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# HPA Newsletter



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Welcome to our June Newsletter. This month marks a significant milestone for our Year 11 students, who have now completed their exams. Throughout the examination period, they consistently demonstrated high expectations and unwavering ambition. We are confident that their hard work will be rewarded on results day, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements. We recently held their leavers' assembly and are eagerly anticipating Prom on Friday, where we will continue to honour their successes and time at Hans Price Academy.

Last week, our Year 10 students had the opportunity to explore future career paths during a taster day with Weston College. Students selected from a range of career-focused experiences — from snake warden to professional chef — across several college sites. As always, Hans Price students approached the day with enthusiasm and professionalism, and the feedback from college staff was exemplary.

This month has also highlighted the exceptional sporting talent within our academy. Students have competed in a variety of national competitions, including dodgeball and touch rugby. On Friday, we proudly live-streamed our students' touch rugby game with highlights available on our social media channels. All students represented the academy with pride, and you can find more details of their successes throughout this newsletter.

Looking ahead, we have two upcoming INSET days — Friday 4th and Monday 7th July. We are also excited for Sports Day on Tuesday 8th July, where students will compete for College points across a variety of events, from tug-of-war to shot put. We kindly remind all students to come prepared for warm weather with water bottles and sun cream.

We hope you enjoy everything this newsletter has to offer and wish you a restful and enjoyable summer - **Mr Donald, Vice Principal**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 4th July:	Inset Day
Monday 7th July:	Inset Day
Tuesday 8th July:	Sports Day
Wednesday 9th July:	Year 10 Employability Day
Thursday 10th July:	Sports Awards Evening
Friday 11th July:	Year 8 Science Fair
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July:	Rock of Ages Musical
Friday 18th July:	Year 10 Rewards Trip
Monday 21st July:	Thorpe Park Trip
Tuesday 22nd July:	End of academic year—students finish at 12.45pm



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# Mendip Activity Centre Trip

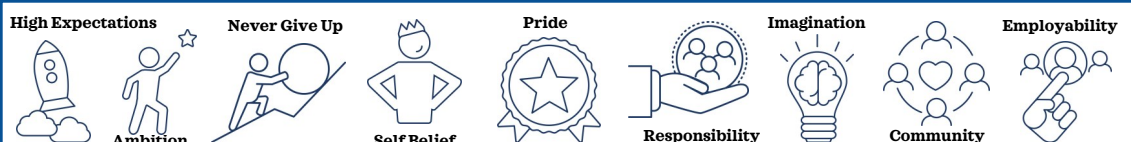


On 19th June, the South Bristol Youth cohort took a trip to the Mendip Activity Centre to take part in raft building and an assault course. The day was very hot so the students could not wait to jump in the water to cool off! The morning consisted of the students working in teams to build their raft and then testing them out on the water to stay afloat! Thankfully all rafts were well built and stayed in one piece!

In the afternoon we then sent the students through an assault course where they got very muddy and once again, wet! The students were great all day and coped so well in the scorching heat! They were good fun and up for the challenge!



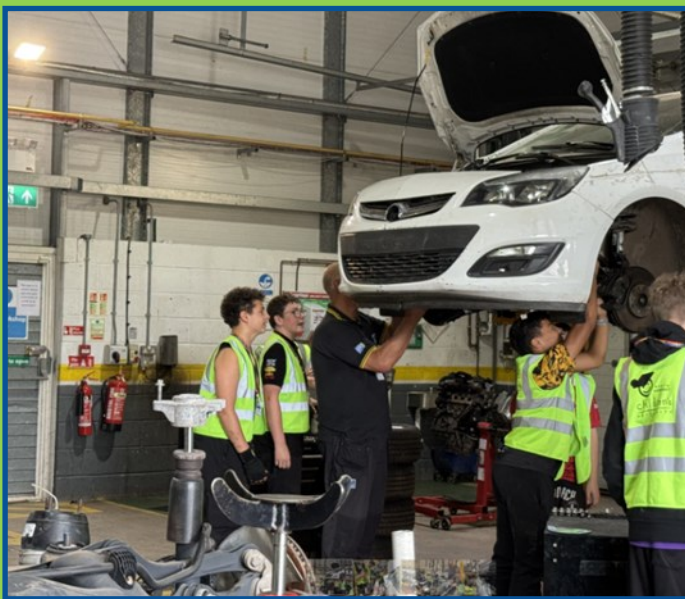
Our next trip take place on the 11th July where we will taking a train and boat ride to ZaZa Bazaar in Bristol! We cannot wait to stuff our faces with yummy food!



# Weston College Mini Taster Day



On the 11th June a group of Year 9 students took a trip to Weston College for a mini taster day. We visited the motor vehicle department, where the students got to be hands on with the cars. Students were changing break pads, removing wheels and putting them back on. The students were amazing and were focussed for the whole session. In the afternoon we took a tour of the college and the different departments. This included the plumbing, electronics, plastering and engineering areas. Students then had a presentation about the different apprenticeships and courses available at the college in these departments.



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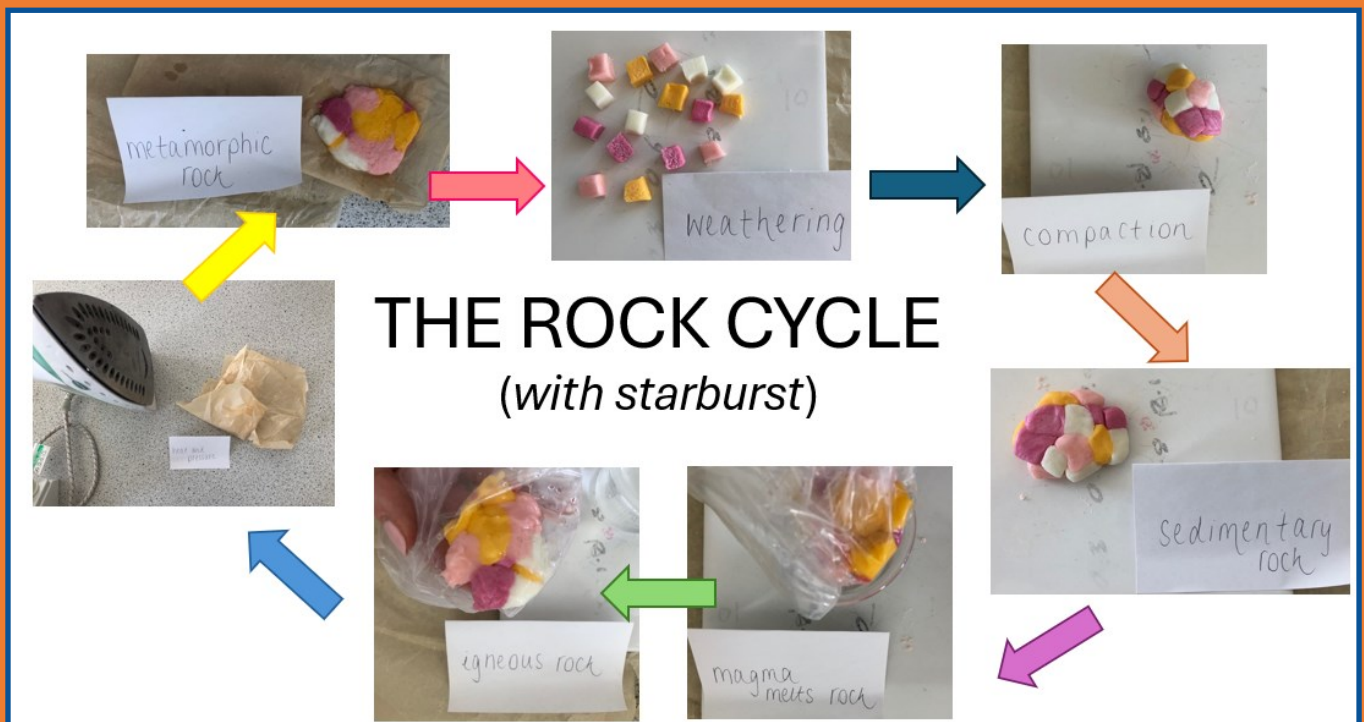
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# Rock Cycle

Scientists in Year 8 have been studying the Rock Cycle, and this week put their knowledge into practice whilst modelling with Starburst! Models are a really helpful way to show the relationship between scientific concepts and the real world.

We hope this shows how science experiments can take place at home too!



# DNA

Scientists in Year 9 have been learning about the structure of DNA. They then used scientific methods to extract it from strawberries.

The purple substance you can see is the DNA found in a strawberry!

We may just have the next field of geneticists heading out for a career in science from Hans Price Academy.



# Creative Writing



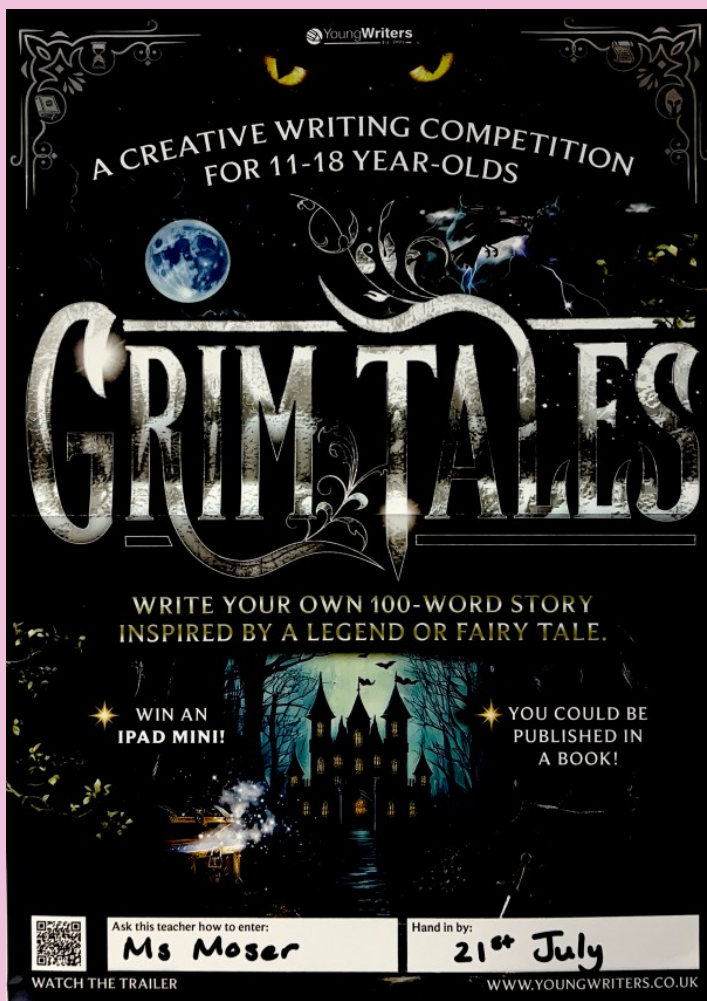
## Do you enjoy creative writing?

Have you ever dreamt about being a published writer?

Ms Moser is looking for entries for the final Young Writers competition of this academic year, Grim Tales. Write your own 100-word story inspired by a legend or fairy tale.

Will you twist traditional fairy tales, set myths in modern times, give folklore a fresh perspective or create a brand-new legend? From cautionary tales and thrilling mysteries to surprising plot twists, the possibilities are endless!

Come and see Ms Moser in LS5b if you require any further information or would like an entry form. The deadline date for submissions is Monday 21st July.



Congratulations to: Izzy. C (C8), Rainbow. D (C8) and Louise. B (C1). These amazing entries have now been published and are available in the library to read!



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# UKMT Junior Kangaroo



Following on from our successful UKMT Junior Maths Challenge in May, we entered five Year 7 and 8 students for the Junior Kangaroo follow-on round in June.

The students had to sit an hour long multiple choice paper consisting of 25 questions. Questions are awarded 5 or 6 marks each and the maximum score is 135.

The results were:

Year 7 – Charlie B 63, Ioan Z 51 and Antoni S 101(Silver)

Year 8 – Leo C 89 (Bronze) and Henry L 100 (Bronze)

Henry earned the title of Best in Year and narrowly missed out on a Silver award, and Antoni earned the title of Best in School.

Huge congratulations to them all! They worked exceptionally hard to prepare for it and should be really proud of themselves.



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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

Fin W (5), Erica-Rose H (5), Daisy A (5), Alana G (15), Seth H (15), Keeyan H (15), Isla W (20), Archie-Lee S (20), Korben M (20), Bartek J (20), Harper M (20), Freddie M (20), Ulfat S (20), Orson G (20), Riley P (20), Pamela D (20), Jacob W (20), Tyler M (20), Jack B (20), Niamh C (20), Ariana A (20), Nathan P (20), Brooke F (20), Ella A (20), Myia T (20), Ruby B (20), Ronelle B (20), Elliot R (20), Caitlin C (20), Jacob D-H (25), Leighton R (25), Bella G (25), Blake B (25), Tia S (25), Finlay F (25), Zofia K (30), Michal M (30), Raphael O (30), Seb V-G (30), Jennifer A (40), Darius M (65).

## Year 8

Charlie T (5), Morgan A (5), Harry B (5), Noah W (5), Chantelle D (10), Nathaniel A (10), Lilly G (15), Yoshi H (15), Thomas W (10), Ronnie R (20), Harlee H (25), Rostyslav C (25), Riley G (30), Tommy C (30), Alana J (35), Will P (35), Gracie W (35), Maci – Rae B (35), Gabi S (35), Ari D (35), Lianna H (35), Caitlin S (35), Isabella A (35), Jacob R-L (35), Alfie D (35), Bethany B (35), Amelia J (35), William C (35), Uyiosa Akos O (40), Ollie H (40), Matthew D (40), Coby E (40), Dylan M (40), Freddie F (40), Nikola P (40), Lyla M (40), Layla M (45), Tilly P (45), Mateusz G (45), Jacob B (50), Emelia D (60), Harley-D B (80), Kaitlyn K (85), Saad M (105), Joel W (115).

## Year 9

Payton F (5), Sookie R (5), Conrad F (5), Bobbie R (5), Summer P (5), Leo-Prince K (5), Victor F (10), Tyler B (10), Shaylen C (10), Amelia L (15), Harry G (20), Lauren P (25), Taelor-Rae P (30), Laila W (30), Ruby B (30), Greyson S (30), Maisie P (35), Haithem F (35), Maddison O (35), Michelle A (45), Sydney S (45), Rainbow D (45), Kobi M (45), Emme P (45), Daniel G (45), Peyton-Jace D (45), Maximilian K (45), Charlotte M (50), Joseph T (50), Louise B (50), Jake N (50), Nadia Z (50), Emilia S (50), Ella M (55), Georgina B (55), Charlotte B (55), Patryk (55), Aimee B (55), Charli M (55), Skye J (60), Mia B (60), Lily-Rose M (60), Amy-Natta D (65), Harmoni S (65), Zarina N (65), Julia O (65), Kieran S (95).

### Year 7 Leaderboard

Charlie B	Level 102
Riley G	Level 70
Darius M	Level 65

### Year 8 Leaderboard

Kytati K	Level 432
Olivier N	Level 294
Klouise R	Level 163

### Year 9 Leaderboard

Faaizah O	Level 215
Bailey Y	Level 104
Kieran S	Level 95



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# Helping Students Stay Safe on Social Media



## Guidance for Parents & Carers of 11–16-Year-Olds

At Hans Price Academy, we are committed to supporting our students' wellbeing, both in and out of school. With the growing use of social media and video chat apps among young people, it is important that families and schools work together to promote safe, respectful, and healthy digital habits.

## Popular Social Media & Video Chat Apps

	App	What it does	Risks to be aware of	Minimum age
	Snapchat	Sends photos/videos that disappear	Location sharing, pressure to reply instantly	13+
	TikTok	Watch & create short videos	Exposure to harmful content, private messaging	13+
	Instagram	Share pictures, stories, go live	FOMO (fear of missing out), body image issues, strangers contacting	13+
	WhatsApp	Private and group chats, video calls	Limited parental controls, unfiltered group chats	16+
	Discord	Chat in groups (servers), video chat	Inappropriate content, contact with strangers	13+
	OME.TV	Random video chat with strangers	No age checks, adult content	18+



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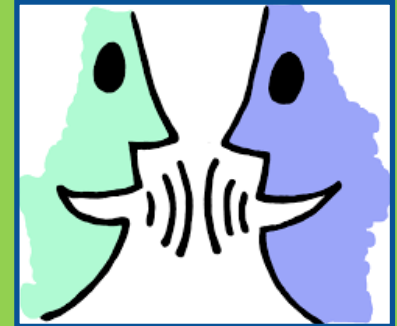
# Helping Students Stay Safe on Social Media



## Talk, Don't Just Monitor

Open conversation is the most powerful tool you have. Try asking:

- “What apps do your friends use most?”
- “Have you ever seen anything online that worried you?”
- “Do you know how to block or report someone?”



These conversations build trust and teach your child how to be responsible online.

## Safety Tips for Home

- Review privacy settings together regularly.
- Encourage thinking before sharing — “Would I be OK if a teacher or grandparent saw this?”
- Limit screen time, especially before bed.
- Discuss online reputation — once it's online, it can be permanent.
- Encourage reporting — either to the platform, the school, or the police if needed.

## You're Not Alone

Even the most switched-on young people need guidance. If you're unsure about an app or a situation, here are some great resources:

- [childnet.com](http://childnet.com)
- [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org)
- [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)

## Let's Work Together

By staying engaged and informed, we can help every student at Hans Price Academy use technology to connect, learn, and thrive — safely.

If you have any concerns or need advice, please contact the Pastoral or Safeguarding Team at the academy. [Safeguarding@hpa.clf.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@hpa.clf.uk)



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# E-Bikes

## What is a legal E-Bike?

In the UK, an electric bike must meet the following criteria to be legally used on public roads without a license or insurance:

- Have pedals that can be used to propel it.
- The motor must not exceed 250 watts.
- The motor must only assist while pedaling.
- Motor assistance must cut off at 15.5 mph (25 km/h).
- Riders must be 14 years or older.



These bikes are known as Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs).

## What About 500W or 1000W E-Bikes?

E-bikes with motors over 250W (such as 500W or 1000W models) are not legal for use on public roads, cycle paths, or pavements. They are classified as motor vehicles and require:

- A valid driving license
- Insurance and registration
- Helmet use
- Use only on private land with permission

Using these more powerful e-bikes without meeting legal requirements can result in fines, points on a license, or the bike being seized.

## Keeping Everyone Safe



We encourage all families to check the specifications of any e-bike before purchase or use. If you are unsure whether a bike is road-legal, please feel free to reach out for guidance.

Thank you for helping us keep our community informed and safe.

Please note that any bike that does not comply with UK law and EAPC standards will not be allowed school site.



# Careers and Post-16



Provider	Event	Date	Information
<b>Bristol City, Robins Foundation</b>	Q&A Session (Online Q+A) via Microsoft Teams	7th July 6:30pm	Register: <a href="#">Bristol Robins Foundation Open Event</a>
<b>Dan Aldridge Summer School</b>	Summer Workshop	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> July & Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	To register see the flyer on the next page
<b>Bridgwater &amp; Taunton College</b>	Summer School  Various subjects	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August  10am- 3pm	Booking Essential: <a href="#">Bridgwater &amp; Taunton College Summer School</a>

If you would like any support with Year 11 Post-16 transition, applications or course choices, or have any questions about any of these events, please contact: Jackie Fielding, Careers Adviser, email: [Jackie.Fielding@clf.uk](mailto:Jackie.Fielding@clf.uk) or Direct Dial: (01934) 630836 ext.1340.

## Summer Holiday Volunteering Opportunity

**Spare time over the summer?**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

We need volunteers aged 14+ to talk to children about their reading and hand out rewards.

Find out more at:  
[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/src-volunteering](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/src-volunteering)

Or scan the code below to apply



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# Summer School Workshop



## Dan Aldridge MP Summer School workshop

For students aged 14-18 (Year 9 onwards), free, 2-day workshop focusing on how politics, campaigning, technology, AI, creative arts, and social media are shaping our world.

**Register interest here!**

# DAN ALDRIDGE MP

*Summer School*

**10am - 5pm >> 31<sup>st</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup> August >> The Grand Pier**

- » Are you 14-18? Eager to make your mark on Weston and the world? Dan Aldridge's MP Summer School is for you!
- » Politics, campaigning, technology, AI, creative arts, social media - they're all shaping our world. Join our summer school to learn how to use them for good!
- » Discover new careers, hear inspiring talks, network with industry experts, local politicians, MPs, and global companies. The world is coming to Weston. Don't miss out!
- » To register your interest, use the QR code above!

 **DAN ALDRIDGE**  
Member of Parliament for Weston-super-Mare



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# PTFA



Hans Price Academy are looking for members of our community to join our **Parent Teachers Friends Association** for the upcoming academic year.

Register your interest by sending an email to [info@hpa.clf.uk](mailto:info@hpa.clf.uk)

- ◆ Have a voice in school decisions and improvements
- ◆ Meet other parents, carers and staff and build community
- ◆ Help organise fun events like fairs, discos and raffles
- ◆ Support fundraising for school resources and activities
- ◆ Make a positive difference in students' school experience
- ◆ Share your ideas and skills to benefit the school
- ◆ Stay informed about what's happening in the school
- ◆ Show your child you're involved in their education



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# Free Bus Travel



Free bus travel will be available for all children and young people under the age of 16 throughout the school summer holidays, within North Somerset and the West of England.

No registration or bus pass needed - they can just hop on board for free from **Saturday 19 July to Friday 5 September**.

About 150,000 children and young people could benefit from this initiative, which covers North Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, and South Gloucestershire.

Fewer car journeys means less congestion and cleaner air for everyone and this initiative is a ticket to opportunity and connection as well as a greener future.

Adults can also make the most of some of the lowest fares in the country following the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority and North Somerset Council working with First Bus to keep fares for most passengers 20 per cent lower than the government's £3 cap.

The free summer initiative is on all registered commercial and supported bus services with limited exemptions, such as the airport services.

Children under five already travel for free on the majority of services in the West of England.

This summer initiative is subject to the final approvals process being completed, as agreed and delegated by committee in January. It is being funded using some of the £13.5m of Bus Grant funding secured from the Department for Transport by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.



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# Weston AFC



This month Weston Super Mare AFC Academy U13s and U15s travelled to the Netherlands to compete in The Veluwe Trophy.

They competed against teams from all over Europe and had an amazing experience making memories. Both teams ended up winning their tournaments!

5 students and 1 staff member from HPA were in attendance:

For the U15s (Year 10):  
Mr Hartley - U15s coach  
Finley A  
Frazer S  
Alessio O

For the U13s (Year 8)  
Nathaniel A  
Matty D



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# Junior NBA Finals



Our Year 8s made it through to the South West Junior NBA Finals day which took place at Gloucester University. They unfortunately lost their conference final to a strong Orchard School team, but were victorious in the 3rd place play off against Monkton Wood Academy and took home the bronze medal.



Ollie Y was victorious in the Year 8 shooting competition.



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# NFL Flag Football National Finals



Our U13 Mixed Flag football team reached the national finals and played at Leeds Beckett University this month. We travelled up the night before and stayed at Headingley Cricket ground. The students were a credit to the Academy and we ended up finishing 9th overall in England, Scotland and Wales. The students were in awe of the congratulatory messages they received from 2 current Baltimore Ravens players in the NFL.



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# National Schools Touch Rugby Finals



After some fantastic performances at the recent South West championships in Clifton, Hans Price travelled to Oxford to represent the region with 55 young athletes. Across the day against the best teams in England our 6 teams scored an impressive 56 tries. Perhaps our biggest achievement was our Year 9 and 10 boys team being awarded the values award for the best sportsmanship in the competition.

Well done to all of the players involved and thank you to the parents for encouraging your children to the 7.15am training sessions throughout the year.

**Year 7&8 Boys - 4th in England**  
**MVP: Alex W**



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# National Schools Touch Rugby Finals



**Year 9/10 Mixed Team: 6th in England**  
**MVP: Jacob A**



**Year 7/8 Mixed Team: 5th in England**  
**MVP: Travis J**



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# National Schools Touch Rugby Finals



**Year 9/10 Boys Team: 5th in England**  
**MVP: Seth R**



**Year 9/10 Girls Team: 6th in England**  
**MVP: Izzy C**



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# Breakfast Club



## *Hans Price* **BREAKFAST CLUB**



**START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BAGELS/TOAST & JAM**

Open daily, to everyone. 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"

### WIDER SAFEGUARDING TEAM



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



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.

**01275 888 808**



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