

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter

House Update

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

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
24871

Bailbrook
22759

Lambrook
22198

Chelston
21198

Pennard
20685

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a wonderful celebration of the performing and creative arts within our school. Our young musicians gave an inspiring performance, showcasing both their talent and the hard work that takes place each week. Looking ahead, we are very excited for next week's school production. We are delighted to welcome parents and families into school to enjoy the show and to celebrate the creativity, dedication, and confidence of our students - both on stage and behind the scenes.

As we approach the end of term, our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now completed their mock examinations and have received their results. Staff are working closely with them to put strong support and revision plans in place as they prepare for the Easter break and the important weeks that follow.

I would also like to thank parents for their continued support with attendance. The link between attendance and achievement is clear, the more time students spend in school, engaged in lessons, the better their progress and outcomes. Your partnership in ensuring children attend regularly makes a significant difference.

We are excited for next week's attendance draw and the next Golden Ticket draw, both fantastic opportunities to celebrate and reward students for their attendance, commitment and effort.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal

Year 11 Update

We would like to congratulate Year 11 following their Results Day on Thursday 26th March. The outcomes were extremely promising and reflect the hard work, resilience, and dedication that our Year 11 cohort has demonstrated throughout the year.

During an assembly, Mr Davis spoke to students about their next steps and the key logistics leading up to the end of the exam period. His guidance provided clarity and reassurance at this crucial point, ensuring that all students understand what is expected of them and how best to prepare for the remaining examinations.

We are incredibly proud of how Year 11 continue to conduct themselves - both in lessons and in their independent study. Their commitment is clear, and it is wonderful to see this effort translating into strong and encouraging results.

Well done, Year 11! Keep pushing, stay focused, and know that we are behind you every step of the way.

Student Finance

Applications for student finance for Year 13s who are starting university this Autumn are now open.

To guarantee funding is in place before the start of the academic year, applications should be completed **by the end of May**.

To find out more and register, [click here](#).



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.



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

Student Leaders and Sixth Form Opportunities

Our Year 12 students have been invited to apply for roles within the Student Leadership Team. These positions offer an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills, contribute to the school community, and support whole-school initiatives. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 1st April.

In addition, students have been encouraged to volunteer for our newly formed Sixth Form Social Committee. This group will be responsible for organising a variety of fundraising activities and social events for the Sixth Form. Students may also volunteer to support the school by helping with lunchtime and breaktime supervision in the Lower School, gaining valuable experience and contributing positively to the wider community.

Catering Menus

We are proud to launch our catering menus for the Summer term! To view all of our menus and price lists, please visit the [Catering](#) page on our website.

Extended Library Opening Hours

We are pleased to share that the school library is now open with extended hours, **Monday to Thursday** until **4:30 pm**, for students in all year groups.

This provides a calm and supportive environment for homework, independent study, and reading.





Updates from the Drama Department

Rehearsals are in full swing ahead of our forthcoming school play! We are excited to share some rehearsal photos, showing the students hard at work with their preparations.

Join us for a unique theatrical experience featuring of Shakespeare's best-known plays - *Twelfth Night* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - performed in one sitting, and with a twist! A limited number of tickets remain and can be purchased by ParentPay.



Monday 30th March
Tuesday 31st March

Doors open at 6:15 pm



EPQ Survey

One of our Year 12 EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) students has created a survey about the relevance of jury trials in England and Wales in today's society. If this topic is of interest to you, or if you have served on a jury, it would be greatly appreciated if you could take the time to complete this survey.

It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Survey Link](#)

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

Trip Report: Flying Start Regional Final at RNAS Yeovilton

Last week, students from Huish competed at the Flying Start Regional Final at RNAS Yeovilton.

Since November 2025, a team of volunteers from the graduate and apprentice community at Leonardo in Yeovil have been mentoring students from Huish, as well as other schools across the region, on a weekly basis. Our cohort of future aerospace innovators were given the challenge to design and build a hand-launched glider made from sustainable materials, so that it will fly as far and as straight as possible. Teaching fundamental engineering skills, the Flying Start Challenge aims to ignite young people's interest in STEM subjects, so they can develop the necessary skills to pursue and succeed in a STEM career.

Students were led through techniques to master design, flight physics and engineering to construct the gliders for the regional final. At RNAS Yeovilton, Huish students had an absolutely fantastic time putting their designing and engineering skills to the test, further developing and amending their gliders.

A huge thank you to the team at RNAS Yeovilton for inviting us to join the scheme and inspire our young people to develop valuable skills in STEM!



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.

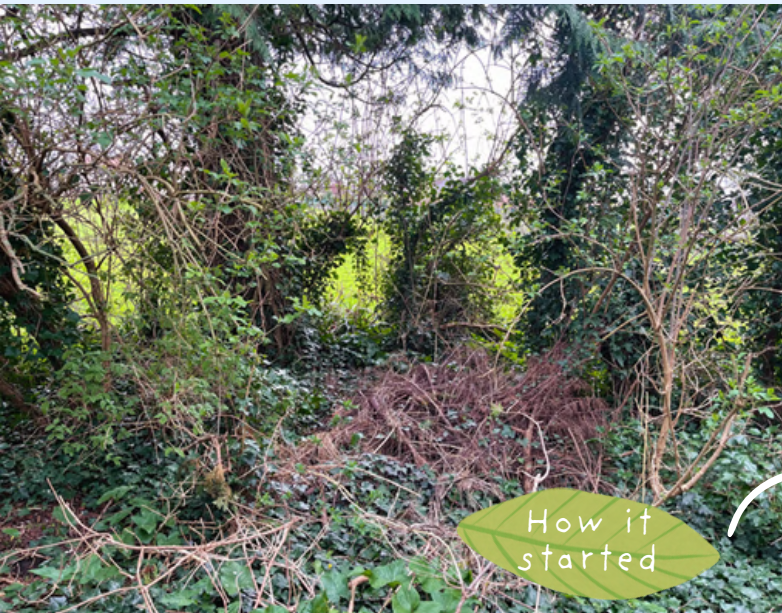


Forest School Update

As we move later into Spring (and hopefully better weather), we would like to showcase the hard work the team have put into the clearing, tidying, and developing of our Forest School area, which has undergone a dramatic transformation since its inception! We would like to thank our Forest School team for the fantastic support and valuable skills that they provide our students.

To keep these Forest School sessions exciting and well-resourced, we would love your help. If you are having a Spring clean, any donations of garden tools, tarps, ropes, potting-on pots, seeds, or compost would be hugely appreciated. Please contact CharleneGreen@hea.ac.uk if you are able to donate.

Thank you for your support!



Celebration of Young Musicians

On Tuesday 24th March the Music Department hosted the Celebration of Young Musicians concert. These smaller concerts are a wonderful opportunity for our musicians to showcase their progress.

Students across all Key Stages delighted the audience with an eclectic mix of performances across a variety of instruments. Students and staff, family and friends were treated to a broad range of repertoire, from Mozart to Pearl Jam, from Finzi to Hamilton and Les Misérables.

With many students preparing for exams in the coming weeks, we saw some performers tackling extremely challenging repertoire, yet they made it look effortless! Clearly a testament to the hard work that goes on behind the scenes in peripatetic lessons and during personal practice.

Congratulations to all our performers! A huge thank you to those who came to support them.



Updates from Computer Science

Our Year 8 students have made fantastic progress in their coding work this term, developing a fully functioning application for Huish Sport Centre that calculates entry costs for an event. From wireframing the interface to writing the underlying logic, they have shown real creativity and problem-solving skills. Even more impressively, students can now start to download their finished app onto a smartphone; so we encourage you to ask your child to show you their work at home and celebrate what they've achieved!



Huish
Code
Labs

Sporting Fixture Round-Ups

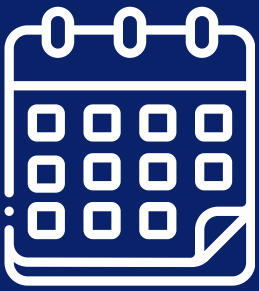
Year 7 Netball Tournament

Year 7 had a lot of fun in the sun recently at a tournament afternoon at Taunton School. The girls had a brilliant time, spending an afternoon playing matches against schools that they have not yet had the chance to compete against. They showed amazing teamwork and camaraderie, cheering each other on from the side. However, the highlight of the tournament may have been the jam doughnuts at the end! Well done, Year 7, it has been a great netball season.



The netball season has now come to an end for both training and games. All years have put in magnificent effort at training, with some days having at least 40 students training! All students have shown great progress in skill and knowledge throughout this term. Working well with each other and showing great teamwork and sportsmanship, we are so proud of our students' fantastic positivity and attitude.

A huge well done to all for the netball season this year. We look forward to moving on to summer sports after the break!



Dates for your diary for this term

- **30th-31st March** – Drama: School Play - Midsummer Night's Dream
- **30th March** – Service Pupil Drop-In Session
- **2nd April** – INSET Day
- **3rd April** – Bank Holiday
- **6th April** – School Holiday



Respect
Ambition
Resilience

ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER LIVING IN SOMERSET?

If you help care for someone, we'd love to hear from you.

Apply for a grant of up to £500 for support towards an activity, day out or short break – either on your own or with your family.



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