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## **HPA Newsletter**





# Welcome

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!

It has been a pleasure to welcome the students that have recently joined us in Year 7 and other year groups too. If you have been into the academy to see us already, you may have noticed our 'Welcome' signs in reception, written across over 40 languages spoken at home by our students. We relish the increasing diversity of our student body and the cultural understanding and learning this affords us.

Last Thursday 26th September we celebrated our 'International Day of Languages' through a range of activities. During our Summer of Fun, our new Year 7 students had created flags for each of the languages spoken by our students. These were displayed for the first time in our whole-school assembly and as students arrived they were inquisitive, delighted and proud to see their countries and art work. They completed individual challenges to secure points for their colleges and then a quiz in learning families on Friday. Well done Clarus 5 and Mando 4 for full marks!

We also hosted our first international bake-off and Mr Esch, Mr Tong and Mr Morris were very happy to assist with the judging process. The competition was fierce (and delicious), but Bana's baklava narrowly beat Nicki's Japanese strawberry delight and the Oreo cake from Khloe & Romani. Special recognition for excellence also goes to Charlie who baked a mountain of Cornuelles and Jess who took on the technical challenge of French macarons, and succeeded! We are passionate about our students growing and developing together, learning from one another. This day was an opportunity for us to recognise and appreciate the cultural richness of our Hans Price community as we go from strength to strength. Here's to another year of successes.

Mrs Collis - Assistant Principal (Inclusion)

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Tuesday 8th October: Parent Forum 5.45 to 6.30pm

Tuesday 8th October: Talent Show 7pm (doors open 6.40pm)
Thursday 17th October: Meet the Tutor Evening (Year 7&11)

Wednesday 23rd October:

Thursday 24th October:

Friday 25th October:

Monday 4th November

Thursday 7th November:

Thursday 21st November:

INSET Day

Term 2 begins

Fireworks Night

Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5th December: Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th December: Christmas Show 7pm
Friday 20th December: End of term 12.45pm



















# **International Day of Languages**





Bake Off Competition Winner























# Fishmonger Workshop



Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students have enjoyed taking part in a fish filleting workshop as part of their GCSE course. Labby Syrme, the fishmonger from Waitrose, visited Hans Price and gave students the opportunity to learn skills in fish preparation and cookery.

Through a hands-on approach, students were taught how to fillet, bone, cook and plate up fish. At the end of the session, students were able to enjoy their pan-fried mackerel alongside an orange and olive salsa.

Thank you to Labby for visiting and sharing her skills and knowledge with our students. Thanks also goes to Seafoods of Burnham-on-sea for providing the fresh mackerel.





























# **Bunsen Burner Licence**



A group of Year 7 scientists have been awarded their Bunsen Burner Licences this month.

They have all shown responsibility and pride in the science lab - an outstanding way to start their time at Hans Price Academy!





















## **Climate Change**



Year 8 have been writing some amazing speeches about climate change. Here is Shannon's from Miss Bethell's class.

#### Climate Change; help us stop it!

By opening more of these "smoke" producing factories, we are polluting our atmosphere and certain gases can't escape our "atmospheric bubbles" and then they heat up our planet! Do you want to live like this? Constantly heating up? Soon, there will be no ice caps, and we are endangering our environment and animals; there are only 26,000 polar bears left on our planet. That number and many others are quickly depleting.

Even though Earth isn't the only habitable planet in, or out, of our solar system it is by far the most sustainable one. Out of hundreds, and thousands. Earth is running out of resources. And when we do, we'll have to go to other planets, and we shouldn't have to. We want to rely on planets in the opposites of our spacious, almost infinite skies, but we shouldn't have to! Humans have needs. Needs that need to be tended to with care; only the care Earth can provide for us. Visiting other planets, to live, we shouldn't have to! Our great planet will at this rate soon cease to exist.

Our children, grandchildren, and their children in turn? We are making their lives a literal "living hell". We have been through this, but better and more taken care of! If we do not take instant action in saving and preserving our environment, and bringing life back; humanity will be desperate. You will end the world. Our ancestors built this land - these lands - from sticks and stones. We are just knocking, breaking, burning, and destroying all of their hard work back to rubble! All of it will come to waste. We need to be a lot more like them. We don't have that selection of resources. If climate change can't take us (as a planet) out, natural disasters caused by our actions will.

Every year, the moon drifts an estimated 1 inch away from Earth. As the Moon moves away from Earth, the distance between them increases over time. Therefore, the

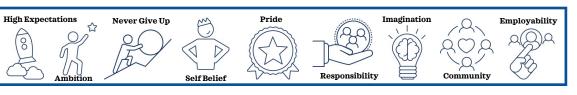
gravitational force between them will weaken. About 71% of Earth's surface is water. That can and will rise significantly! Help our planet, we can patch some of the damage we have given rise to.

By 2050, summers will be unbearably long, and winters will be shorter. By 2050, there will be around 9.8 billion homosapiens on this planet. By 2050, it will be too late.

Thank you for reading, listening, and taking this in. I hope this made or helped you to realise that climate change is an important topic to bring to a standstill.







## **Breakfast Club**







# START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BAGELS/TOAST & JAM

Open to everyone, daily. See Mr Drew for more information or just show up.

FREE - NO NEED TO SIGN UP - DAILY - 07:45 - 08:10



















## **Year 10 Work Experience Week**



This academic year, all Year 10 students will complete a work experience placement from Monday 10th - Friday 14th March 2025. Work experience is a vital and exciting part of mainstream education at Key Stage 4 which allows students to gain an insight into the world of work and learn key skills which will help inform students' career decisions.

Students are encouraged to be independent and proactive in finding and confirming placements. In addition to your help at home, they will receive support in school through their SPACE lessons as well as individual guidance from the careers lead where needed. Last year our Year 10 cohort managed to secure themselves work



experience placements with almost 100 different employers spread across the country and beyond. Previous placements ranged from local retail, service and educational roles to placements as far reaching as London, the Scottish Highlands, Guernsey and Romania. We had students working in independent businesses as well as big corporate chains in a number of different sectors.



The aim is for students to secure placements before we break up in December. This allows adequate time for Health and Safety checks to be completed for businesses and work environments we have not had placements with before. It also avoids competition with other schools in the local area.

Successful placements tend to come from telephone enquiries, face to face visits or personal connections. Once an employer has agreed to a work experience placement they will need to

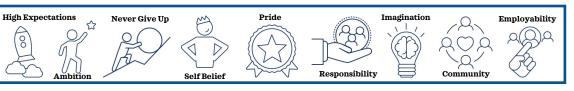
complete a blue WEX form. These forms are available from the school careers office and capture the necessary company details and provide an agreement between the employer, student and parents/carers. The form must then be returned to Hans Price Reception or the school Careers Office but please feel free to make a copy for reference.



If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school or the Work Experience Team directly at **wex@hpa.clf.uk**.







# **Library News**



Reading is a huge part of the culture at Hans Price Academy. The library is open before school, at breaktime and at lunchtime. All students automatically have a library account and can borrow books to read in school and at home. Students have a timetabled reading lesson every week in the library but are also expected to dedicate time to reading outside lesson time.

Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading in Years 7 and 8. When students finish a book they log into their account and take a short quiz on the book. This tracks the books they read, indicates understanding and calculates their word count.



### **Highest Word Count (Words Read)**

Name	College	Year	Word Count
Yuna B	Mando	7	1,523,316
Darcie P	Mando	7	1,164,968
Robert B	Fortis	7	698,850
Lilly L	Mando	8	682,811
Zain O	Mando	7	477,292
Antoni S	Clarus	7	398,360
Emma B	Mando	7	353,232
Dexter P	Mando	7	299,717
Izzy B	Mando	8	261,542

Acer

## **Top Quizzers (Books Finished)**

Name	College	Year	Quizzes
Yuna B	Mando	7	46
Darcie P	Mando	7	16
Antoni S	Clarus	7	10
Bayley F	Clarus	7	10
Kaitlyn K	Acer	8	9
Leah M	Acer	8	8
Grace M	Mando	7	8
Robert B	Fortis	7	8
Rogan B	Fortis	7	8
Lilly-Mai W	Fortis	8	8

The Reading Cup is a big part of the college competition with points available for the highest word count and successful quizzes on finished books.

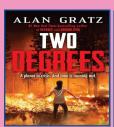
223,826

There are also achievement badges for students who read over one million words or pass over fifty quizzes. Our Word Millionaires and Gold Level Quizzers can wear these badges on their blazers and receive bonus points for the College Cup.













Emilia D

















## **Sparx Maths**





Every time a student completes their Sparx I.S, they earn **Sparx Experience Points (XP).** Students earn more XP if they complete **XP Boost** or **Target** homework tasks in addition to their **compulsory** homework. They can also earn more if they don't switch their questions to another one. (They are allowed up to 3 switches).

This year, Sparx have changed how often students level up. Students now reach a new Level for every 1,000 XP they earn.

We won't be issuing a certificate every time they reach 1,000 XP. Instead, students will receive a certificate when they reach a milestone amount of XP. Badges will also be issued at various milestone amounts.

The following students have reached the milestone amounts of 5,10,15,20,25, etc. The number in brackets shows their level.

#### Year 8

Ollie H (20), Khloe M (20), Krystaal-Skye M (10), Lily R (55), Sonya M (40), Jessica R (15), Gabriel Z (15), Phoebe P (20), Payton B (55), Devon T (15), Hunter M-D (15), Olivier N (275), Lily McD (20), Liam D (35), Bradley B-S (20), Joel W (75), Emily McC (20), Rama D (15)

#### Year 9

Kaelan M (30), Addison A (30), Isabelle V (30), Alisha C (40), Thomas S (30), Darren M (5), Daisy L (25), Sebastian M (15), Chloe W (5), Galena M (30), Grace B (30), Jayden K (10), Preslav Z (40), Blessing I (15), Leighton S (25), Dylan S (60), Zoe J (30), Beau De C (30)

#### Year 10

Laura E (30), Alexia F (30), Louis W (10), George K (30), AJ H (30)

Congratulations also go to the following 5 students who were awarded a badge for being a Sparx Star Pupil. To achieve this, they were the top 5 students in the school for XP points last year. Well done!

Kyati K - Level 388 Olivier N - Level 275 Meriam M - Level 177 Faaizah O - Level 152 Klouise R - Level 144



















## **Axiom Maths**



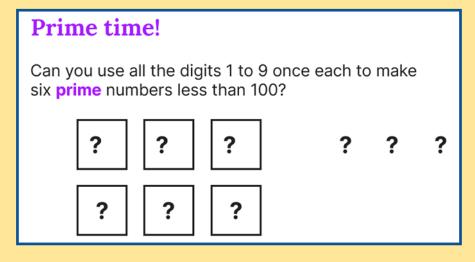
Our top mathematicians in Year 7 have been introduced to an exciting new opportunity starting at Hans Price Academy this year.

Axiom Maths is a company which believes that maths has the power to transform lives and wants to help children with the **head and heart for maths to realise the potential of their power.** Axiom organises weekly maths clubs called **Maths Circles**, where a small group of students will meet to tackle a curriculum of challenging maths problems. They will be exposed to a programme which goes beyond the school curriculum and will be encouraged to think and speak like university mathematicians. They will work closely with like-minded students and will join a much wider community that values maths. Over time, there will be opportunities for trips and even a summer school to a university.

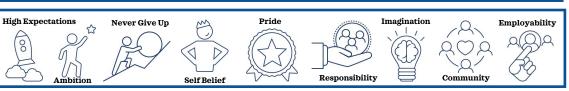
Students have been given an application form to express an interest in joining the Maths Circles. The Circles will run most Wednesdays after school from 3 – 4pm and students will need to fully commit to attending in order to get the most out of it. Applications will need to be handed in as soon as possible to their maths teacher or Mrs Morris, who will be leading the Circles.

The aim will be to run a taster session very soon and then the programme will start officially before October half term.

Below is an example problem - have a go yourselves!







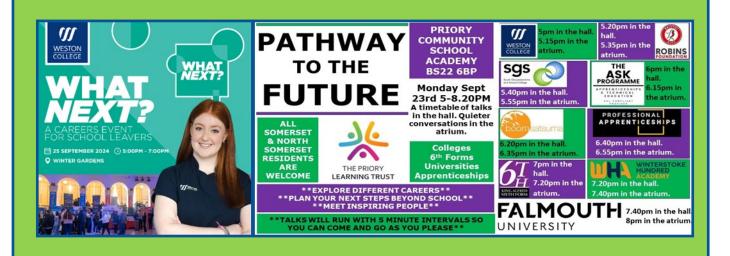
## **Year 11 Post-16 Events**



We continue to support families with post-16 applications and ensure that our students have access to up-to-date and relevant information to inform their choices. During Year 11 every child will receive a 1:1 careers advice session. We host post-16 assemblies from a variety of providers promoting a range of options including College, Sixth Form and apprenticeship routes.

We can support students with their applications, but we strongly recommend families attend open day events in the community for their top choice selections. As a guide, all students in Year 11 should have made 3 applications to post-16 providers by the Christmas holidays.

If you feel you would like support with this or would like to attend your child's 1:1 meeting to better understand post-16 options and the application process, please contact me directly via email jackie.fielding@clf.uk or Direct Dial: (01934) 630836 ext.1340.





















# **Year 11 Post-16 Events**



Careers and Post-16 Events Calender September/October 2024					
Provider	Event	Date & Time	More Information		
Priory Community School North Worle BS22 6BD	Pathway to the Future All North Somerset Schools Welcome A timetable of talks from colleges, sixth forms, universities & apprenticeships	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 5-8pm			
SGS South Gloucestershire & Stroud College Filton Campus BS34 7AT	Open Evening A Levels, Sixth Form	24th September 5:30 - 8pm	SGS Open Events		
Weston College Winter Gardens BS23 1AG	'What Next?' 2024 Careers Showcase for School Leavers Meet different employers as well as college staff to learn what's out there in the world of work	25th September 4:30 – 7:30pm Quiet Slot from 4:30pm	Weston College What Next?		
Winterstoke Hundred Academy Post-16 Centre Beaufighter Road BS24 8EE	Open Evening	2nd October 4 - 7 pm	WHA Post-16 Open Evening		
Bristol City Robins Foundation Ashton Gate BS23 2EJ	Open Evening	3rd October From 6:30 pm	Bristol City Robins Open Evening		
Bridgwater and Taunton College Bridgwater Campus TA6 4PZ	Open Evening	8th October 6 – 8 PM	Bridgwater and Taunton College Open Evening		
Bridgwater and Taunton College Taunton Campus TA1 5AX	Open Evening	9th October 6 – 8 PM	Bridgwater and Taunton College Open Evening		
Weston College All Campuses	Open Evening For School Leavers and Adults	9th October 5 – 7pm	Weston College Open Evening		
SGS South Gloucestershire & Stroud College All Campuses	Open Evening  All Subjects	12th October 5:30 - 8pm	SGS Open Evening		
Churchill Academy Sixth Form Churchill Green BS25 5QN	Open Evening	17th October 5 - 8:30pm	Churchill Academy Sixth Form Open Evening		
Boomsatsuma All Campuses	Open Evenings Creative Digital & Media Photography Sports Media Production Games, VR & VFX	Week of 21st October 6:15pm	Boomsatsuma Open Evenings		
Backwell Sixth Form Station Road, BS48 3BX	Open Evening	24th October 5-7:15pm	Backwell Sixth Form Open Evening		



















# **Year 11s Talent Programme**



# **THATCHERS**

- TALENT PROGRAMME -

Talent Newsletter - Sept 2024

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR TALENT NEWSLETTER..

At Myrtle Farm, September is the start of a new harvest welcoming another fruitful year of apples and of course, fresh new talent to our Talent programme. September also signifies the start of a new academic year, and this year we're excited to welcome you to the very first issue of our brand-new Talent Newsletter; keeping you and your students up to date with the latest on careers & apprenticeships at Myrtle Farm, as well as sharing apprenticeship successes and news along the way.

We can't wait to engage with you all even more this academic year- you can expect to hear more from us in the coming months, but in the meantime please feel free to share this with your colleagues/students/parents & carers and wider networks - the more the merrier!

Steve & Sophie - Thatcher Talent Team

## THATCHERS TALENT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

We want to make it as easy as possible to find the information you're looking for, that's why we're excited to share with you our brand-new <u>LINKTREE PAGE</u>.

#### This is you go-to destination for:

- Thatchers Talent events information & registration forms
- School/College visits & engagement requests (workshops/careers fairs/visits to the farm)
   \*please note that requests for visits/trips are dealt with on a first come, first serve basis and we cannot always guarantee availability for your chosen dates.
- Thatchers apprentice stories
- Connect with our careers site be the first to know when Apprenticeship vacancies are live!
- Application tips & advice
- Apply for an Apprenticeship one click to apply for the Thatchers Talent Programme

The aim is to provide a home for all information, which we will keep updated. We'll still keep you up to date with essential information via our usual channels as well!



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE
THIS QR AROUND YOUR SCHOOLS/
COLLEGES/NETWORKS!























# **Year 11s Talent Programme**





## GENERATION 2024.

We'd like you join us in saying a big 'cheers' to our 2024 apprentice cohort, who have completed their inductions and first week at Thatchers. Emily, Isla, Gabby, Freddie, George, Charlie, Dan, Myles, Ryan, Anna & Laura, joined the Thatchers family as the next generation of our Talent Programme.

Each of them will be working across commercial, operations & hospitality areas of the business. We can't wait to see where their hard-work and ambitions take them, and look forward to their fresh ideas and enthusiasm they will bring to the business.

## TALENT EVENTS.

We're always on the lookout for the next generation of talented people to join our family. If your students and their parents/carers are interested to learn more about apprenticeships and how to kick-start their career journeys, come and see us at one of our events:

#### Parents Information Evening: Monday 2nd December, 6-8pm.

Join us for a mulled cider and mince pies, at our informal parents information evening covering all things apprenticeships and future options.

Meet the Talent Team, current apprentices and education providers, who can provide a wealth of support to young people and parents/carers navigating the world of apprenticeships.

#### Thatchers Talent Open Day: Saturday 15th February 2025, from 9:30am.

Come along to our Talent Open Day, where you can take part in workshops, tour Myrtle Farm and see for yourself what a career at Thatchers could look like for you.

Our open day provides people a chance to meet our current and past apprentices, our Talent Team and amazing training providers - you will also be the first to hear about our apprenticeship vacancies for this year.





















## **Attendance**



We have analysed our 2024 Year 11 GCSE results.

Those with over 96% attendance, averaged a grade higher than National.

As you can see below, those that missed over 18 days last year averaged over 1 grade lower.

Attendance Group	P8 Score
100%	+1
96% and over	+0.9
90 -95%	+0.4
Under 90%	-1.2

Thank you for your efforts in maintaining your child's attendance at 100% so far this term. We still have 90% of students with 100% attendance - Lets keep it going!



















# **Bromcom—My Child at School**





Have you signed up to the My Child at School app?



With the app you are able to view your child's achievement and behaviour points, see what homework they have been set, view published reports and request changes to personal details.

It is quick and easy to set up using these simple instructions:

Parents can access the Parent Login screen in two ways:

- From within the web browser type www.mychildatschool.com, this will open the Parent Login screen.
- 2. From the MyChildAtSchool mobile phone app, this will open the Parent Login screen.

Once in the Parent Login screen parents should follow these steps:

- Click on the Sign-Up link in the Parent Login screen.
- Enter the school's Postcode (BS23 3QP) or School ID (14284).
- Select the school from the list in the dropdown.
- Click Continue.
- o Enter the registered email address (which Hans Price Academy hold for you).
- o Click Sign Up.

Need help registering?
Please contact our MCAS Team at mcas@hpa.clf.uk



















## **Bromcom—Student Portal**





Students can access the Bromcom Student Portal via a desktop or an app.

## Student Portal App via mobile device

- The Student Portal App can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store.
- You will need to create a 5 digit pin (something easy to remember!)
- If you can use biometrics or face recognition please enable this.
- Select the 'Magic Link' option then enter the School ID (14284) and enter your school email address. This will then send an email with a link to verify your login and take you back to the app where you will be logged in.

## Student Portal via PC (laptop/desktop)

- Log on to the Hans Price Academy website.
- Login with the Student Navigator.
- Click on the Student Portal Login tile.



Should you require any support please email: studentportal@hpa.clf.uk



















# **Independent Study for KS3**



All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 now have their resources to complete their weekly independent study (homework). For further information on the systems and expectations for KS3 independent study there is a video available on the Hans Price Academy website in the "Independent Study" section under "Curriculum".



## KS3 Independent Study at Hans Price Academy

#### **Equipment:**

- IS Booklet
- IS Exercise Book
- Pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener, calculator
- Occasional access to a computer or tablet

#### Online Resources:

- MCAS App (Bromcom)
- Sparx Maths
- UniFrog (Careers)

#### Technical Support:

- studentportal@hpa.clf.uk
- mcas@hpa.clf.uk



#### IS Club:

- Support with IS and access to computers
  - Every day 3-3:50pm in LS3
  - Every day lunch time G7





The schedule for independent study (IS) for the upcoming terms and a reminder of the tasks set by each department are included in the IS booklet.

Teachers will have talked through expectations in lessons and will be setting reminders in Student Portal which can also be viewed in the MCAS App.

























## **Uniform**



We value our school uniform and ask parents to ensure their child leaves home looking smart and in the correct uniform. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name and learning family.

School blazer

**White Shirt** 

College tie

Black tailored trousers / knee length skirt / tailored shorts

Black leather shoes

Plain black socks

A pair of small stud or sleeper earrings

A watch - No smart watches



Minimal make up

No false eyelashes

One ring and one small pendant

No false nails

Small silver, gold or plastic nose stud

No nose rings, septum rings or tongue piercings

No hoodies

We ask parents to note that all jewellery must be removed for PE. This includes instances where a child has recently pierced their ears/nose.

Uniform can be borrowed from the Academy but <u>MUST</u> be returned at the end of each day. Parents will be chased for non-returned items, with the possibility of being charged for replacements.



















## **Hero Club**



# HERO

Would you like to support our LGBTQIA+ community?

Hero club offers a safe space for both LGBTQIA+ students and allies.

Tuesday lunchtimes in G2

Please speak to Miss Farler (in the office) or Ms Allchurch for more information.





















# **Reclaim Counselling**





# OMESTIC **ABUSE**

# Young People Counselling

Reclaim offers FREE, confidential counselling to young people (11-17) in North Somerset who have been affected by Domestic abuse.

Call us & leave a name, a safe contact number & we will call you back:

07919 440233

Inforeclaim@Reclaimvans.org.uk

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