# HANS PRICE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER NO 1



Welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2022/23 academic year. As always, our students and staff make me proud to be the Principal of the Academy every day. Attendance for the majority of students has been really good and students are getting a great deal of work and challenge in their subject lessons.

The community cup has been fantastic this year and despite dismal weather the fireworks night attracted nearly 1000 people – A quick heads up – Next year will be our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of hosting fireworks so will be an extra long spectacular thanks to our providers Sky Rascall!

Year 11 have, as is the custom at this time of year, completed their latest round of PPEs. They have worked hard and engaged with the process very well. We are now in the position of knowing exactly what we need to do to support them effectively in the final weeks of their run up to the GCSE exams in the summer of 2023. Our next round of PPEs are in February and we will be in touch in January to let you know what is in place to support your child in their exam preparation.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that attendance remains compulsory for all children. This is a legal requirement for every child of school age. If your child has attendance below 96% then we would not describe that attendance as being regular in terms of meeting the expectations of the law. Clearly some students have medical dispensation, and we will work with individual families where that is the case. Every term is an opportunity to ensure your child's attendance to remain strong, or improve, so please ensure you support them to attend regularly.

Year 7 have been brilliant! They have settled well into secondary school and are already making a fantastic contribution to our community and to their individual colleges. Years 8, 9 and 10 have come back eager to learn and have participated in school events, trips and sporting competitions to represent our Academy, acting as ambassadors all the while.

We are a bigger group of staff at the academy than at any time in the last 8 years since we are now approaching our capacity with over 1040 students on roll. It is truly humbling to see the way in which our colleagues seek to ensure that every child receives what they need, every day of the week. From the greeting as you walk in the door of the academy, to the diligent planning to support individual need, the staff at HPA are a phenomenal bunch.

As ever my final thanks are to you. Your children cannot thrive without the partnership with parents and the relentless focus of all the staff at HPA. We rely heavily on you to support our culture and enable your child to attend every day, in full school uniform and have a focus on their learning.

As we look forward to 2023 and welcoming your child back to school on **Wednesday 4 January** (**School will open from 08:20 as usual),** I would like to thank you for all you do to support us at the Academy, and wish you a safe, happy and restful Christmas break.

**Tony Searle** 

## FIREWORKS 2022

The start of term 2 saw HPA light up the sky with our annual Fireworks display. Again, despite the soggy weather, it was fantastic to see it didn't dampen spirits of our students and community with a great turnout. There was so much on offer this year with fun and games, raffles, tombolas, bingo, hotdogs and burgers and not to mention the return of Les in his donut wagon.

We were blessed with a break in the rain, just before the countdown, to mark the start of another amazing display, curtesy of Sky Rascal fireworks.

Lots of money was raised for the students' respective college charities, which will be announced soon.

Next year will be our 10th firework night and so we are hoping it will be bigger and better than ever!









# Post-16 Guide for Parents/Carers Staying in Education & Training after Year 11

All young people are required to stay in education, employment, or training until their 18th birthday. This is so that every young person gains the right knowledge and skills to move on to a successful career.

#### What are my options?

- staying in full-time education at a school sixth form or college
- starting an apprenticeship or traineeship
- spending 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering while in part-time education or training (for example, a T-Level qualification)

The pathway you choose will be based on the GCSE grades you achieve, how you like to learn and what you want to do in the future. If you do not achieve a Grade 4 in Maths and English GCSE then you will need to continue studying these subjects at school, college, or with your chosen training provider.

#### **Getting Support**

At school, all students will meet with our Careers Advisor, Mrs Fielding, who will provide you with impartial advice and guidance about all the post-16 options in our local area. You can speak with your tutors and other staff in school who know you well. They can also help to advise you about the options that fit best with your abilities and interests.

Parents and carers are welcome to contact Mrs Fielding, by emailing, calling or coming into the academy.

#### Mrs Fielding:

Careers Advisor/WEX Co-ordinator Hans Price Academy Email: jackie.fielding@clf.uk

Direct Dial: (01934) 630836 ext:1340

All our students have a Unifog account which can be accessed anytime.

Unifrog is a universal destinations platform to help students compare every university course, every apprenticeship, and Further Education courses - then apply successfully! https://www.unifrog.org

## Post-16 Providers North Somerset School Sixth Forms

We encourage students to apply for as many places and courses as they are interested in. Some of our nearby providers can be contacted below.



#### **Winterstoke Hundred Academy**

Website: www.winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk

**E-mail:** <u>wha-info@clf.uk</u> **Phone:** 01934 313290



#### **Backwell School**

Website: <a href="www.backwellschool.net">www.backwellschool.net</a>
E-mail: <a href="mailbox@backwellschool.net">mailbox@backwellschool.net</a>
Phone: 01275 463371



#### Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

Website: www.churchill-academy.org
E-mail: churchill@churchill-academy.org

**Phone:** 01934 852771



#### **Clevedon School**

Website: <a href="www.clevedonschool.org.uk">www.clevedonschool.org.uk</a></a>
E-mail: <a href="mailto:office@clevedonschool.org.uk">office@clevedonschool.org.uk</a>

**Phone:** 01275 876744



#### **Gordano School**

**Website:** www.gordanoschool.org.uk **E-mail:** mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk

**Phone:** 01275 842606



#### Nailsea School

Website: <a href="www.nailseaschool.com">www.nailseaschool.com</a>
Email:<a href="mailto:info@nailseaschool.com">info@nailseaschool.com</a>
Phone: 01275 852251



#### St Katherine's School

Website: www.st-katherines.n-somerset.sch.uk

E-mail: school@skdrive.org Phone: 01275 373737

# Post-16 Providers North Somerset Further Education Colleges We encourage students to apply for as many places and courses as they are interested in

**Weston College** 

Website: www.weston.ac.uk
E-mail: enquiries@weston.ac.uk

Phone: 01934 411411 Admissions: 01934 411481

Weston College Careers Advice E-mail: careers advice@weston.ac.uk Phone: 01934 411415 or 01934 411417

Access Creative College: Central Bristol Website: <a href="mailto:www.accesscreative.ac.uk">www.accesscreative.ac.uk</a> E-mail: admissions@accesstomusic.ac.uk

Phone:0117 3329650

**Boomsatsuma Creative Digital College, Bristol** 

Website: <a href="https://www.boomsatsuma.com">https://www.boomsatsuma.com</a>

Email: education@boomsatsuma.com Leadworks One Millennium Square, Bristol BS1 5DB

Phone: 0117 942 8429

Bristol Technology and Engineering Academy: Stoke Gifford, Bristol

Website: www.bteacademy.co.uk

E-mail: admissions@bteacademy.co.uk

**Phone:** 01179 838080

Bridgwater & Taunton College: Including Cannington Centre

Website: www.bridgwater.ac.uk E-mail: info@bridgwater.ac.uk

Phone: 01278 441234

City of Bristol College: Various Campuses

Website: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk
E-mail: enquiries@cityofbristol.ac.uk

Phone: 0117 312 5000

Outdoor College: Nature-based Wellbeing & Outdoor Learning, Tickenham

Website: https://www.outdoorcollege.co.uk

**E-Mail**: info@outdoorcollege.co.uk.uk -Mail: info@outdoorcollege.co.uk

**Phone:** 07714 209579/ 07464025646

Robins Foundation, Sport College, Bristol City Football Club, Ashton Gate

Website: https://www.bcfc.co.uk/robins-foundation/education

E-mail: supporterservices@bristol-sport.co.uk

**Phone**: 0117 963 0600

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College: SGS previously known as Filton College

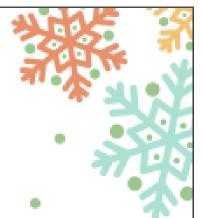
Website:www.sgscol.ac.uk E-mail:info@sgscol.ac.uk Phone: 0117 9312121

Apprenticeships:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask

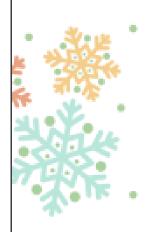






# Christmas Singing Day

for 7-13 year olds



Come and join us for a day of singing and fun including a sharing to family and friends.



21st December 2022 10am - 3pm Little Stoke Primary School Little Stoke Lane Bristol BS34 6HY

Sign up here: bit.ly/christmasing22



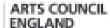




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## **VACANCIES**



### **Sponsor Councillor**

A vacancy for a Sponsor Councillor has arisen and we would very much welcome nominations from anyone who feels that they would like to support the academy in this way. A Sponsor Councillor cannot be a parent or carer of a student currently attending the Academy, but they could be a work colleague, family member or any other interested party who is not connected with students currently at the Academy.

If you would like to put your name forward, please email info@hpa.clf.uk with your expression of interest by Friday 20th January 2023. You will need to write a brief factual statement about yourself (not exceeding 100 words).

For full details please see the link on the Hans Price Academy website under 'News & Events' and 'Letters Home'. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact info@hpa.clf.uk

## **Parent Councillor**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Councillor, and we would very much welcome nominations from any parents or carers who feel they would like to support us in this role. Parent Councillors are not elected to represent parents, rather they are a representative of the parent body. They are able to bring a parent's perspective to discussions and decisions being made by the Academy Council.

If you would like to put your name forward, please email info@hpa.clf.uk with your expression of interest by Friday 20th January 2023. Please include the names and dates of birth of your children who currently attend the Academy. You will need to write a brief factual statement about yourself (not exceeding 100 words).

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# Attendance News



## New Absence Reporting Procedure

Firstly, I wanted to say thank you for supporting with such a positive start to the academic year.

Attendance always has been and remains a priority at Hans Price Academy. There is a direct correlation between the students in our recent Year 11 cohort who had good attendance (< 8 Days absent) and receiving their target grades or higher.

We monitor student absence very closely and have recently made some changes to our Attendance Policy. Communication between parents and school remains crucial, and with this in mind, please refer to the policy to ensure you are familiar with the new absence reporting process.

The main changes are summarised below:

If your child is unwell, we require you to phone through to our attendance team before 8:30am (01934 629307). Failing to speak with someone over the phone, without a justified reason will result in an unauthorised absence – code O.

If your child is absent (unauthorised) for a total of 10 sessions, the school may consider legal action. The school day is marked via an AM and PM mark, so please do endeavour to get your child to school as soon as possible.

Text and email notifications will no longer be recorded as authorised: we do need you to ring school please.

Failing to report an absence may result in the school contacting you via phone or home visit.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr S Drew Assistant Principal



Here are some of the attendance competitions which have taken place in Term 1 and 2. Alongside these we also had a Learning Family competition where the top learning family on the previous day would receive a treat ranging from home baked cookies, chocolate lollies or a quiz to take part in with a prize for the top scorer.



# Fun with Marcel in the Modern Foreign Languages department on Open Evening





Duolingo has over 500 million registered users worldwide. Cameron and Veronika have been notified by them to say that they are in the top 4%!

duolingo

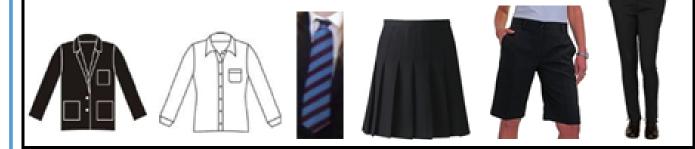
Cameron's current streak is 910 days and Veronika's is 939!





## **HPA UNIFORM**

## School Uniform Items



## **PE KIT Essentials**





## Either of the below (optional to have both)





## One of the below (optional for multiple)









## Essential—studded boots, trainers & shin pads













## **FREE Period Products**





Period pants available in all sizes



Parents and students are welcome to come into reception and ask for FREE supplies ready for the Christmas break. Products are available to students at all times during the year from reception and College Leader offices.



#### Dfe Updates Model Privacy Notices

#### What Has Changed?

• The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its model privacy notices for schools to provide to pupils, parents, governors and employees.

#### Summary of the Changes:

- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires schools to provide certain information to data subjects about their personal data. This information is commonly provided in a privacy notice.
- The significant changes are as follows:
  - The list of suggested categories of pupil personal data has been expanded.
  - The DfE clarifies that a legal basis under Article 6 of GDPR should be named for each purpose of processing personal data. Where special category personal data (eg information about health, ethnicity, religious view and political opinions) is processed, then a legal condition from Article 9 should also be included in the notice.
  - It is a requirement to tell individuals for how long their information will be retained. A copy of this data retention policy is available within the Academy or alternatively you can email <a href="mailto:dataprotection@clf.education">dataprotection@clf.education</a>
  - The section on what rights individuals have in their personal data has been reworded and slightly expanded.

#### Impact on School Compliance Framework

• There are no new requirements placed on schools by these updated model privacy notices. That being said, the Cabot Learning Federation has in particular, reviewed its privacy notices to ensure they comply with the DfE's emphasis on listing a legal basis (or bases) for each purpose for processing personal data. This is a key requirement of such privacy notices.

To view these privacy notices visit: <a href="https://www.clf.uk/governance/privacy-notice/">https://www.clf.uk/governance/privacy-notice/</a> Question? Email <a href="mailto:dataprotection@clf.education">dataprotection@clf.education</a>

## **Weston Food Bank**

## Weston Food Bank provides emergency food and support for local people in crisis.

Today in the UK there are many families struggling to put food on the table. This could be for many reasons and the recent rise in housing and general living costs has seen a large increase in the number of families needing to be accessing the Food Bank.

We took two groups of student volunteers to help in the warehouse following our amazing collection of over 700KG of food, donated by our Hans Price families.

The students helped identify the sell-by-dates on each product so the items could be stored in the correct order on the shelves. Non-perishable items were stored on separate shelves.

Students also helped to box up some family packages ready for distribution. They had to learn how to choose different items from each food group for the correct number of people in the families. These parcels include food, toiletries, and some Christmas treats. There should be enough food to last for three days in each package.

Anyone can ask for support from the Food Bank if they are in times of need. Vouchers can be issued by a wide range of professionals, including doctors, health visitors, schools, social workers and the police.

Food bank staff are mainly volunteers. As well as providing three days of emergency food they offer practical support with advice and signpost to other services that can offer long term support for families to help recover financially or break the cycle of poverty.

#### If you wish to help with the Food Bank, you can do the following: -

Donate food. Most supermarkets have a collection point for their local towns. Volunteer some time to help at the warehouse or in a distribution centre. Donate spare money. Any size gift can help.

If your family or someone you know need some help, please contact Weston Food Bank;

North Street Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QF

T: 01934 708906

E: info@wsmfoodbank.org.uk

Please see Miss Davis, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer for further details.







## **Food Bank Deliveries**

Thank you to all students and staff who donated items for the food bank. Staff made 2 trips to the food bank to deliver all the items and were blown away by how much there was!

Well done Hans Price!













Quotes from students about their experience at the food bank:

'It was a good feeling to help others.' Emily, Year 9.

'It was interesting to hear how many people need to use Food Bank.' Katrina, Year 9.

'I have learnt how hard it is for homeless people not

to have enough money to but food. I also feel annoyed that some people are not paid enough by their jobs to feed themselves.' Cory, Year 10.

'I feel sad and worried for people who are hungry.' Chloe, Year 7.

'I am worried that some children will not have enough food to eat over the Christmas holidays.' Lilia, Year 7.

'I liked helping make up the food parcels for the different size families.' Alexia, Year 8.

'I have been surprised at how many people have needed to use Food Bank this year, and worried if they will run out of food.' Zara, Year 7.





When a student reads over a million words they become Word Millionaires and received star badges, in their college colours, that can be wom on their blazers for the rest of their time at Hans Price.









#### Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

	College	Year	Quizzes Passed
Rocco G	Acer	7	41
Eva H	Acer	7	31
Mars M	Fortis	7	29
James F	Clarus	80	27
Max K	Clarus	7	25
Anita M	Fortis	7	24
Jacob A	Acer	7	24
Jess W	Mando	7	23
Bolly K	Fortis	7	22
Alfie H	Acer	7	21
Callum B	Clarus	8	18
Brooke S	Clarus	8	17

## Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading at Hans Price Academy 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 their book list, indicates understanding and calculates their word count. The following students have successfully quizzed on the most books or have read the highest number of words since September.

#### Highest Word Count (Words Read)

	College	Year	Word Count
James F	Clarus	8	2,085,835
Jess W	Mando	7	1,745,627
Eva H	Acer	7	1,679,377
Alfie H	Acer	7	1,463,040
Jacob A	Acer	7	1,116,329
Rocco G	Acer	7	780,667
Maja F	Fortis	8	776,334
Anita M	Fortis	7	696,656
Nadia P	Clarus	8	691,665
Aimee B	Clarus	7	646,988
Mars M	Fortis	7	645,737
Nevaeh C	Fortis	7	591,709

In addition to weekly library lessons, students can visit the library to borrow books or complete quizzes at break, lunch and before school.



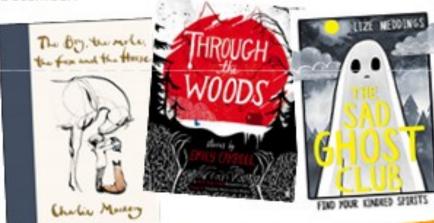
This is what 1,060,923 words look like. More students than ever before are on track to be word millionaires this year!

NEW READING LISTS AVAILABLE IN THE LRC ALSO ON THE LRC TWITTER @HANSPRICELRC AND WEBSITE WWW.HPALRC.WEEBLY.COM

## RECOMMENDED READS

Students are welcome to borrow books to read over the break. Parents, carers and visitors are also more than welcome to help themselves to a book from the spinner in reception to browse whilst waiting or to take away and enjoy.

Here are some of the most popular book in the LRC this December:











## **BOOK RETURNS**

There are currently a large number of books which are overdue for return to the library. We do not charge fines for late books, but will ask that books are replaced if they are lost or not returned. Books need to be returned or replaced as part of the sign off for Y11s to attend Prom.

Please check at home for any library books that need to be returned. They will have a Hans Price stamp along the side and a small white label on the spine. Library books can be dropped in the Returns Box on the library desk before or after school or at break or lunch.

NO LATE FINES IF BOOKS ARE RETURNED NOW!

## BBC VISIT - BBC 100 "SHARE YOUR STORY" AT HANS PRICE

As part of the BBC's centenary celebrations, they visited almost 400 secondary schools across the UK in 2022 to deliver a 'BBC100 Share Your Story' session. In each session a carefully selected BBC Ambassador shared their inspirational journey with students, in a bid to inspire them through the power of storytelling.



On the 11th November the BBC arrived at Hans Price academy and delivered the superb storytelling session to Years 7 to 10 throughout the day. The host for the sessions was Alex Mansuroglu, from Kiss Radio who brought a great atmosphere and engaged our students with his journey to Radio and the experiences he has subsequently enjoyed. He introduced our BBC Storytellers Ali Wilson and Chris Baxter.

Chris is a Senior Journalist with Radio Gloucestershire. He spoke about the challenges he faced in childhood, recently developing epilepsy in adulthood, and how he adapted and overcame the challenges through a career he loves and dreamed of in radio. Ali is an Assistant Producer with BBCChildren's and Education. Her story was about following her gut instinct and how this helped her both professionally and personally, learning a second language which led to an emotional and uplifting experience with her Grandmother which she will forever be grateful for. Also how the second language has opened doors for opportunity in her career.

The students then had a chance to ask questions about the challenges they faced, the experiences they have had and the journey to the careers they are now in. Through the questions and conversations we also found out who was a dog person, what everyone's favourite cheese is and even how many windows they have in their houses.

Our students were engaged, respected and impeccably behaved. They team of Storytellers, producers and technical staff from the BBC commented that they had one of the best experiences of any school they visited at Hans Price.

They finished the session explaining the opportunity young people across the country have to be a BBC Young Reporter. More information can be found here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/young-reporter



## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2023

Year 10 students should now be in the final stages of securing a work experience placement. Last year, we saw our students flourish in their placements and find experiences that inspired and challenged them. Already this year, students have sought out and confirmed far reaching and inventive placements, along with some of the yearly classics which will develop a range of skills, a taste of the world of work and a possible foot in the door to future job opportunities.

#### How is Work Experience Organised?

WEX Week runs from 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March for all students in Y10. Students will spend Monday 20<sup>th</sup> in school learning employability skills and preparing for the week ahead. For the following four days they will be in a work placement.



Work experience was launched in July. Students received assemblies before summer and in the first weeks back where they were encouraged to be independent and proactive in finding and confirming placements. They have received additional time, support and information through their SPACE lessons in term one. They have had two further assemblies this term.

Students are required to call or visit potential employers to confirm a placement and then deliver a work experience agreement form for the employer to complete. The placement is confirmed when the form is returned, processed and Health and Safety checks have been completed.

The original deadline for WEX confirmation was December. We know that some people are continuing to work hard to secure placements and the Christmas break could be a great time to visit employers and secure placements. We will need completed forms back in January though to allow time for Health and Safety checks.



#### What can you do to help further?

If your child has not already found a placement independently they may need additional support, from you, to make the calls and deliver and collect the completed form. Work Experience forms have been shared with Y10 students in SIMS and by email. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school or the Work Experience team directly at wex@hpa.clf.uk.

Work Experience is a fantastic opportunity to raise aspirations, broaden mindsets and introduce our students to the world of work. Last year saw more diverse and far-reaching placements than ever before. If you have any links to employers who may be able to offer placements or you yourself are able to offer a placement, please let the careers team know.



#### Fortis Students completing 2.6miles for the MOVEmber challenge



### **Free School Meal Information**

#### Could your child be entitled to free school meals?

If your child is not currently entitled to free school meals and your circumstances have recently changed, they may be eligible if you are in receipt of any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) excluding benefits.

To apply, please log on to the North Somerset Council website - <a href="https://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/">https://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/</a>

fsm\_app\_landing.page to start your assessment. You will need to complete a separate assessment for each child, and you will receive a receive an instant decision. Alternatively, if you would like support in completing the application, please contact or come into the academy and a member of staff will be happy to assist.

You only need to register once and if your child is currently eligible you **do not** need to re-apply.

## Holocaust Memorial Day North Somerset

FREE to Enter!



# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

# 'Don't Forget Me'

Open to young people in North Somerset Age categories: 8-11yrs and 12-18yrs Prize for overall winner £50 Prizes for winners in both age categories: £30, £20, £10.

Closing date: 6th January 2023

For details on how to enter go to our website:

https://www.hmd-north-somerset.com

or email: hmdnsphoto@gmail.com



## **SIMS PARENT APP**

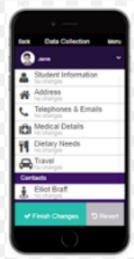


SIMS Parent App















## Are you registered?

#### Did you know?

Using the data collection function on the SIMS Parent App, you can quickly and easily update your details for example mobile number, landline number or home address.

You can also advise us quickly and easily of any medical needs or dietary needs your child has.

Further information is available on our website > News & events > Letters home or email: SIMSParentApp@hansprice.org.uk





## SIMS PARENT

## **APP**



**Did you know?** You can use the SIMS parent app to track your child's attendance?

Did you know? You can use the SIMS parent app to track your child's conduct including achievements and behaviours?





**Did you know?** You can use the SIMS parent app to view upcoming events at the Academy and other key dates?

**Did you know?** You can use the SIMS parent app to inform the Academy of any Data changes for example change of your address/email/mobile number as well as add any dietary needs or medical needs of your child.





## Are you registered?

Further information is available overleaf on registering for the SIMS Parent App.

Email: SIMSParentApp@hansprice.org.uk

Future student reports will also be available online later this year!



The SIMS Parent app allows us to easily communicate with you, the parent. Whether it's sharing information such as attendance, school reports or sending reminders for homework tasks, all of the information is easily accessible from the convenience of your phone, tablet or PC.

We can now easily send automated alerts and notifications directly to your phone! By sharing information on attendance, homework and timetables or school reports and conduct, you can stay on top of your child's progress. A clear dashboard gives you an overview of your child's school life and the data collection functionality within the app lets you easily update your contact information too.

Follow the steps below to setup and install the SIMS Parent App.



#### STEP #1: Receive the Activation Email

- We will send you an activation email. Simply click on the link inside the email from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.
- After clicking on the link in the email you will now be asked to login using your Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password.
- 3. You will be asked the date of birth for one of your children at the school.
- Congratulations, you have registered for the SIMS Parent App. Now you just need to download the app!

## STEP #2: Download SIMS Parent App & Login

- On your smartphone or tablet, download the FREE app from the Google Play or Apple App store.
- 2. Login using the account you signed up with.

Alternatively, you can login via the website: www.SIMS-PARENT.co.uk

<sup>\*</sup> The email will be from noreply@sims.co.uk so please check your SPAM or Junk folder if you cannot find it. If you still cannot find the email, please contact the school to confirm we have the correct contact information for you.

# We have a new communications system. Please have a look at the instructions below and download the app free of charge.

# Getting Started with Xpressions



If you've not already done so, install the Xpressions App.





Once you've installed the app, open it, enter your email address and click 'Next.'

All personal details will be taken from the school records, so the information you provide needs to match what they have on file. If you are unable to enter details successfully you will need to speak to your school office. If you are sure you have entered information correctly but you still see an error message, it is likely that the school records are incorrect so please contact your school.

Enter your mobile number and click 'Next.'

When you have entered details correctly you will receive a text message to your mobile phone containing a 6 digit code.

Enter this code and click 'Login.'

If you do not receive a code, use the 'Resend Code' function. However there can be delays due to mobile phone providers and other factors outside of the control of Xpressions and the school so please wait for at least 5 minutes and ensure you are in an area with mobile phone coverage.

Create a password (Recommended).

It is recommended that you create a password for your account at this stage. If you need to login again, or on another device, having a password will make the process easier. See our recommendations for a strong and secure password.



The Hans Price MO Bros during Movember had a valiant attempt at growing some brilliant taches. The team supported each other through the process ensuring there was advice on grooming tips.

But it isn't just about growing a moustache. Movember fundraisers are a global community of fired up Mo Bros and Mo Sisters – aka rock stars making a difference in mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Being a man of more words isn't about dialling up the banter. It's about carving out space for meaningful chats about the bigger stuff in life. The right conversation can make all the difference to a mate who might be struggling. At HPA, we all make an effort to check on each other during this period and hope this continues.

Another great aspect of Movember was that students and staff could log the miles they completed on Strava, this encouraged people to get out during those winter times when you don't feel like it.

Overall we raised a total of £930 and we really appreciate all the families, staff, students and friends who have supported us.



## **Lego Club**

Lego club continues to go from strength to strength with new members joining in the fun every week.

We've had some very imaginative builds this term, including an impressive flying machine, a wind powered vehicle and various little buildings.

If you fancy having fun with Lego, join us in LS9 on Tuesday lunchtimes and earn yourself an

achievement point as well!

See you there!







## **Maths Puzzle Club**

If you enjoy playing with a Rubik's Cube and other shape puzzles, then this is the club for you. Or perhaps you would just like to sit down quietly with a Sudoku puzzle.

We have lots of challenging and exciting puzzles for you to play with which will test your resilience and patience. See if you can beat Mrs Morris and the other maths teachers as you attempt them!

These puzzles proved to be very popular among students, parents and grandparents at the Open Evening, so come along and enjoy them too. We have a few regular members but would love to see more. Find us in LS9 on Thursday lunchtimes.



## **Remembrance Sunday Parade**



On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, students from Hans Price Academy joined other local cadets in a remembrance parade on Clevedon Pier. In the autumnal sunshine, joined by members of the public, the pier stood silent to pay respects to those who have fought for our country. A procession along the Victorian pier followed. The professionalism and dedication of our students to their role in the cadets shone through and brought immense pride to the whole community of Hans Price Academy.

# Young Carers @ Hans Price Academy



### What is a Young Carer?

A Young Carer is someone under 18 years old that lives in the same household with someone who is ill either physically or mentally.

### Why is it important to recognise who is a Young Carer?

Their childhood is recognised as being different from others who may not live in the same circumstances. (This is not necessarily a negative impact.)

Being a Young Carer may affect their adulthood due to not having the same opportunities as their peers when growing up.

They may need some extra considerations within friendship groups as they may not always be at school or be able to hang out socially and may feel left out.

### Do you help out with any of the following ....?

Practical tasks such as cooking, housework, cleaning. Physical care such as helping someone move around the house. Accompanying someone for medical appointments. Helping someone manage their emotions.

Personal care - helping with dressing or washing someone.

Looking after younger siblings.

Making household decisions maybe around financial matters. Communicating with other professionals on behalf of someone.









### How can staff at Hans Price Academy support you?

Have a regular check-in with you to see that you are coping.

Listen to your concerns to understand your home life. Be considerate and flexible in our approach if you have to carry out caring duties which impact your learning.

Offer a regular lunchtime group meeting to support each other.

Register you with North Somerset Young Carers for on-going support.

## What do you need to do next if you think you may be a Young Carer?

Speak to someone in school for confidential support:

- Miss Davis & Miss Page who are the Young Carer Leaders
- College leaders
- Pastoral team
- A trusted staff member

51% of Young Carers have not told their schools about their caring role at home - please let us know if this is you!



# **Sport at HPA**

Miss Fensome plays football for Portishead Town who have just beaten Exeter City 2-0 in the 2nd round of the Women's FA Cup. In the 3rd round they faced Ipswich Town and unfortunately haven't made it any further in the competition but what an incredible achievement!

Well done Miss Fensome and Portishead Town!



## **Term 2 Sports Fixtures**

Year 9 Boys Rugby: The boys came second in the North Somerset Rugby Tournament, only losing one game to the eventual winners Churchill.



Year 7-10 Cross Country



Year 10 Netball won their friendly fixture.



The Year 9 Netball team beat Winterstoke Hundred Academy in a fixture and won 2 games at the North Somerset Tournament .



The Year 7 Netball team won 3 games at the North Somerset Tournament.



The Year 8 Boys won their first game in the ESFA Cup against Cathedral school. They unfortunately lost to Beechen Cliff in the next round but put in a solid performance.



Year 7 Boys won the North Somerset Rugby Tournament!





## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 16th December Last day of term for students

Monday 2nd January Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January Term 3

Thursday 2nd February Music Show

Thursday 9th February Year 9 Parents Evening

Friday 10th February End of term
Monday 20th February INSET Day

Tuesday 21st February Term 4

Thursday 9th March Year 10 Parents Evening

Monday 20th March Year 10 Work Experience Week

Thursday 30th March Year 11 Parents Evening

Friday 31st March End of term
Monday 17th April Term 5

Thursday 20th April Year 9 Vaccinations

Tuesday 25th April Swim Gala

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May Year 8 Parents Evening

Monday 8th May Bank Holiday—King's Coronation

Monday 22nd May Start of Year 11 GCSEs

Friday 26th May End of term