



## WELCOME FROM MR DONALD

As the festive season approaches, we are delighted to share our Christmas Newsletter with you. This time of year brings with it a sense of reflection, gratitude, and celebration, and our school has been alive with the spirit of **Grinchmas** over recent weeks. From all Year 7s visiting the panto at the Playhouse to our artwork taking over at the Bristol Bears it has been a term to remember.

In this edition, we are pleased to highlight some of the special moments that have taken place, celebrate the achievements from the term, and share important updates as we look ahead to the New Year. We hope this Newsletter offers you a warm insight into school life and conveys our sincere thanks for your continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming all students back after their Christmas break on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Merry Christmas from all at Hans Price Academy.





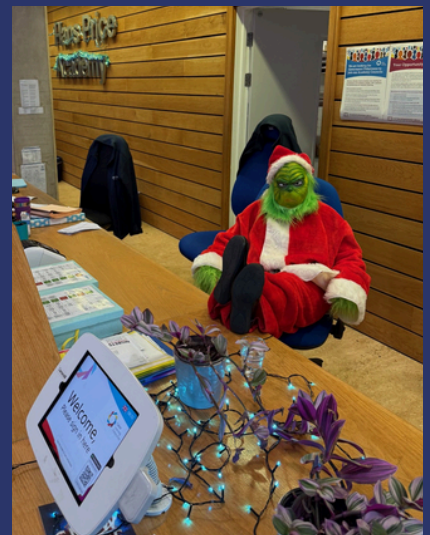
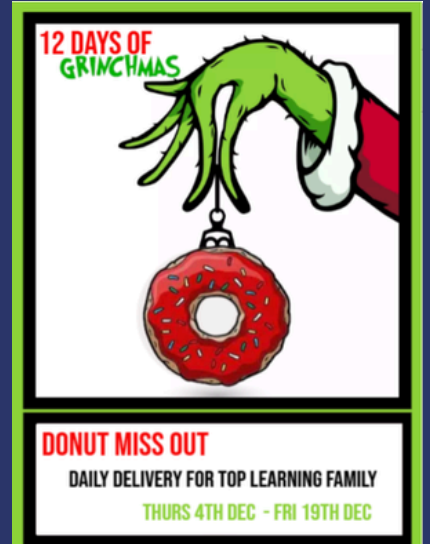
# TERM 3

We are looking forward to seeing all students back on

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Term 3 - A new year brings new chances.  
Make every day count!

# GRINCHMAS



# PROM RUN



Congratulations to the HPA runners who all got a medal for running in the December 1 mile run. We're aiming to double the numbers for the next run on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January (first Thursday after Christmas).

Please do sign up on the Weston Athletic Club website (emailed out earlier this month) over 72 hours before and get fit in 2026!.



# Dancing STAR



Aase in Year 10 has been busy taking her dance exams and gained two distinctions in ballet & modern jazz. She also auditioned for the Bridgwater pantomime. She was successful in gaining a senior role in their dance ensemble. She will be performing at the McMillan Theatre this Christmas in the production of Cinderella. Well done Aase!

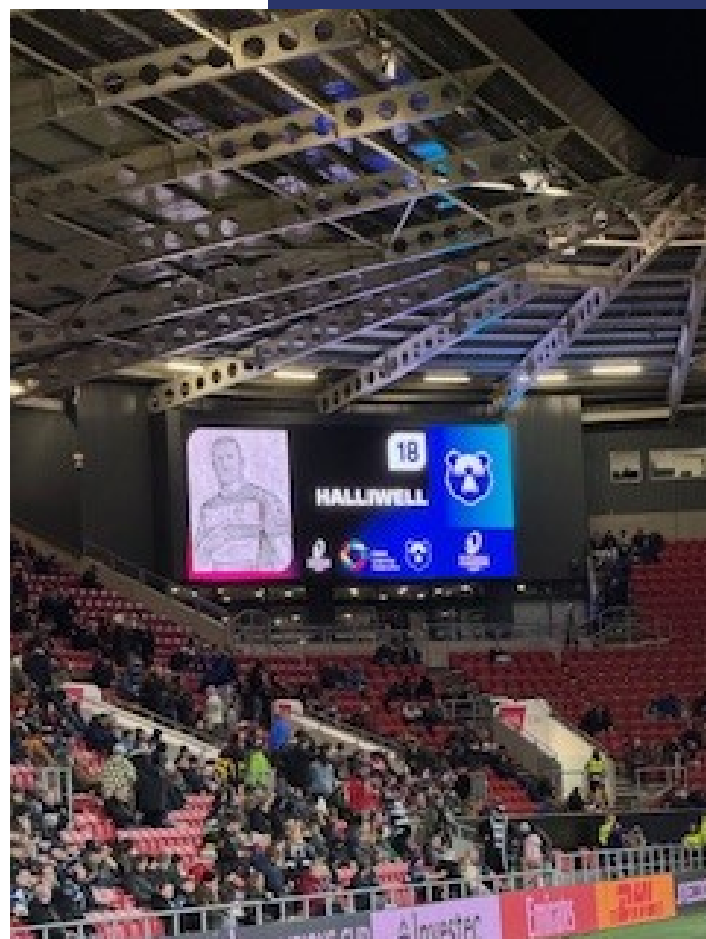


# BRISTOL BEARS CLF TAKEOVER



On December 14th, the Cabot Learning Federation hosted a special "CLF Take Over" at the Bristol Bears game. Ahead of the event, we were invited to submit two portraits of Bears players, so we launched a school-wide art competition. The response was incredible, with students producing outstanding work that truly showcased their creativity and skill. The organisers were so impressed by the quality of the entries that they asked us to submit even more portraits. An amazing recognition of our students' talent!

In the end, six talented students had their artwork selected to be displayed at the game, a fantastic achievement that made us all proud. As part of their prize, each winner received two tickets to the Bristol Bears match, giving them the chance to enjoy an unforgettable day of rugby and celebration. Congratulations to all our winners for their hard work and artistic flair - they represented our school brilliantly!



# ANTI-BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION



Earlier this term, we launched a creative challenge for students to design new anti-bullying posters to promote kindness and respect across our school community. The response was fantastic, with many thoughtful and impactful designs submitted. These posters are now proudly displayed around the school for all students to see, helping to reinforce the importance of standing up against bullying.

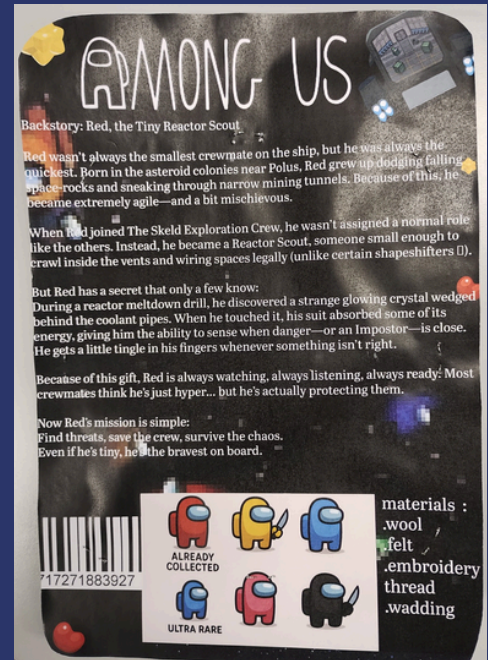
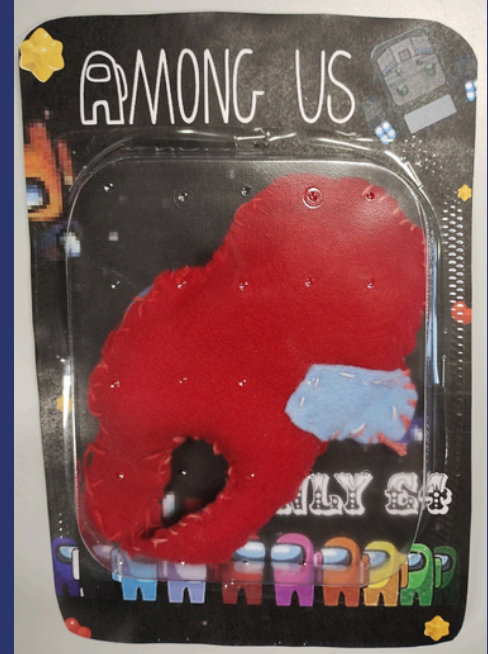
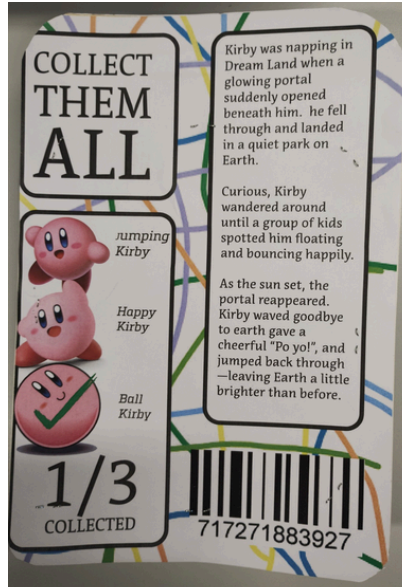
The winners of the competition received Hans Price Art badges in recognition of their efforts and creativity. Their work will remain on display throughout the year and will feature prominently until Anti-Bullying Week next year, serving as a powerful reminder of our commitment to a positive and inclusive environment. Congratulations to all who took part!



# TEXTILES



These are the latest mini monsters that we have been making in DT Textiles. The students really focused on packaging this term and making their hand sewn monsters look like professional products you could buy off the shelf in a toy shop.



# GCHQ Christmas Puzzle

Once again, students at HPA took part in this year's GCHQ Christmas Puzzle challenge in their maths lesson.

The UK intelligence agency revealed this year's challenge, which consisted of 7 puzzles designed to test skills from code-breaking and lateral thinking to ingenuity and perseverance.

In order to complete the challenge, classes worked in small groups to combine their skills, just like they do at the GCHQ.

Some students also had the opportunity in their maths lessons to learn about the history of GCHQ and Bletchley Park, and the key people involved in this area of work. They also learned about some of the jobs which people currently do there, like Cyber Security Analysts, Cryptographers and Linguists. Students also had the opportunity to learn about encrypting codes and made a cipher wheel to use to send coded messages to their peers for them to try to work out.



Each of the seven puzzles leads to a word, or in one case a phrase.

Write the answers into the appropriate boxes below, and then use just the letters on the front of the card to deduce a description of GCHQ's work.

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- 1 Somewhere on this card is a special seven letter word which has no repeated letters, and no letters which are next to each other in the alphabet. Can you find it?
- 2 There is some driftwood in these streams... but where should it be?  

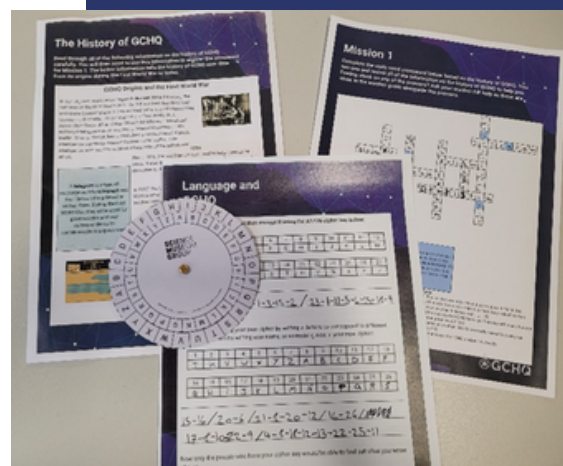
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- 3 The robber has to find a route through the house. He can't go through the same coloured door twice in a row, and cannot move against any arrows.  
Eventually he gets caught by the police. How was he acting?  

E	G	T	H
I	N		
R	A	B	K
D	F	Q	C
- 4 My gifts from Santa are wrapped in pairs this year - but which one is missing?  

L	S	I	W	E	A	P	E	T	E	R	R	S
C	M	O	N	S	U	T	E	L	E	R		
N	E	K	N	D	L	A	C	N	E	T		
C	J	O	O	B	S	O	A	O	O	L		
H	S	H	A	N	D	M	O	P	O	P		
- 5 The letters in TWO UV PAIRS have the values 0,1,2,...,9 in some order, with each letter representing a different digit.  
UV+UV+V=VAR  
R+P+P=AIR  
SO+SO=VOW  
What is 1234567?
- 6 Solve this code. It has lots of four-letter words!  
PIGMIHM DRP MHSIAMA QDMPM MBNDQ UTL-FMQQML NBLFP HRGMP.  
LTOY, ILFR, PRLR, ROOY, GRYP, TPDR, HIL, ARIB.  
PDM FMUQ R SFTM QI DML IWH HRGM OTQ SRH YIT WILE BQ ITQ?
- 7 Find an appropriate 7 letter word...  
✓ = letter in right place  
? = letter present, but in the wrong place  

?	?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?	?

Follow us or scan the QR code to find the answers soon!  
 @GCHQ



# Pasta MASTERCLASS



Nurture Hub students shine as they make pasta from scratch:

This term, our Nurture Hub students rolled up their sleeves, quite literally, as they learned to make fresh pasta from scratch. What began as a simple cooking activity quickly became a celebration of teamwork, confidence, and important life skills.

Under the guidance of staff, the group experimented with measuring, mixing, kneading, and using a traditional pasta machine to roll their dough into smooth sheets before making perfect spaghetti. For many students it was their first time using such equipment, and they showed wonderful determination as they tried new techniques and supported one another through each step.

One of the most impressive parts of the session was the teamwork on display. Students paired up to help feed the dough through the rolls, offering encouragement when the task became tricky and celebrating successes together. Laughter, problem-solving, and cooperation filled the room as they discovered that cooking is as much about communication as it is about ingredients.

Alongside the practical cooking skills, students also developed valuable life skills, patience, responsibility, independence and confidence to try something unfamiliar. These skills are at the heart of what the Nurture Hub aims to foster, and it was wonderful to see each student engaged and enthusiastic.

By the end of the session, the group had created delicious, fresh pasta they could proudly call their own. More importantly, they left with a real sense of achievement.

A huge well done to all students for their fantastic effort and engagement. We look forwards to many more opportunities to learn, create and celebrate together!



# NURTURE



It has been a busy term in Nurture as the SEMH team have led plenty of workshops and sessions for a range of students.

## Nurture Life Skills

As a new project for this academic year, Mrs Betts and Miss Cox have been running 'life skills' on a Tuesday afternoon for Nurture students including cooking, crafts, quizzes and important events such as Remembrance. Building trusted relationships with our students is key to what we do in Nurture, and so these Tuesday afternoons have been amazing for both students and staff in getting to know each other better and working on communication, teamwork and fine motor skills. We hope the students have enjoyed themselves as much as we have and we are looking forward to another term of fun and learning in 2026!



## Exam Stress Workshops

A group of Year 11 students were invited for an Exam Stress Workshop down in the Nurture work base to help understand coping strategies around the pressure of exams as well as looking after their own mental health. It was a really fun first session, with exploding coca cola and a stress bucket in tow. We have another session running in the final week of this term which will cover the physical symptoms of stress as well as mindfulness activities. The workshop is a space to air and share how exams have been feeling and certainly in the lead up to GCSEs, will be an opportunity to meet others going through the similar pressures. After the success of this term, we are looking to broaden this provision and invite others to come and join us very soon



# Year 10 Hospitality & Catering



Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Bristol Hotel, where they took part in an engaging workshop and enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the hotel's facilities.

During the visit, students were welcomed by members of the hotel's professional team, who shared valuable insights into the hospitality industry. The workshop gave students a chance to learn about key aspects of hotel operations, including customer service, food preparation, and the importance of teamwork in a fast-paced environment. Students were encouraged to ask questions and think about how the skills they are developing in lessons apply to real-world hospitality settings.

Hospitality and Catering teacher, Miss Cole said *"The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to see their learning brought to life and to gain inspiration for future careers in hospitality and catering. We would like to thank the team at the Bristol Hotel for their time, enthusiasm, and warm welcome, which made the experience both informative and memorable for our students."*



# Christmas Show

In the penultimate week of term we once again celebrated the amazing talent of Hans Price students with the Hans Price Christmas Show - another sell out performance! Bringing our community together for an evening filled with dance, singing and acting, with a huge pinch of festive cheer! From the moment the curtains opened, it was clear that an incredible amount of hard work, creativity and heart went into every moment.

Our talented performers showcased not only their skills, but also their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm; qualities that make us so proud in the Expressive Arts department at HPA. The amazing production from "KT productions" added an extra level of magic to the event.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved: the performers, the backstage crew and our staff who spend a great deal of time ensuring these shows are of such fantastic quality. A massive thank you also goes to the families who came to support the event, we truly appreciate the ongoing support.



# For SALE



Hans Price 750ml water bottles in college colours

£3.50 available on ScoPay



STAY  
hydrated

# Year 11 Next Steps and Guide to Post-16

## Education

As an Academy, we support all Year 11 students to prepare for their next steps and Post-16 choices. During Year 11 we host Post-16 assemblies, delivered by a variety of external providers, to highlight the wide-ranging opportunities at Post-16 including College, Sixth Form and apprenticeship routes.

Every student in Year 11 will receive a 1:1 career guidance session with myself, Jackie Fielding, Careers Adviser, to prepare for Post-16 applications. As a school we can support students with their applications where needed. I will provide a monthly Careers and Post-16 events calendar to be sure all students and families have up to date and relevant information to inform their choices. This will be a regular feature in the school newsletter. We strongly recommend students, parents and carers visit as many of these events as possible.

Whilst most Post-16 providers are flexible with application deadlines, as a guide, we recommend all students should have made at least two applications by the Christmas holidays. Please be aware School 6th Forms have strict December/January application deadlines.

If you feel you or your child would like additional support 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.

### A Brief Guide to Post-16 Qualifications and Routes

**'T' levels & BTECs:** Ideal for students with one specific subject or vocational area in mind, with a practical and 'hands on' learning style and an emphasis on work experience. This is a mix of practical assignments and some exams. Equivalent to 3 A levels with routes into university, apprenticeships and the world of work.

**'A' levels:** Ideal for students who perform well in exams, enjoy the classroom environment and would like to study 3 or sometimes 4 subjects. For students with clear aspirations for university or those who do not have one specific subject area in mind and would like to keep their options open. Also, for routes into apprenticeships and the world of work.

**Apprenticeships:** Ideal for students who are looking to leave the classroom behind and enter the world of work. Apprenticeships are a full-time job with a day a week at college or assessment in the workplace.

Apprenticeships require a high level of maturity to apply for vacancies, be interviewed and secure a role.

**Foundation Learning:** Foundation Learning is available at most colleges for students with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and barriers to learning.



# Careers and Post-16 Events Calendar December/January



Provider	Event	Date & Time	More Information
Hans Price Academy	1-1 Career Guidance Meeting with Mrs. Fielding Students will be collected from lessons	September onwards	For more information contact: Jackie.fielding@clf.uk  (01934) 630836 ext:1340
Bridgwater and Taunton College Bridgwater Campus TA6 4PZ	Open Day	Wednesday 14th January  6pm - 8pm	To register: <a href="#">Bridgwater College Open Evening</a>
City of Bristol College	Open Event	Saturday 17th January 10am-1pm	To register: <a href="#">City of Bristol Open Day</a>
SGS All Campuses	Open Day	Open Day 24th Jan 2026 - 10am - 1pm	<a href="#">SGS Open Day</a>
Become an Apprentice	Apprenticeship Information	Online Research Only	<a href="#">Apprenticeship Advice &amp; Guidance</a>  <a href="#">Register &amp; Search for an Apprenticeship</a>

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**THATCHERS**  
— TALENT PROGRAMME —

DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS AT MYRTLE FARM...



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:  
THATCHERS OPEN DAY - SAT 14 FEB 2026**

Apprenticeships are increasing in popularity with students & young people and we're delighted to be hosting this annual event giving both prospective applicants and their families the opportunity to discover our world of apprenticeships. The day will give them the chance to dive deeper into the career opportunities available as an apprentice here at Thatchers.

During the day, participants will be able to take part in workshops, tour Myrtle Farm and meet the apprentices (past & present) to get a real insight into how a Thatchers apprenticeship could kick start careers.

**CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE THATCHERS  
TALENT PROGRAMME**

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*Register for the  
Thatchers Talent Open day  
2026!*

*Our LinkTree*



# CREATIVE AND GAMES CLUB FOR

New!

## Young Carers

New!

This is in addition to Monday's  
Young Carers Lunch Club in G2

### Are you a Young Carer?

Come and chat with other young carers, there will be a creative activity you can do if you wish or games to play.

Biscuits will be available!

#### Starting in January 2026!!

\*Year 7 and 8

\*Tuesday after school 3-  
4pm

\*Room A7

Plus, a 1-2-1 drop  
in for Young Carers  
to speak to one of  
the counsellors.

The definition of a Young Carer is someone under the age of 18 years old that lives with a person with a medical condition - either physical or mental.

If you would like any more information email  
Miss Davis, Young Carers Lead: [andi.davis@clf.uk](mailto:andi.davis@clf.uk) or  
Jess Foster, Student Counsellor: [Jessica.foster@clf.uk](mailto:Jessica.foster@clf.uk)

# LOST PROPERTY



Lost Property will be displayed in Reception at 2.30pm every Friday from January

Please come into Reception to claim your lost items





# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Hans Price Academy is seeking support from local businesses and companies to sponsor new playing kits for our school sports teams.

Your support would help our students feel proud and confident when representing the Academy in fixtures and competitions, while also strengthening links between the school and the local community.

Any level of sponsorship would be greatly appreciated and would make a real difference to our students.

Interested in supporting us?



if interested, please  
make contact with  
our Head of PE:  
Mr Purnell:  
[luke.purnell@clf.uk](mailto:luke.purnell@clf.uk)  
01934 629307

# Sport at HPA



Year 11s in their Somerset Cup match against Wellsway were victorious with a 4-2 win and advanced into the next round in January. Goal Scorers: Alessio O x2, Freddie O'C and Seth R.



The Year 10s competed in the North Somerset Rugby Tournament and they came away with 3 wins out of 3 and didn't concede a point all day! Try scorers: Ryley L x5, Alex W x2, Cam J x3, Franek K, Davids M x2 and Leighton S.



# Sport at HPA

Year 9s in the 'Dynamik' Basketball National League won their first game vs Millfield.



The Year 9 boys football team were knocked out of the Somerset Cup after a 3-1 defeat against Pyrland School from Taunton. The boys were unlucky and the score certainly doesn't tell the full story of the game. Player of the match was David for his rocket of a free kick.



# FREE BUS TRAVEL



Around 150,000 children in Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire aged from 5-15 years old can benefit from free bus travel again this winter – just by hopping on board, with no bus pass or registration required.

Over the seven weeks of the summer holidays, more than 910,000 free journeys saw almost £1 million put back into the pockets of parents and carers through Kids Go Free. The top word used by people to describe the scheme was “money-saving”.

Local visitor attractions and retail centres saw an uplift in footfall during that time. Radstock (+16.1%), Bath (+15.8%) Midsomer Norton (+14.4%), Yate and Chipping Sodbury (+12.2%) saw the largest increases in spending, and all also performed above the UK-average for August. Bristol BID data shows that non-essential spend (entertainment, hospitality etc) increased by 3.5% (almost £100,000) year-on-year, above the national average; Visit West surveyed attractions in the city enjoying their busiest post-pandemic July and almost back to their 2021 peak level for August.

Kids Go Free is being funded using some of the £13.5 million Bus Grant funding secured from the Department for Transport by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.

Councillor Mike Bell, Leader of North Somerset Council, said:

*“We want to make it easier for families to choose the bus, especially at Christmas when the roads are busiest and budgets are tight. By offering free bus travel for children during the festive season, we’re helping families save money, reduce congestion, and enjoy a more relaxed, shared journey experience. I hope this encourages more people to give the bus a try this Christmas and discover how convenient it can be.”*

The Christmas offer will run on all registered commercial and supported bus services starting in Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, with limited exemptions to be set out in due course on the Travelwest website – e.g. for airport services.



# IMPORTANT DATES



Date	Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term - <b>Students finish at 12.45pm</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day - Academy closed to students
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Forum - 5.30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Music Show - 7pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Nurture Parents' Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Inset Day - Academy closed to students
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4 Japan Trip Departs Year 11 Mock Exams begin
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day - Academy closed to students

# MY CHILD AT SCHOOL

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE  
MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP?

With the app you can:

- View daily attendance
- View and amend contact details we hold about you
- View your child's timetable
- Track I.S (Homework)
- View published reports
- Track behaviour and achievements

The app is free to download and easy to use.  
Compatible on smart phone, tablet or PC.

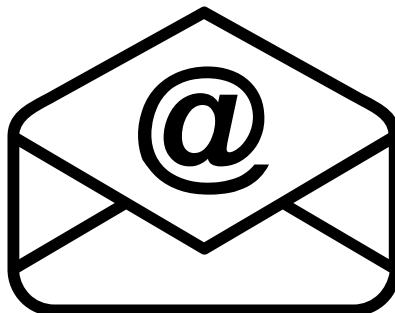
To register, please visit:

[mychildatschool.com](http://mychildatschool.com)

or contact:

[mcas@hpa.clf.uk](mailto:mcas@hpa.clf.uk) for more help

Please ensure your email boxes are  
not full to allow the MCAS emails to  
get through to you





**Hans Price**  
Academy

# 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"

## WIDER SAFEGUARDING TEAM



**MR DREW**

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD & PREVENT LEAD

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



**MRS PHIPPEN**

DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



**MISS DAVIS**

DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



**MRS VOLK**

ACADEMY COUNCILLOR SAFEGUARDING LINK



**MISS MILSOM**

ANTI-BULLYING CO-ORDINATOR



**If you're worried about a child:**

- 0808 800 5000
- help@nspcc.org.uk
- 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.  
**01275 888 808**

# BREAKFAST CLUB

**7:45am - 8:10am**

**Every day**

**Free to all students**

**Start the day right with bagels/toast  
& jam and fresh juice.**

**See Mr Drew for more information or  
just show up.**

