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# Welcome



Welcome to our December newsletter!

It gives me great pleasure to write the introduction to our final newsletter of 2024. It has been a busy term with much to celebrate.

As you will be aware from our last newsletter, term 2 at HPA focuses on "Community". This is a great opportunity for our students to make a positive contribution to their Academy and local community. As I write this newsletter, our Heads of School have visited "Somewhere to Go" to present a cheque for **£1636.22 raised from our Fireworks event**, as well as **8 full boxes of gently used warm clothing**. This local charity supports homeless, vulnerable and disadvantaged people by providing a warm, safe refuge, hot food, showers, clean clothing and a listening ear. In addition to this our community has also donated **374 items** to our local food bank. It is wonderful to see our HPA community pull together for such worthy causes, and I am incredibly proud of their efforts which encompass so many of our values. Look out for Hans Price in the local press!

As we approach the colder months, please can I remind you that **jumpers must be V-neck and plain black with no logos**. The V-neck jumper enables the college tie to be seen fully, which is an important part our school's identity. It also supports us with our safeguarding processes, as well as enhancing our students' sense of belonging to their college.

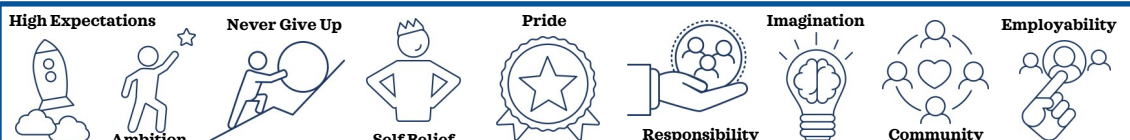
As always, we work closely with students and families to ensure that all students arrive in the correct uniform, including providing a uniform store full of freshly laundered or new items of clothing for students who need to borrow an item for the day. We also welcome uniform donations to support those who need it.

We look forward to 2025 and welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 7th January. 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. Merry Christmas!

**Adrian Esch**  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 20th December:	End of term <b>12.45pm finish</b>
Monday 6th January:	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January:	Term 3 begins
Wednesday 8th January:	Year 11 BTEC Sport Exam
Wednesday 5th February:	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 6th February:	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12th February:	Music Show
Friday 14th February:	End of term 3
Monday 24th February:	INSET Day
Tuesday 25th February:	Term 4 begins



# Fortis 9 Community Spirit



To celebrate the community spirit of the College Cup, students in Fortis 9 have written Christmas cards to send to local care homes, along with some of their handmade Christmas hats.

Each student made a Christmas hat from donated wool. We hope the personal touch adds some festive cheer to those in our community.

This is just one way our students have gone above and beyond to support others.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

**Miss Treble & Fortis 9**



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# Thatcher's Visit



Our amazing Year 9 South Bristol Youth cohort visited the Thatcher's Cider Factory on the 25th November. The students learned about the apprenticeships and careers that the Thatcher's business has to offer. After the apprenticeship presentation we had a tour of the factory, where the students had the opportunity to see how the cider is made at each stage of the production line.

Students represented the Academy amazingly and were a pleasure to take on the trip. We will participate in many more trips throughout this year, where the students will visit a range of companies and find out about the apprenticeships they offer.



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# SEND Newsletters



## The Buzz

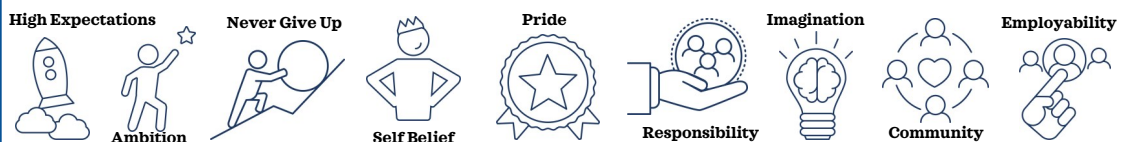


The Buzz newsletter is co-produced with North Somerset SEND children and young persons council. Their hard work has resulted in this amazing newsletter which can be found via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/4w2k6ud6>

A copy of the North Somerset SEND newsletter can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdemz7yr>



# STEM Workshop



On Friday 6th December, 120 Year 9 students across Year 7, 8 and 9 participated in a STEM robotics workshop delivered by Hyett Education.

The students used their imagination to design, create and build a LEGO robot, before programming them to complete tasks. Students were positive about the workshop and now have an understanding of how STEM subjects can broaden career prospects.

Stephanie, who took part in the workshop said "I really liked doing the STEM workshop. Building the robot piece by piece was fascinating, even coding it was fun and it got my mind thinking. Especially when we got the code wrong and needed to figure it out so it could follow the path we put it on."



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# GCHQ Christmas Challenge

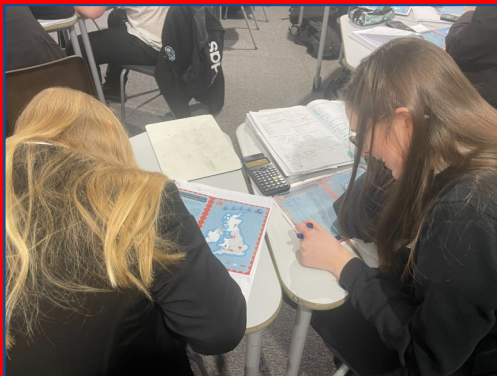


Students across the year groups were given the opportunity in their maths lessons to have a go at solving this years GCHQ Christmas Challenge.

Every year, the GCHQ set the festive brainteaser for the public to have a go at solving and our students enjoyed taking part. They worked together as a team to solve the different problems, collaborating their ideas.



This year students had to decrypt the names of famous UK landmarks by using lateral thinking, maths and code-breaking skills. They then had to use these in a particular way in order to work out a secret message.



Some classes also learned about what the GCHQ does and what some of the jobs there entail. Some students also had a go at encrypting codes.

Any student who completes the challenge will be awarded a certificate from their teacher.

Have a go yourself by using this link <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/gchq-christmas-challenge-2024>



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# 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 independent study (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.

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

## Year 7

Mandisa G (5), Grace M (5), Marshall P (5), Jaylen W (5), Alyssa P (5), Nacacia B (5), Evie T (5), Ella R (5), Fion N (5), Alana G (5), Bayley F (5), Logan D (5), Lily-Belle C (5), Lucy A (5), Rosie L-J (5), Natalie M (10), Nicola S (10), Melodie R (10), Jacob D-H (10), Oliver S (10), Gabrielle P (10), Mathilde M (10), Ruby – Mae S (10), Paige G (10).

## Year 8

Phoenix O'B (20), Elijah B (20), Ayshath N (35), Jarvis D (35), Sebastian K (30), Gabriel S (20), Devon T (20), Yasmine F (15), Lily R (60), Bhama A (35), Violet B (25), Alice C (30), Lily M (25), Dylan M (30), Aaliyah D (5), Kyati K (400), Mikey T-B (25), Angel J (35), Liam C (25), Scarlett H (25), Hollie S (15), Alex W (10), Elliot N-H (20), Olivia B (45), Logun B (55), Isaac D (30), Zebedee J (25), Amelia W (40), Lilly G (5), Delilah P-O (5), Eddie H (20).

## Year 9

Shelby A (30), Galena M (35), Tyler B (5), Ola H (20), Leighton S (30), Shaylen C (5), Jamie B (25), Zoe J (35), Harry H (20), Ruby B (20), JJ D (40), Beau DC (35), Kirk Gabriel V (40), Addison A (25), Fiyin F (35), Indie P (40), Wayne J (10), Lewis P (45), Freddie H (40), Dakota A (15), Patryk C (45), Adrian S (45), Lily – Rose M (45), Zara W (40), Daniel G (35), Ariana S (15), Adam J (45), Daisy L (30), Ali A (15), KJ D (45), Jodie D (40), Maisie R (40), Bethany W (20), Woody M (20), Dylan S (70).

**Year 7 Leaderboard**

Riley G	Level 42
Charlie B	Level 42
Darius M	Level 34

**Year 8 Leaderboard**

Kytati K	Level 400
Olivier N	Level 282
Klouise R	Level 151

**Year 9 Leaderboard**

Faaizah O	Level 166
Bailey Y	Level 87
Kieran S	Level 86



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# Food Bank



Between the 5th and 18th of December was our annual food bank campaign, encouraging donations of any size to support families in need during the festive period.

The initiative launched in 2018 has seen over 4,000 essential items donated, including cereals, tinned soups, pasta, rice, pasta sauces and tinned meat and fish. These contributions will play a significant role in helping local families during what can be a challenging time of year. This year over 300 items were collected.

Weston Foodbank, a project established in 2011 by local churches and community groups, has been tirelessly working to combat hunger in the North Somerset area.

On its website, Weston Foodbank states: "Our foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area and supported by North Somerset Council. The foodbank has collaborated with over 150 agencies, providing vital support to nearly 46,000 people since its inception.

Dr Andrew Watts, Second in Science and one of the organisers, said: "It's incredibly heartwarming to see the entire school community come together to support such an important cause. Every single donation, no matter how big or small, represents kindness and compassion, which truly embodies the spirit of the season. We're proud to play a part in making a difference for local families during Christmas."



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# Year 7 Pantomime Trip



On Friday 13th December we went to see the pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, at The Playhouse. I really enjoyed this! It was also my first time seeing a pantomime! It had a lot of very funny scenes, one of them being when the Beast ate his food. This was funny since there was a sound effect that caught me off guard. Thank you HPA for letting us do this.

**(Elliot R—Acer 4)**

Eleanor J in Acer 3 said: 'It was a magical remake of the spectacular blockbuster movie. The Beast was my favourite character and Belle was the most caring person ever'.

Anvi B in Acer 2 said: 'The Pantomime was so cool, we all had a really good time. Everyone should go and see it!

Freya S in Acer 4 said: 'The Pantomime was an unforgettable experience. It had lots of amazing dancers and singers. My favourite scene was when Gaston kept coming in and everyone was booing him!'

Tyler M in Acer 3 said: 'I really enjoyed it because it was really funny and interactive. Thank you Mrs Dale'.



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# Sport @ HPA



The Year 11 rugby team were cheered on by a crowd of over 60 people as they ran out 35-20 victors over Priory. On top of the 24 players, other students took on roles such as touch judge, assistant coach, videographers and statisticians which showed a great community spirit.

Max D was man of the match and the try scorers were as follows:

- 5-0 Ciaran C
- 10-0 Christian M
- 10-5 PCSA (Clark)
- 10-10 PCSA (Thompson)
- 15-10 Devon BT
- 20-10 Cruz G
- 25-10 Cruz G
- 30-10 Christian M
- 30-15 PCSA (Cobin)
- 35-15 Devon BT
- 35-20 PCSA (Harrison J)



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# Sport @ HPA



As part of our drive to continually improve our facilities we have had our new smaller basketball court installed on the back playground for students to play on at break and lunch. This follows the event being introduced in the Olympics for the first time in the summer.

Four, Year 10 students have been training with the South West Under 17 Touch Rugby squad. Great work, Charles, Eric, Ava and Poppy. Their next South West training session is in February. Come along to touch rugby training on Wednesday mornings at 7.15am and this could be you!



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# Changes to Admission Policy



## Consultation on the Draft Admissions Policies for Hans Price Academy 2026/27

Admissions authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements whenever a change to the arrangements is proposed, or if no changes are proposed, every 7 years. As such the Cabot Learning Federation is consulting on the admissions arrangements for the above school, for students joining from September 2026.

The consultation period will run from 5th December 2024 to 24th January 2025.

Hans Price Academy is a Secondary Academy.

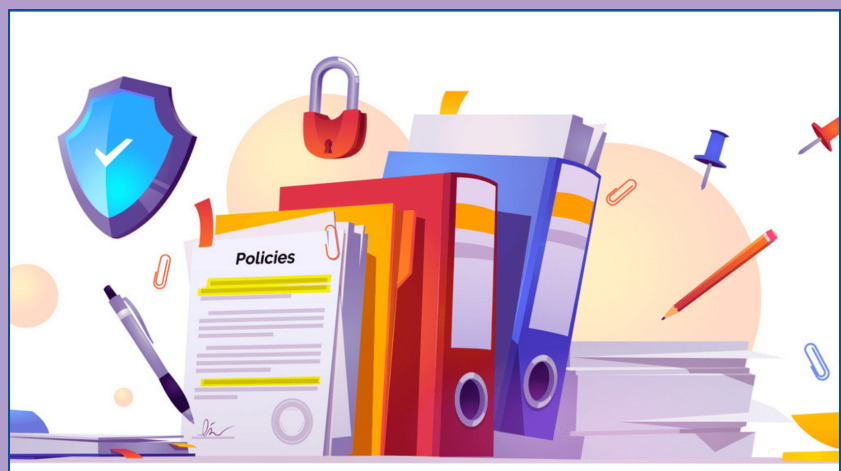
The academy is consulting on various changes including oversubscription criteria as well as updating wording to make Policies clear and relevant.

A copy of the full draft policy can be found below.

<https://hanspriceacademy.clf.uk/policies/draft-admissions-policy-2026-27/>

Any comments on or objections to the proposals can be made during the stated period to Elizabeth Tincknell, Head of Governance for the Cabot Learning Federation. The email address for correspondence is [Governance@clf.uk](mailto:Governance@clf.uk) or in writing to Elizabeth Tincknell, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol, BS15 4JT.

**Liz Tincknell**  
**Head of Governance**  
**Cabot Learning Federation**



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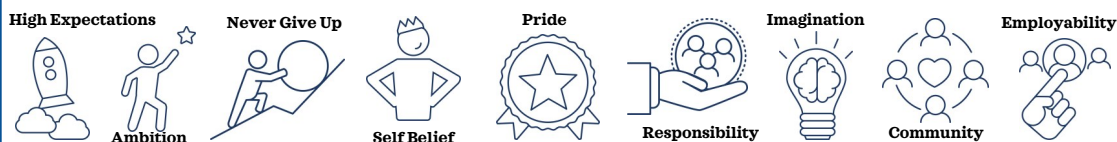


# Careers and Post-16 Events - January 2025



Provider	Event	Date & Time	More Information
<b>Winterstoke Hundred Academy Post-16 Centre</b>	2025 Applications Open		<a href="#">WHA Post-16 Applications</a>
<b>Churchill Academy Sixth Form</b>	2025 Applications Open	Apply by 7 <sup>th</sup> January to guarantee subject choices	<a href="#">Churchill Academy Sixth Form Open Evening</a>
<b>Weston College</b> All Campuses	Open Evening For School Leavers and Adults	Wednesday 15th January 5pm-7pm	<a href="#">Weston College Open Evening</a>
<b>Bridgwater and Taunton College</b> Bridgwater Campus TA6 4PZ	Open Evening	Wednesday 15th January 6pm-8pm	<a href="#">BTC Open Evening</a>
<b>Bridgwater and Taunton College</b> Taunton Campus TA1 5AX	Open Evening	Thursday 16th January 6-8pm	<a href="#">BTC Open Evening</a>
<b>City of Bristol College</b> All Campuses	Open Day	Saturday 18th January 10am-3pm	<a href="#">City of Bristol College Open Day</a>
<b>Bridgwater and Taunton College</b> Cannington Campus TA5 2LS	Open Day	Saturday 25th January 10am – 1pm	<a href="#">BTC Open Day</a>
<b>SGS South Gloucestershire &amp; Stroud College</b> Filton Campus BS34 7AT	Open Day All campuses	Saturday 25th January 10am -1pm	<a href="#">SGS Open Events</a>
<b>Weston College</b>	Half Term Workshops Free one day workshops for Year 9,10 & 11—see flyer below	February 2025	<a href="#">Weston College Half Term Workshops</a>
<b>Weston College</b>	Easter Workshops Free one day workshops for Year 9, 10 & 11—see flyer below	April 2025	<a href="#">Weston College Easter Workshops</a>

For any post-16 questions please contact:  
Jackie Fielding, Careers Advisor/WEX Coordinator, Hans Price Academy  
Email: Jackie.Fielding@clf.uk Direct Dial: (01934) 630836 ext.1340



# Careers and Post-16 Events - January 2025



## HALF-TERM WORKSHOPS

These free one-day workshops are an excellent opportunity for students in years 9, 10, and 11 to explore the amazing facilities at Weston College, meet our expert staff, and learn more about the subjects we offer!



(Open to all students in years 9, 10, and 11)

**Construction- Monday the 17th of February**

**Early Years- Tuesday 18th of February**

**Digital- 18th of February**

**Uniformed Protective Services- 18th of February**

**Performing Arts- Tuesday, 18th of February**

**Animal Care - Wednesday 19th February**

**Music - Wednesday, 19th of February**

**Engineering - Thursday 20th of February**

**Automotive- Thursday 20th of February**

**Hair & Beauty- Tuesday the 8th of April**

**Catering - Tuesday the 8th of April**

**Art & Design - Wednesday 9th of April 2025**

**Sport- Wednesday 9th of April 2025**

**Media, Photography, Game & Animation- Wednesday, 9th of April**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW;**



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Team at [schoolteam@weston.ac.uk](mailto:schoolteam@weston.ac.uk)



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# Library News



This term students have begun to read to Hanson in their library lessons. All students read aloud to staff in every lesson, and students who have made noticeable efforts and improvements in their reading had the opportunity to read with Hanson!

Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading in Years 7 and 8. This tracks the books they read, indicates understanding and calculates their word count. These scores feed into the College Cup!



## Highest Word Count (Words Read)

Name	College	Year	Word Count
Yuna B	Mando	7	4,105,687
Alex J	Clarus	7	3,321,981
Robert B	Fortis	7	2,236,616
Antoni S	Clarus	7	2,009,235
Melodie R	Acer	7	1,944,695
Tia S	Clarus	7	1,889,612
Beth N	Mando	8	1,611,717
Jacob D-H	Fortis	7	1,567,757
Darcie P	Mando	7	1,524,232
Zain O	Mando	7	1,441,910
Lilly L	Mando	8	1,324,518
Jasmine H	Mando	7	1,065,235
Ezri L	Acer	7	1,090,062
Emilia D	Acer	8	1,032,733

## Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

Name	College	Year	Quizzes
Yuna B	Mando	7	132
Robert B	Fortis	7	67
Paige G	Mando	7	61
Alex J	Clarus	7	58
Tia S	Clarus	7	50
Safyre M	Acer	8	38
Kaitlyn K	Acer	8	38
Melodie R	Acer	7	36
Max T	Mando	7	34
Antoni S	Clarus	7	34
Artur J	Clarus	7	32
Leah M	Acer	8	30
Bayley F	Clarus	7	30
Ronnie R	Mando	8	27



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## Highest Word Count in Term



## Top Quizzers in Term



Name	College	Year	Word Count
Yuna B	Mando	7	1,802,666
Alex J	Clarus	7	1,191,216
Tia S	Clarus	7	1,168,943
Jasmine H	Mando	7	1.059,152
Antoni S	Clarus	7	959,076
Zain O	Mando	7	817,725
Robert B	Fortis	7	641,727
Emily W	Mando	7	486,353
Jacob D-H	Fortis	7	389,191
Ioan Z	Mando	7	362,944
Georgie E	Acer	8	360,405
Izzy B	Mando	8	343,787
Ronelle B	Fortis	7	325,607
Emilia D	Acer	8	324,071

Name	College	Year	Quizzes
Yuna B	Mando	7	68
Paige G	Mando	7	44
Robert B	Fortis	7	43
Tia S	Clarus	7	24
Ronnie R	Mando	8	21
Safyre M	Acer	8	21
Oliver J	Acer	7	21
Alex J	Clarus	7	20
Ioan Z	Mando	7	19
Charlie B	Clarus	7	19
Gabrielle P	Mando	7	17
Elliot N-H	Mando	8	17
Kaitlyn K	Acer	8	16
Eduard A	Clarus	7	16



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# HPA Parent Forum



**HANS PRICE ACADEMY**

JOIN US IN SCHOOL

# HPA PARENT FORUM 2

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**



**Tuesday, 4th February**

**5:45 - 6:30 PM**

Refreshments  
Provided



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Anti-bullying, Behaviour Policy, Ready to Learn, Attendance, Pastoral Systems, SEN Provision, Culture, College System, Extra-Curricular, Lesson Structure, Assessments.

**For more info contact [info@hpa.clf.uk](mailto:info@hpa.clf.uk)**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



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# Breakfast Club



# *Hans Price* 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**



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# Safeguarding



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## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

"Hans Price is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment"

### SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MR DREW

### WIDER SAFEGUARDING TEAM

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM  
COLLEGE LEADERS  
SENCO  
E-SAFETY LEAD  
MENTAL HEALTH LEAD

### DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEADS



MR OLPIN



MISS DAVIS



0800 1111



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[ceop.police.uk](http://ceop.police.uk)

If you're worried about a child:

0808 800 5000  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT ANY MEMBER OF THE HANS PRICE COMMUNITY, PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF

### VISITOR INFO

1. Visitors must report to reception to sign in. You must wear your visitors ID at all times.
2. You must not walk around the Academy alone unless you have been given permission to do so.
3. You may not take photographs or video recordings of anyone in the Academy.

### North Somerset Care Connect

ANYONE CAN MAKE A REFERRAL TO NORTH SOMERSET FOR SUPPORT OR TO REPORT A CONCERN.

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