

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

The house competition remains tight as we continue through the term.

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
23416

Bailbrook
21386

Lambrook
20760

Chelston
19840

Pennard
19333

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are lots of updates to share with you this week, and I am delighted to begin with the wonderful news that our school has been awarded the Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award. This is an excellent achievement that recognises the commitment and hard work taking place across our community to promote children's rights. It also aligns closely with one of our core school values, respect, and I am incredibly proud of the staff and students whose efforts have contributed to this recognition.

Year 11 and Year 13 mock examinations have now come to an end. I want to express how proud we are of our students for the focused, committed and ambitious way in which they approached these assessments. Their attitude and determination have been exemplary. Over the coming weeks, teachers will provide detailed feedback to support students as they continue their preparations for the final exams, which are now only a few weeks away.

With this in mind, I want to take the opportunity to highlight the crucial importance of attendance for all students. Earlier in the year, we shared information on the strong link between attendance and academic outcomes—being in school consistently has a significant impact on students' progress and success. To further reinforce this, we have launched our Attendance Raffle this week, and information has been sent out to parents. Thank you in advance for your support in encouraging students to attend every day. Your partnership makes a tangible difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Celebrating our Bronze Rights Respecting School Award!

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Bronze: Rights Committed accreditation as part of the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award programme. This fantastic milestone reflects the hard work of our students and staff in making children's rights understood, respected, and embedded into everyday school life.

Based on the UNCRC, the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools programme helps pupils learn about their own rights and the importance of respecting the rights of others - building empathy, responsibility, fairness, and a strong sense of community.

Achieving the Bronze Award recognises that our school has made a commitment to becoming a Rights Respecting School. Staff and students have begun learning about children's rights and exploring how these rights link to our values and daily practice in school.

Over the coming months, we will continue building on this work by teaching students more about the rights outlined in the UNCRC, encouraging children to use the language of rights in their learning and relationships, involving students in decision-making and giving them meaningful opportunities to share their views, and strengthening our school culture so that respect, fairness and inclusion are central to everything we do.



Research shows that Rights Respecting Schools often see improvements in wellbeing, behaviour, relationships and pupil engagement. Our pupils are growing in confidence, learning to express their views and listen to others.

The Bronze Award is just the beginning! Our next step is working towards Silver: Rights Aware, where children's rights are even more deeply rooted across the school.

We are incredibly proud of our students and staff for their efforts so far and look forward to continuing this important journey together. Thank you for your continued support!

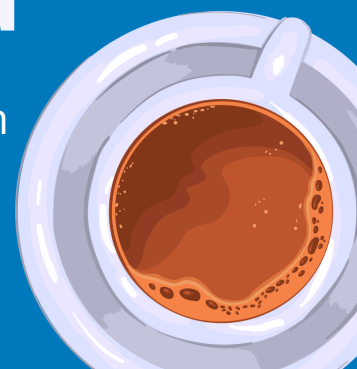
SEND COFFEE EVENING

Tuesday 17th March
4 - 5:30 pm



SLT COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 19th March
9 - 10 am



PSHE Drop-Down Day: 27th March

On Friday 27th March, students will be taking part in the second PSHE Drop-Down Day of the academic year.

All students from Year 7 - 13 will be off timetable and with their tutors, taking part in PSHE sessions around the theme of 'Living in the Wider World'.

Below are just a few of the workshops students will be doing:

Year 7	Looking after ourselves and others; mental health; equality.
Year 8	Online safety; body image; looking after ourselves and others.
Year 9	Digital reputation; harmful substances; looking after ourselves and others.
Year 10	Digital footprint; citizenship; knife crime.
Year 11	Being an active citizen; understanding the news; managing finances; looking to the future.
Year 12	Race and faith equality; understanding others' beliefs; news and media literacy.
Year 13	Race and faith equality; managing money; knife crime; looking to the future.

All students will be informed of the specific topics ahead of the Drop-Down Day. They will also have the chance to speak to their tutor or any trusted adult if they have any concerns.

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

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.



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

Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience

Year 12: Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July

Year 10: Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July

A reminder that the deadline for finding work experience placements is fast approaching - Monday 1st April.

The Academy is required to carry out health and safety checks on all placements and so the deadline provides sufficient time for this to happen. Well done to all who have managed to secure their placements already, we are excited by the range of opportunities that have been found.

Work related learning plays a vital role in helping young people to gain the skills, qualifications and experience they need to meet the demands of adult life – it develops their understanding of the world of work and the economy, allows them to make informed career choices, and supports the development of transferable skills highly regarded by employers. The value of work experience is proven to give students a real head start with their career progression and as such it is an expectation of the Academy that all Year 10 and Year 12 students go out on placement.

If any students are struggling to find a placement then they should speak to their tutors in the first instance and seek further support from Mrs Higman: emmahigman@hea.ac.uk

Mrs Higman has a weekly drop-in on Thursday lunchtimes in the school library. Students can also request appointments via their tutors



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Empowering Entrepreneurs

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Suggested donation : £5

Huish Episcopi Academy
14th March 2026
9am - 12:30

Student Fundraising

A group of our students are busy preparing for their 2027 expedition to Cambodia, where they will be working alongside local leaders to help community development projects.

To help fund their once-in-a-lifetime expedition, they are holding a car wash fundraiser.

When: Saturday 14th March,
9:30am - 12:30 pm

Where: Huish Episcopi Academy Car Park

Come along and support this worthwhile project by getting your car cleaned!

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

Updates from the Gardening Club!



Last week, in the beautiful sun of early Spring, the Gardening Club started their work.

They planted hedges and trees that were kindly secured and provided by the Woodland Trust.

The weather was perfect, with students in Year 8 and 10 enjoying a lovely lunchtime.

Gardening Club takes place at lunchtime on Wednesday Week A in Room DT6 or in the Eco Garden.





HUISH EPISCOPI ACADEMY
PRESENTS A

**CELEBRATION
OF
YOUNG MUSICIANS**

TUESDAY
24TH MARCH
6PM IN H1



ADULTS £2
STUDENTS £1

Tickets can be purchased through **EVOLVE**

Sporting Fixture Round-Ups

Year 10 Netball: Huish vs. King Arthurs

Year 10 kicked off their netball league games in style recently, as they came away with an 18 - 13 win! Brilliant work, girls!



Year 9 - 11 Girls Football Area Finals

Last week saw the Year 9 - 11 girls football area finals. The girls all battled well and played some brilliantly structured games. While they did not win their matches, the girls displayed fantastic resilience and were an utter credit to the school.

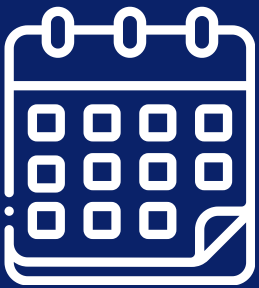
A huge well done to the Year 11s who finished their season in great spirits and finished 3rd out of 8 involved schools!

Primary School Cross Country

This week, we hosted several of our local primary schools for an exciting Cross Country event. The students were brilliantly competitive, working hard to advance to the next rounds. With the help of our wonderful Sports Leaders, the event ran very smoothly. All primary school students hugely enjoyed themselves, with all successfully completing the course!

It was a great show of skill from the primary schools and leadership from our Year 9s and 10s. Well done, everyone!





Dates for your diary for this term

- **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



Respect
Ambition
Resilience

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

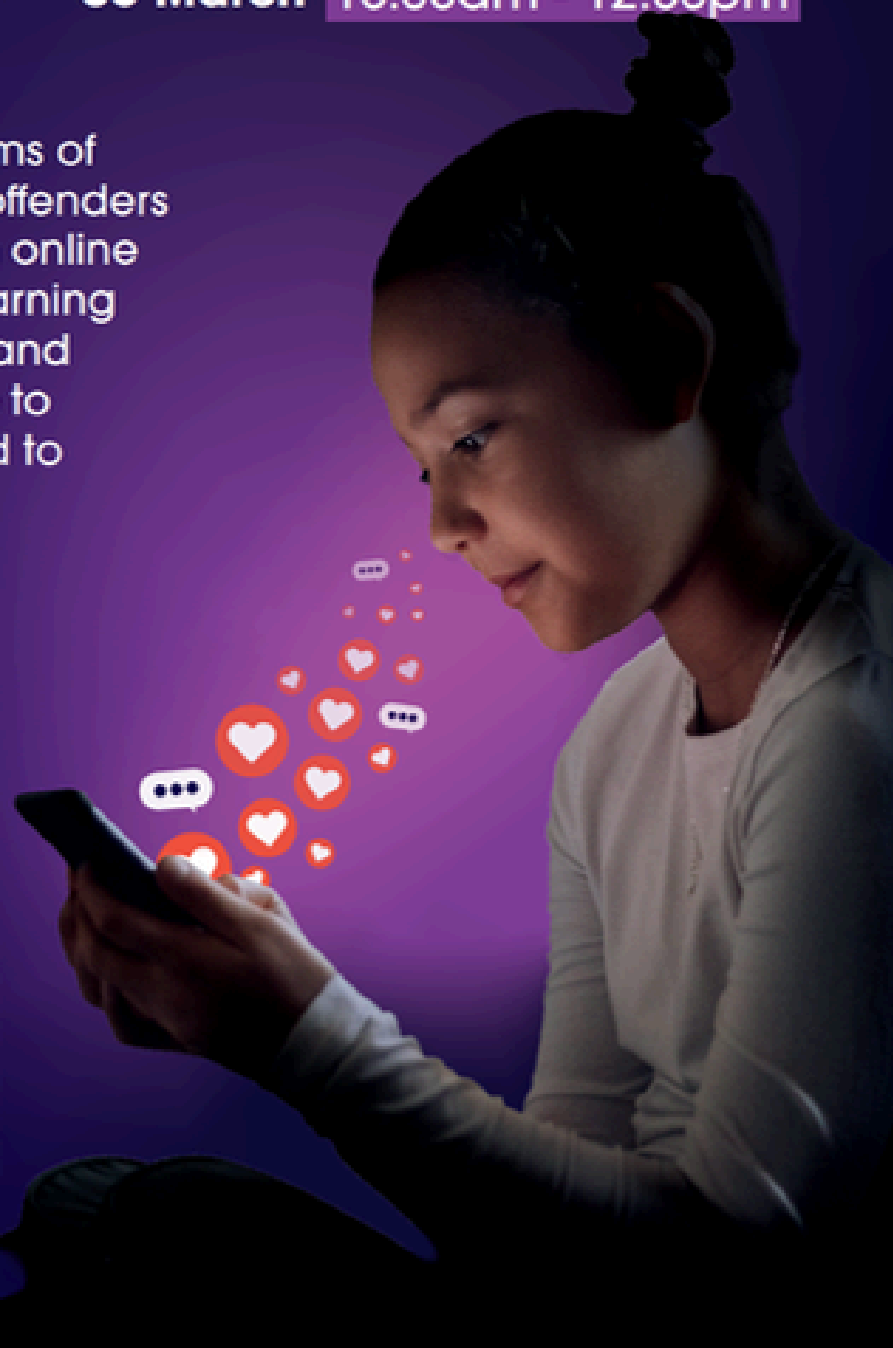
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

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

18 March



30 March





DESIGN A MENTAL HEALTH POSTER COMPETITION

Here at The Sherborne Practice we'd like to promote how we can support mental health awareness across the ages, with this in mind we have launched a "Design a mental health poster" competition. There will be four winners, one per age category, with each one winning an XL Lindt Easter Egg and having their poster displayed in our therapy rooms at The Sherborne Practice for counselling and psychotherapy.

Win an XL Lindt Easter egg

Submit by
Wednesday 25th March

★ CATEGORIES ★

Age 4-6 years
Age 7-11 years
Age 11-14 years
Age 15-16 years

RULES

- One entry per person
- Each entry must have your name, age and contact details on the back
- Posters must have a mental health theme e.g. emotions, self-care activities, who you can talk to when feeling sad
- Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, and content.
- All entries must be submitted by Wednesday 25th March.
- Winners will be announced Friday 27th March.

How to enter:

Send, deliver or email your poster to:

The Sherborne Practice, The old Glove Factory, Bristol Road, Sherborne DT9 4HP

Email: contact@thesherbornepractice.co.uk