sup>

**Pennard and Lambrook**

700 house points

4<sup>th</sup>

**Bailbrook**

400 house points

5<sup>th</sup>

**Chelston**

200 house points

### Huish's Got Talent

This term, we will be launching Huish's Got Talent! We are inviting students to showcase their talents and compete head-to-head to be crowned House Champion. Whether it's singing, dancing, comedy, magic, gymnastics or something completely unique, we want to see it!

If your child has a talent, please encourage them to sign up and get involved. Taking part is a fantastic way to demonstrate ambition and build confidence.

**Auditions:** Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March (during school time).

**Live Show:** Date to be confirmed - families will be invited to attend.

We are excited to celebrate the courage, creativity and ambition of our students this term!



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## UCS College Group Careers & Apprenticeship Fair

Year 10 students recently visited the UCS College Group Careers & Apprenticeship Fair at Junction 24. The event was an exciting opportunity for students to build an idea of their next steps in education and career pathways while showcasing opportunities available across Somerset.

Students met employers such as Muller, NHS, Mulberry, Yeo Valley, and representatives from the nuclear industry. The college was also presenting various vocational routes, from land-based courses, hair and beauty, and engineering. Students were tasked with completing activity passports that could be completed by engaging with exhibitors to gain stamps.

A great start for our Year 10s as they begin thinking about their post-16 choices!



## 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.



# Congratulations!

A huge congratulations is in order for Huish student Casper Rawbone as he qualifies for the English Schools Cross Country Championships. Not only that, but he appears to have achieved it without any footwear on!

Well done, Casper - your determination and resilience is outstanding. We are incredibly proud of you!



## Parent and Carer Workshop

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, 6 - 7:30 pm**

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

[Book your place here](#)

## Student Fundraising

Arthur is currently fundraising for his expedition to Cambodia and has organised a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in Long Sutton Village Hall.

All proceeds from the Afternoon Tea will go towards Arthur's expedition. To book your place, please contact the number on the poster!



*Mother's Day  
Afternoon Tea*

Sunday 15th March  
from 12 until 2pm  
Long Sutton Village Hall

Pre-bookings only – £10 per adult, £5 per child.  
Please call or text Jemma on 07878 831939

All proceeds to go to Arthur's fundraising campaign for his expedition to Cambodia

# Sporting Fixture Round-Ups

## Year 7 and 9 Netball: Huish vs. Sexeys

Our Year 7 and Year 9 Netball teams recently headed over to Sexeys to kick off the start of the netball season.

Both teams showcased phenomenal teamwork and skill throughout their matches, encouraging each other throughout and keeping the energy high! The Year 7s came away with a brilliant 4-4 draw, while the Year 9s were just pipped to the post by the opposition. Both teams showed such a promising start and continue with more games after the half-term. Come on, Huish!



## Year 8 Netball: Huish vs. Holyrood

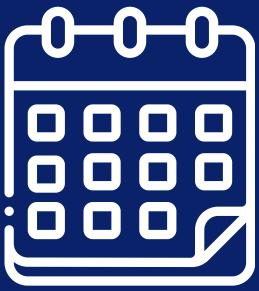
Last week's netball game was the team's first league game! It was a fierce battle, culminating in a very close loss of 2 - 3. Well done, girls. We continue on!

## Year 11 Netball: Tournament

Our Year 11s faced some very strong opposition during Wednesday's tournament. While no matches were won, the girls had the time of their lives and morale was high! They have been an utterly wonderful team, and we hope that they have enjoyed their Netball adventures here at Huish.

Well done, as always, for brilliant resilience and teamwork.





# Dates for your diary for this term

- **23<sup>rd</sup> February-6<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 11 Mocks
- **23<sup>rd</sup> February-6<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 13 Mocks
- **12<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **13<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 12 Trip: HE and Apprenticeship Fair
- **13<sup>th</sup> March** – Golden Ticket Trip: Bristol Basketball
- **17<sup>th</sup> March** – SEND Coffee Evening (4 - 5:30 pm)
- **19<sup>th</sup> March** – SLT Coffee Morning (9 - 10 am)
- **24<sup>th</sup> March** – Music: Celebration of Young Musicians (6 - 7:30 pm)
- **26<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 11/13 Exam Information Evening (5 - 7 pm)
- **30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March** – Drama: School Play - Midsummer Night's Dream
- **2<sup>nd</sup> April** – INSET Day
- **3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Bank Holiday
- **6<sup>th</sup> April** – School Holiday



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**YOGA &**

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**Time:** 4-6pm

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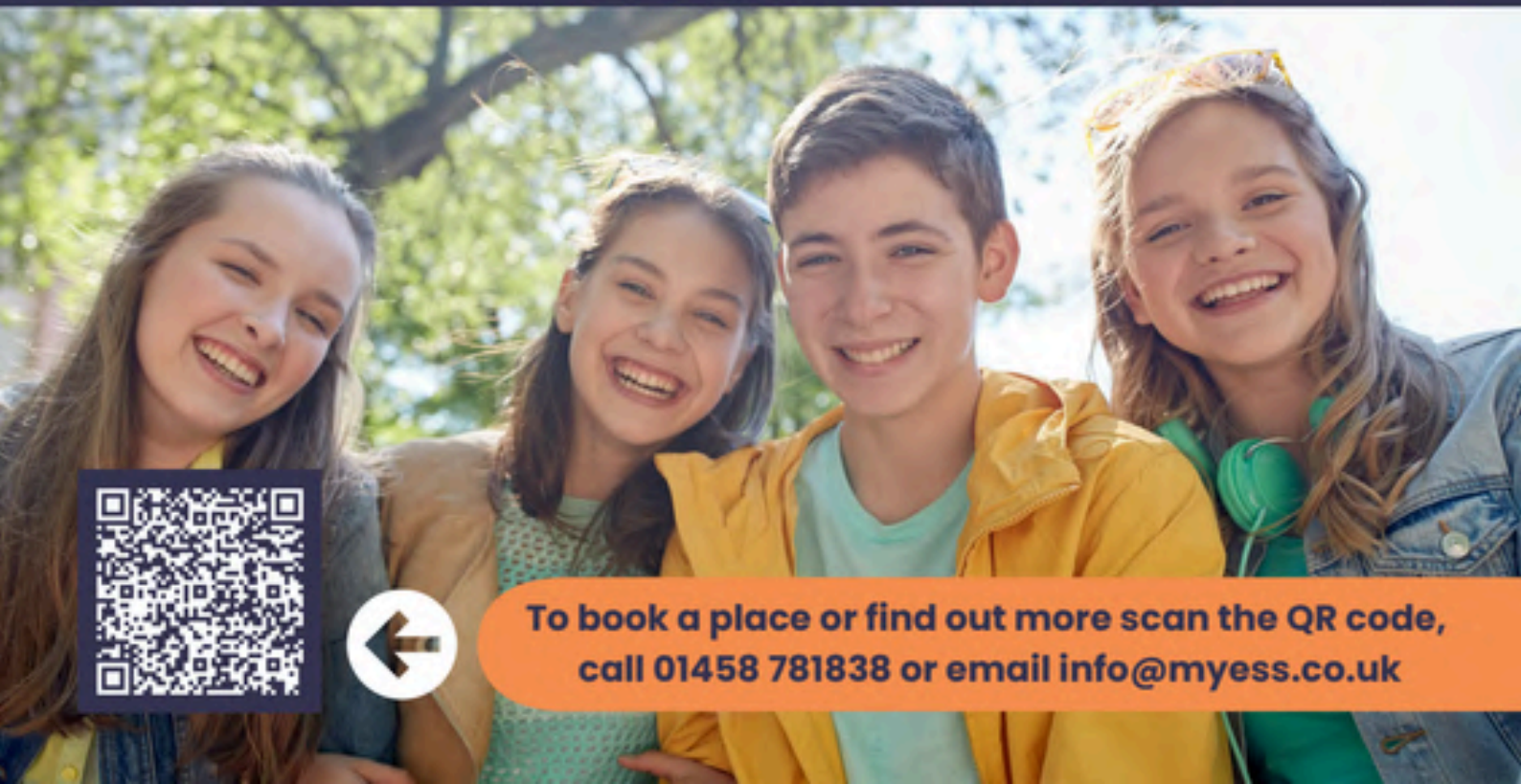
### MINDFULNESS

We'll practice some  
mindfulness techniques to help  
improve our concentration,  
mood and calm us.



### HEALTHY SUPPER

We'll share a healthy meal  
together to give us energy,  
support our mood and help our  
brains function properly.



**To book a place or find out more scan the QR code,  
call 01458 781838 or email [info@myess.co.uk](mailto:info@myess.co.uk)**

# Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

**18 March** 7:00 - 8:30pm

**30 March** 10:30am - 12:00pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

**18 March**



**30 March**

