

Honiton Community College NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd July 2021

Important Information About The Staggered Start Of The Autumn Term

Date	Year Groups in College	Test 1 (in bubbles)	Lessons
Monday 6th September	Year 7 – first day	Y7 first day - kept in tutor bubbles until the whole year group is tested. Y12 & Y13 to arrive then go and will be contact if positive	Y7 8:35 to 8:55 Tutor time 8:55 to 11:30 Testing/activities Y12 Registering, testing and leaving
Tuesday 7th September	Years 10 and 11 – first day Years 7 and 12, 13 – teaching starts	Y10 & 11 kept in tutor bubbles until the whole year group is tested.	Y7, Y12 and Y13 normal lessons Y10 first in computer rooms Y11 pencil & paper work. All set via ClassCharts
Wednesday 8th September	Years 8 and 9 – first day Years 10 and 11 – teaching starts Year 7 and 12, 13 teaching continues	Y8 & 9 kept in tutor bubbles until the whole year group is tested.	Y7, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13 normal lessons Y9 first in computer rooms Y8 pencil & paper work. All set via ClassCharts
Thursday 9th September	Normal timetable for all students. Testing will be by extraction from lessons		

HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE GAINS A FIRST IN DEVON





Honiton Community College will become the first school in Devon to benefit from RALPHH charitable grant money that has the potential to save the lives of students, staff and visitors.

The money, provided by the national charity RALPHH, has been used to purchase and maintain a portable defibrillator which will be kept in the HCC Fitness Suite but is also within easy reach of the playing field and other indoor sporting area, including our Gym which is used for public exercise classes outside of normal school hours.

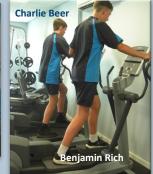
The need to react quickly when someone has a heart attack has come into acute focus since the incident involving Danish footballer Christian Eriksen during the recent Euro 2020 championship. It is thought that around 25 young people in the UK die each year from over-exertion in the sporting arena; many of these deaths could have been avoidable if the life-saving equipment was available nearby.

"We are really pleased to be partnering with RALPHH on this initiative," said Headteacher Glenn Smith. "Safety of all the students, staff and visitors to the College is a top priority and the addition of the defibrillator is a most useful further step."

RALPHH, which was established in 2019 following the untimely death of a former national junior rowing champion Robert Allen, is working nationwide to increase the number of defibrillators available in secondary schools, colleges and sporting clubs. Full information is available on www.ra-lphh.org The charity has plans to help a further two schools in Devon by the start of the Autumn months; donations to support the work of the charity may be made online through JustGiving.

For further information please contact either Glenn Smith on 01404 42283 or Richard Allen, who is available on 07949 466795.





The Principal's End Of The Year Message

This year we say goodbye to several professionals who have served the college with real dedication and conviction throughout their time with us. They are:

Kate Smith – Kate had two spells with us as a governor: 2006 to 2016 and then 2017 to 2021 (so 14 years in total). Her roles have included: Chair of Personnel (during her first term), Chair of Resources, Link Governor for Sixth Form, Careers and Associate Staff, Link to CET – there are many other roles and working parties Kate is/has been part of - these are just a few. Kate has been a an excellent critical friend and has brought a wealth of experience to our governing body. She will be sorely missed.

Claire Nuttall – Was a governor from 2019 to 2021 (just over 2 years). Her roles have included: Chair of Teaching and Learning/Quality of Education, Link Governor for English – these are the main two but she has also been involved in several other key working parties. Claire has been a great support to fellow governors and staff within the college. Her diplomacy has been both an asset and a virtue, and she will also be a big loss to us all.

Having said Goodbye to Claire and Kate, I would also like to take this opportunity to make an unashamed pitch for new blood - If there are any parents who are keen to volunteer and play an active part in the continuing development and improvements here at the college then please contact: smatthews@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk – we would love to have you involved.

Jenny Bigmore - Jenny has worked at the college for 39 years and has been my PA since I joined. She has been indispensable, but all good things come to an end, and they have. I wish her all the happiness she deserves in her retirement.

Anna Phillips - Joined as an NQT in 2020 and passed with flying colours. Although she hasn't been here long she has made a great start to her career and is exceptionally well organised. She is leaving us to relocate to London where she has already secured her next teaching role.

Shelly Anderson - Started here in 2015 as History Teacher and Assistant Head of Humanities. Shelly is conscientious, positive and passionate about her subject and teaching. She will now be relocating to Lincoln and will be a real asset to whichever school she joins after she has renovated her new home!

Caroline McConachie - Started working at HCC back in 2003 and has been heading up the MFL Dept since 2011. More recently, she was a subject specialist lead for trainee MFL teachers and has successfully guided many in the formative period of their career. She is leaving us for a new challenge as Head of Department at Clyst Vale Community College.

Jo Hill – Jo joined us in 2015 as an NQT and quickly impressed colleagues with her professionalism and determination to make a difference. She joined ELT in 2019 as Assistant Principal / SENDCo and we are indebted to her for the way she has led and managed her team. Jo is leaving us to take on the role of Assistant Headteacher / SENDCo at Uffculme School. It has been a pleasure to work with Jo and I wish her all the best in her new post.

Sue Manning - Initially joined the Executive Leadership Team in September 2018 because Andy Holt was on secondment for one term, supporting a school near Bristol. We then were able to offer her a permanent role but unfortunately for us she now wishes to retire and travel more (once the restrictions have gone...). Sue and I worked together in a previous school, and I would just like to state what an absolute pleasure and privilege it has been to work alongside her for 12 years in total.

I'm pleased to announce that the new staff joining us will be:

Faith Harrell – will be our new Assistant Principal/SENDCo. Already an experienced practitioner she will be an excellent addition to the Senior Team and a great replacement for Mrs Hill

Bec Dupre – will be our new Product Design teacher. She is also an experienced teacher who will no doubt quickly become an asset to the CreATE department.

Harriet Flooks – joins the History team and will also be the Assistant Head of Humanities. She is an excellent replacement for Mrs Anderson.

Echo Rew – is another History specialist and also an excellent appointment.

Nick Snowdon – has already started with us this month and will take on Miss Barrett's Food Nutrition timetable for the duration of her maternity leave. He too has been a great appointment and has alrady hit the ground running!

Melanie Jones – has just been appointed to a new role within college, that of Careers Lead. This is an exciting development. Melanie previously supported and advised students at Exeter College and has a wealth of knowledge to bring.

I would like to sign off the 2020-21 academic year by thanking a few groups within our community:

To begin with our students, who have persevered throughout this pandemic and, generally speaking, managed the unprecedented times extremely well. In particular, their mature and caring approach to the restrictions and the numerous health and safety measures has been outstanding. I've said it before, and the last 18 months proves it to be true, the reputation of our students is excellent and I would confidently state that collectively they are a true match for those in any other school in Devon!

Next, I would like to praise our staff (and governors) who have soldiered on in the most challenging circumstances encountered in recent memory. When most of the country was forced into lockdown, staff here at the College (and in all schools across the country) stepped up to the plate and continued to directly provide our students with face-to-face teaching and learning or to support our teachers and keep the college open. Most of the time this was without proper PPE and vaccinations. This, in my mind, is so, so above and beyond the call of duty and is testament to the professionalism and characteristics of each and every one of the good folk that work at Honiton Community College.

Finally, I would like to thank every parent/carer that has supported the College this year and made our educational goals all the more achievable, mindful of the fact that strong home-school relationships lead to better outcomes for all. This can only be a positive sign for the future. As a parent myself, I truly understand how difficult the last year must have been for you all but, it's time to inhale the future and exhale the past. Though the past is where we learn our lessons, the future is where we apply them, so let's look forward to doing so in 2021-22.

Glenn Smith, Principal







This Summer Term various students have been taking graded music exams.

Evie Salmon (Year 8) passed her grade 2 singing exam with distinction

Samuel Buckley (Year 8) passed his grade 1 guitar exam with merit

Jack Vernon (Year 8) passed his grade 5 cornet exam

Millicent Morgan-Holloway (Year 9) passed grade 6 singing exam

Niamh Monaghan (Year 10) passed her grade 5 in singing exam

Grace Molyneaux (year 10) passed her grade 5 cornet exam with merit

There have been a number of singing exams taking place recently and I look forward to updating you with the results as they come in.

I wish you all a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mr J Kidd, CREate Department (Music)

FOOD & NUTRITION



YEAR 7: Alana. Chicken Tikka



YEAR 7: Emily.
Vegetarian burritos,
mint dip & nachos



YEAR 8: Ruby, Jude & Tia. Cookies, sandwiches, scones, & Danish pastries.



YEAR 9: Dom. Gluten free cake





YEAR 7: Mason Quiche



YEAR 8: Lily, Grace, Erin, Eve. Sausage rolls, jam tarts, scones, cupcakes, sandwiches & lemonade



YEAR 9: Jess.
Vegan chickpea curry.



YEAR 9: Mikey. Vegan rice bowl.



YEAR 8: Amelie, Marissa, Isabel. Sausages rolls, jam tarts flapjacks, smoothie & lemonade



YEAR 8: Bebe, Isabella.
Scones, sandwiches, macarons, fruit skewers,
jam tarts & lemonade.



YEAR 7: freya. Taco Platter



Science Field Trip to Dawlish Warren

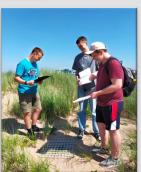




The Year 12 biologists and applied science students spent the day at Dawlish Warren on Friday. It was a glorious day and the sun was blazing from pretty much the start. Nevertheless, without fuss, the students hiked down to the end of the spit where we had a talk about succession on the sand dunes.



The students completed an interrupted belt transect across the dune, which was swiftly followed by the walk back along the spit. Many species of plants had been identified on the dunes throughout the day. A talk from the ranger followed which was very useful with regard to the content needed for the A-level on managing succession. The day was rounded off with a well-deserved ice-cream before getting the coach back.



The students were impeccable, as would be expected of our P16 students, and made for an absolutely fantastic trip. Thanks team.

Dr J Murch Science Department

Coastal Erosion

Year 9 have been making some coastal erosion through cake in Geography!









Alter Ego Theatre Company



On Wednesday 14th July, we had the pleasure of Alter Ego Theatre Company visiting the college to perform their production called 'Breaking the Chain' to students in Years 9 & 10.

Breaking the Chain' is a hard-hitting applied theatre production that aims to raise awareness, kick-start conversations and build resilience around youth

violence – with a focus on knife crime – as part of a public health approach to tackling the issue – an issue that is seeing young people seriously hurt and, all too often, killed on the streets of our towns and cities.



After the performance there was time for questions and opportunities for students to increase their understanding of where and how to get support.

Mrs H Bown, Careers Lead and Head of Life Skills



Looking for a summer read? You can find a huge range of recommended reads for your year group on both the School Reading List website and the **Love Reading 4**Schools' website, which can also recommend books by topic or genre.

Don't forget – reading is not only good for your wellbeing, but also your overall progression at school. Children who read books often at age 10, and more than once a week at age 16, gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16, than those who read less regularly!

https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/ https://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk/lists



INTER TUTOR RESULTS

Last week Years 7, 8 and 9 competed to find out who would be the inter tutor rounders champion. It was amazing weather for the event and some great competition was had. What really stood out for me was the numbers of students involved and the high levels of teamwork and cooperation on display from all our students.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved in the events. It was a great way to end the summer term.

Mr E Leach, Sport & PE Department

Year 7 A Team		
Tutor	Place	
SJA	1 st 16 points	
AME	2 nd 15 points	
АРН	3 rd 12 points	
MCU	4 th 9 points	
PSM	5 th 6 points	

Year 7 B Team		
Tutor	Place	
PSM	1 st 20 points	
АРН	2 nd 16 points	
SJA	3 rd 11 points	
AME	4 th 6 points	
мси	5 th 3 points	

Year 7 Overall		
Tutor	Place	
АРН	1 st 28 points	
SJA	2 nd 27 points	
PSM	3 rd 26 points	
AME	4 th 21 points	
MCU	5 th 12 points	

Year 8 A Team	
Tutor	Place
ADY	1 st 20 points
СВЕ	2 nd 11 points
EBR	3 rd 9 points
MBR	4 th 8 points
SMO	5 th 3 points

Year 8 B Team		
Tutor	Place	
ADY/CBE	1 st 16 points	
EBR	2 nd 12 points	
MBR	3 rd 11 points	
SMO	4 th 3 points	

Year 8 Overall	
Tutor	Place
ADY	1 st 36 points
СВЕ	2 nd 27 points
EBR	3 rd 21 points
MBR	4 th 19 points
SMO	5 th 6 points

Year 9 A Team		
Tutor	Place	
BWO	1 st 18 points	
СКЕ	2 nd 16 points	
IST	3 rd 12 points	
CJE	4 th 6 points	
SWH	5 th 5 points	

Year 9 B Team		
Tutor	Place	
CJE	1 ST 16 points	
IST	2 ND 12 points	
CKE/BWO	3 rd 11 points	
SWH	4 th 5 points	

Year 9 Overall		
Tutor	Place	
BWO	1 st 29 points	
CKE	2 ND 25 points	
CJE	3 rd 22 points	
IST	4 th 19 points	
SWH	5 TH 15 points	



Active Devon, Children and Young People team, have put together a list of active devon resources that parents might find useful during the holidays. Even with many covid restrictions being lifted we know there will be many children who are less active during the holidays and hope the list will help you to find local or on-line activities

https://www.youthsporttrust.org/resources/coronavirus-support/active-recovery-hub

Help children and young people to boost their health and wellbeing by promoting being active

https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups

The NHS have teamed up with Disney, Pixar and Marvel to bring you brand new play-along games inspired by your favourite characters.

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do

Want your kids to run free in the fresh air and try new exciting activities?

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/summer-activities-for-adventurous-families

Great ideas for families – eg. Build the best ever den with these tips and tricks – all you need are some sturdy sticks, leaves that you've found on wild adventures and some mud to secure it all together!

https://peumbrella.com/register/the-pe-umbrella-member/

Although designed for teachers and some elements are for a paid subscription, there are lots of ideas for games that parents might want to try out this summer.

www.boingkids.co.uk/playupclub

Free to access. The Boing PlayUp Club is a six week video series full of new games and loads of different ways to play. It also includes tips, advice and ideas for children and parents/guardians on how to power up their play this summer.

<u>learninghub.riverbearyoga.co.uk/p/family-yoga</u>

A brilliant free resource for the summer break – screen free activity to keep families happy, healthy and connected.

https://www.activedevon.org/event/wonford-cycle-festival/

https://www.activedevon.org/event/exeter-arena-cycle-festival/

https://www.activedevon.org/event/cowick-barton-cycle-festival/

https://www.activedevon.org/event/cranbrook-cycle-festival/

Active Devon is excited to announce our cycling festivals across Exeter during the summer break. Have a go opportunities, free tea and coffee and goodie bags for participants (limited availability)

https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools

The walk to school campaign materials have some excellent ideas for engaging children in activities en-route to school that will work equally well on other walks eg. to the shops – have fun and enjoy that walk! An example from the booklet: FUN FACT: The flashing orange lights on a zebra crossing are called Belisha beacons. They are named after a British politician, Leslie Hore-Belisha. How many Belisha beacons can you spot while out for a walk today?

https://www.activedevon.org/get-active/

Lots of ideas for getting active in Devon.



Age 14-18? Want to enjoy taking photos more and also learn some great photography tips?

Join us and a professional photographer for four online sessions. All you need is a computer or tablet to join in and a camera on your phone. Each week we'll take a short look at some images of quirky museum objects, then we'll find an inspiring theme and take photos. You can take photos of your neighbourhood, things around your home or details you spot when you're out and about. There's no previous experience of photography needed and you can join in at your own level.

We're really passionate about how noticing the world around us, taking photos and being creative can be good for our mental health. It will be a supportive and relaxed group. There will be an optional museum visit, Instagram space if you would like to share your work and an online exhibition to celebrate.











Get in touch for more info as soon as possible. Workshops beginning in August and September 2021: info@youthartsandhealth.org

This young people's wellbeing project is jointly hosted by Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM) and Youth Arts & Health Trust (YAHT).

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