



NEWSLETTER

Monday 11 October 2021

Posts-16 Students Raised £227.66



Post -16 students raised an impressive £227.66 for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity on Friday 1st October by baking some delicious treats and then hosting their own 'Coffee and Hot Chocolate Morning' that turned into the whole day!

It seems if you are called Erin, you naturally have a flair for baking as the famous Lemon Drizzle cake baked by Erin H (Year 13) was the 1st to sell out closely followed by the Millionaire Shortbread baked by Erin B (Year 12).

The other students were also star bakers and aside from the eating and raising money, it was a great way to just enjoy each other's company after a few busy weeks of the start of term.





From Mr Glenn Smith, Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

We have already been back for five weeks and I must say that everyone is settling well into a nearly normal routine. That said, we are still persevering with some measures to minimise the spread of Covid-19, such as maintaining the policy of wearing masks in corridors. I must say that students have been very good at adhering to the measures in place; they really do understand that it is to safeguard each other and lessen the number of days out of education for every member of our community.

- **Asymptomatic testing at home**

The DfE initially asked schools and colleges to test all students and staff twice on our September return and then have us all undertake LFD tests twice weekly at home. The plan was to review this practice at the end of September. What we have recently gleaned is that it is highly likely that we will be asked to continue testing for the remainder of this term. We have ordered the necessary test kits from the DfE and await their arrival. We will issue a fresh supply to the students as soon as they have been received.

- **The Parents' Guide to**

October's edition of this useful newsletter has more resources to help guide your teen. Do take time to investigate what is on offer by clicking [HERE](#).

- **Progress Evenings**

You will be aware that progress evenings will be virtual this year after an overwhelming support for the process. What I am requesting is that you make every effort to attend. It is extremely important that every parent/carer makes appointments to speak to their child's teachers in order to understand what progress is being made and what more can be done to ensure successful outcomes. Because the meetings are online it is so much more convenient to 'tune in' - you certainly will not have to come out on dark, cold, wet, and miserable evenings anymore! Information pertaining to each year group's Progress Evening is available on our website and you will be informed of the pending date two weeks prior to the event, so that you can make your appointments. We may contact you before the evening if we notice you have not yet made any appointments.

Innovate IFG The College Catering Provision

The Food Information Amendment, also known as Natasha's Law, came into effect from the 1st October 2021. It places a responsibility on all food businesses to provide a full list of ingredients and allergen labelling on all food prepacked for direct sale. IFG's commitment to be fully compliant with this new law in time for 1st October 2021.

IFG have always embraced our responsibilities in the identification of allergens and have rigorous procedures in place. We continually work with our suppliers to ensure that the allergen information we hold for our raw ingredients is as accurate as possible. All our recipes have been tried and tested by our team of food development chefs who, by using approved buying lists, can make sure that our recipes are made to exact specifications and standards.

In order to adapt to Natasha's Law, we have reviewed our labelling systems so that we can be confident that the information on our labels is accurate. The foods that are affected are those that we pre-pack and place within our fridges and counters, including sandwiches, baguettes, salad boxes, pasta pots, and dessert pots. From October 2021, they will have a full label, that clearly identifies the food item. There will then be a complete list of ingredients and the allergens will be highlighted using a bold font within the ingredients .

we are delighted that the new labels will make it easier for people with food allergies to make fast, informed, and safe food choices from our prepacked food. This new labelling system should not detract from the importance of notifying the College of any pupils with food allergy needs, and communicating these through to our Executive Chef/Catering Manager on site.

I hope you have found this informative and that it provides you with confidence that IFG have the procedures and systems in place to provide you with accurate allergen information for the foods we serve whilst fully satisfying the requirements of Natasha's Law.

Clare Hanna, Innovate, Group Health & Safety Manager

#HelloYellow

YOUNGMiNDS

WE
BRIGHTEN UP
THE COLLEGE DAY

The College shone with all of the yellow that was being worn on Friday 8th October as the Post-16 students embraced the important message of raising awareness of Young Peoples Mental Health. 'Hello Yellow' is a national campaign hosted by the charity Young Minds that has a simple message to try and break the stigma sometimes attached to Mental Health.

Healthy wellbeing is part of the curriculum that is covered in all the year's groups including Post-16 and this event is great way to spread the word that at times "its ok not to be ok".

More details and advice can be found here
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>



POST 16 OPEN EVENING



Thursday 18th November

6 pm

6pm start with introductory talk followed by subject presentations and fair

HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Contact Selena Burroughs, Director of Post 16 for further details.
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Post 16 Open Evening

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Preparations are well under way for our Open Evening for our Year 11 students to see what we can offer them here in Post -16 Learners

Students will be given more general careers advice over the next few weeks about all the options available Post-16 with more information being sent home about our Open Evening.

I look forward to meeting some of you on the 18th.

Selena Burroughs Director of Post 16

Active Lives

Surveys measure the activity levels of people across England

We have been chosen in a random sample by Sport England to be in this term's schools Active Lives Survey for Children & Young People (ALSCYP). A number of students would have been sent a survey link by their PE teacher (**please complete by Friday 15th October**). Completing the survey will help us:

- ◆ Understand the activities our students are doing and support them to be active.
- ◆ Earn new sports equipment for the College.

Sport England launched the school-based Active Lives for Children and Young People Survey in September 2017 to measure engagement in, and attitudes to, sport and physical activity among children and young people in school Years 1-11. The Survey is being run by Sport England in partnership with the Department for Education (DfE), the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

The results will shape and influence local decision-making as well as inform government policy on the PE and Sport Premium, Childhood Obesity Plan and other cross-departmental programmes.

We will receive a bespoke report summarising our results from the survey.

Mr A Taylor, Head of Sport & PE

Congratulation to Callie



Callie entered the IFMA (International Federation of Muay Thai Associations) Virtual World Championships 2021.

Callie was successful and has now reached the final 4 and is currently challenging Morocco.

If she does not succeed in Morocco however she will be the world's No.4

Be part of a team

HONITON R.F.C.

Improve fitness

Meet new friends

**Honiton RFC Under 13S
(School Year 8)**

Have you recently enjoyed playing rugby at school?
Would you like to join a local team?
Honiton RFC Under 13's are looking for
new players to join their team.
We would like to invite you to our
training sessions on
Friday evenings
5.30-6.30pm
at Allhallows Field, Honiton.
EX14 1QW

Gain Strength

Learn new skills