

March 2025

Edition #7

HPA Newsletter



Welcome



Contents:

- Welcome and Dates
- Japan 2025
- Year 10 Tassomai
- Year 11 Dance
- Sport @ HPA
- International Women's Day
- Oddballs
- Careers & Post-16 Events
- SPARX Maths
- Outward Bound
- New Resource Base
- Breakfast Club
- Safeguarding

Welcome to our March newsletter. The Easter holiday is fast approaching after a busy and brilliant term! We continue to be impressed with the hard work, commitment and mutual respect shown by our whole school community.

As always, we have a lot to celebrate! Our Year 10 students have recently completed their work experience placements and were fantastic ambassadors for our academy. We have also had a number of successful events including World Book Day and our Expressive Cup. As always, I am blown away with the remarkable range of competitions which ensure that every child has an opportunity to participate and feel a sense of belonging to their College. It reminds all of us how truly special our culture is.

Our Year 11s are fast approaching their GCSE exams and have recently had their "PPE Results Day". It is great to see our cohort working hard and trying their very best in their exams. At the time of writing to you, our Year 11s have 13 school days of opportunity to prepare themselves for the real exams in May and June. Our results show year on year that students make excellent progress when they are in everyday, Ready to Learn, and making the most of every opportunity given to them such as holiday revision sessions and morning "Toast it" sessions.

Term 5 is set to be another busy and exciting term for the students at HPA and as ever, attendance to school continues to be a high priority. Being in everyday supports your child in making excellent progress and feeling a sense of belonging to our academy

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support. Our partnership, along with the commitment of our staff, really does enable your child to thrive and be their very best. Have a fantastic Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday

Adrian Esch, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 2nd April:	DofE Practice Expedition
Thursday 3rd April:	Easter Show 7pm
Friday 4th April:	End of Term
Tuesday 22nd April:	Start of Term 5
Wednesday 23rd April:	Year 9 Vaccinations
Thursday 1st May:	Junior Maths Challenge
	Year 8 Subject Evening
Monday 5th May:	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6th May:	GCSEs begin



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Pride



Self Belief

Responsibility



Responsibility

Imagination



Community



Community

Employability



Employability

Japan 2025



18 students from Hans Price Academy travelled to Tokyo, Japan, for our second international cultural exchange program. The students spent time with students from Shinagawa Shouei Senior High School presenting to the international English class as well as a packed itinerary visiting temples, famous landmarks and lots of exciting days out.

This is our second year of being able to attend this trip as part of successful government funding applications. We will be applying again to take another cohort in 2026 and if successful will be offered to students in Year 10 and 11 who show excellent commitment to our Hans Price values.



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



Japan 2025



Below is a few comments from the students who attended:

Emma G - *I feel so privileged to have been able to embark on the trip to Tokyo earlier this year. I couldn't have asked for a better experience: the outings, the days we spent together - everything seemed perfect.*

The ten days began with visiting Shinagawa High School, a highlight of the trip. As individuals, we were each instructed to produce a presentation based on a subject of our choice. I chose Performing Arts at HPA as my topic. Everyone presented well and accurately demonstrated pride in what they had produced. We then took part in more recreational activities which included TeamLab, visiting temples, shopping trips, and on our last day, Disneyland.

By the end of the trip we had all received awards by the teachers, which were based on our attitude throughout the trip. My favourite amongst the awards was Austin's: "Most likely to become a sumo wrestler". We all also received a small prize to accompany the award. I was given a ruler (how fun!).

I greatly appreciated the experience we had, and I especially enjoyed the bond we all made as a group. I would have never thought I would become so close to people within a span of ten days.

I am so glad to have had the opportunity to go on this trip and I hope it will be available to many others in years to come.

Nive N - *One of my favourite days in Japan was visiting a local Japanese school, where I had the chance to meet the students and teachers. It was such an exciting experience to see how their school life was different from mine. The students were so welcoming, and I quickly made new friends. We laughed, shared stories, and even learned a few Japanese words from them. The teachers were kind and engaging, making us feel right at home.*



Another unforgettable experience was going to Disneyland for the first time. The park was magical, and thanks to Miss Angel, we managed to fit in so many rides. Each attraction was exciting, and the atmosphere was truly incredible. Trying different foods there, especially the barbecues, was such a unique experience. It added a special touch to the adventure.

This entire trip wouldn't have been the same without our amazing teachers Mr Tong, Miss Angel, and Mrs Skidmore. They made sure we had the best time, guiding us through every step and making the experience unforgettable. I'm so grateful for their support and for making this trip such a wonderful journey filled with learning, fun, and amazing memories.

Mathew C - *I enjoyed Japan as the scenery was breath-taking, wandering through the streets with just a smile across my face. Moments like seeing the view from Tokyo Sky Tree and seeing Tokyo at night time was an experience I will never forget. Although, one of the best experiences was spending time with my friends in school while meeting the other students bonding over the differences in our cultures. My favourite experience was going to the Pokémon Centre as it was nostalgic and sparked a child-like behaviour in me.*



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



Year 10 Tassomai Challenge



By the end of the academic year we are asking all Year 10 students to complete their English and Science Tassomai course to a completion rate of 50%. Tassomai is an online learning platform that helps develop students' knowledge to get the best possible grades in their Summer exams in Year 11.

Tassomai makes learning easier to revise at home, at school or on the move. Students just need to log in and start answering quizzes and the intelligent algorithm prioritises the right topics for your child to ensure they get the focused learning they need.

Please see below the highest achievers in Year 10 currently who are making the most progress with their completion of Tassomai. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their Daily Goals.

English Tassomai Completion

Over 20% - Alaina J, Alesha F, Archie H, Aston J, Ava B, Bogdan-Gabriel S, Donna-Ella D, Dylan L-J, Eric S, Freddie L, James F, Jessica S, Lillie D, Malu A, Megan H, Megan Y, Travis S

Over 25% - Alexander D, Catrin W, Chloe U-L, Francesca Y, Haydn S, Jeshurun B, Medow B

Over 30% - Benedict E, Emma G, Jayden G

Over 40% - Sid B

Science Tassomai Completion

Over 20% - Abdelrahim T, Adunola A, Alexis L, Anesu C, Callum W, Carys C, Charlie E, Daniela A, Dhruvath V, Elijah M, Elissa F, Eric S, Ethan N, Ethan W, Fin E, Freddie L, Gemma C, George K, Janice A, Jin Hau C, Joshua A, Kaci L, Kyai H, Leo J, Lillie D, Lily P, Maggie B, Maja F, Malu A, Nicholas M, Oliver R, Pawel D, Ruby P. Theo L, Travis S, Viktor P, Will E

Over 25% - Alesha F, Alex H, Alexander D, Archie H, Aston J, Ava B, Catrin W, Chloe Y-L, Donna-Ella D, Dylan L-J, Francesca Y, Haydn S, James F, Jessica S, Julia S, Kaitlyn W, Medow B, Nadia P, Veron C

Over 30% - Jayden G, Jeshurun B, Maja J, Mathew C, Megan H, Ria R

Over 35% - Meriam M

Over 40% - Benedict E

Over 45% - Bogdan-Gabriel S, Emma G

Over 50% - Alaina J

Over 55% - Sid B



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability

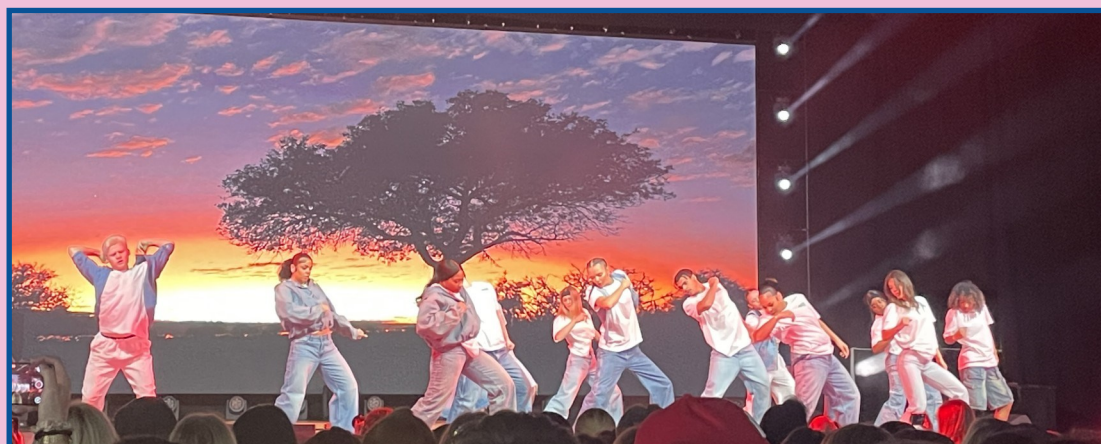


Year 11 Dance—Groove It—Move It!



What a packed week for our Year 11 dancers. They performed at the 20th Anniversary Dance Festival at The Playhouse. The two hip-hop routines choreographed by Abby Bartlett bought the house down. Their two dance pieces, highlighting their performance and hip-hop skills were performed with outstanding execution and really demonstrated the outstanding progress they have made in the last two years.

To top the week off, students then travelled to London to experience 'Move-It', Europe's largest dance convention, watching performances from the UK's best performing arts providers as well as participating in lots of dance activities throughout the day. Safe to say, they had a great week. We also had the privilege of watching alumni student, Kate Pattinson, perform as part of "The Performers College" where after completing the BTEC dance course at Hans Price has gone on to study a Bachelor of Arts (hons) in Musical Theatre.



High Expectations



Never Give Up



Pride



Imagination



Employability



Ambition

Self Belief

Responsibility

Community

Sport @ HPA



Hans Price v Nailsea Touch Rugby Club

An entertaining game in the spring sunshine saw a HPA team consisting of Year 7-10 players battle out a 9-10 loss. Molly G got the opening try and this was followed up by Charles M x2 and Seth R x6 stealing the show.



Year 7 Football Tournament

Year 7 boys represented the Academy at the North Somerset Schools Tournament. Both teams grew into the tournament finishing strongly and were extremely competitive throughout the afternoon. A mixture of results for both the teams.

HPA 10-14 Nailsea Touch Rugby club

HPA were missing 3 key Year 10 players and came out 2nd best on this occasion. Isabelle C took the player of the match award for her leadership and great work in defence and attack. Congratulations to Seth R for his 5 tries, Charles M for his 4 tries and Preslav for his try.



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



Sport @ HPA



Year 10 Football Somerset Cup

Year 10 Boys played in their quarter final of the Somerset Cup away to Haygrove in Bridgwater. The first half was a slightly one sided affair which saw Haygrove storm into a 3 goal lead. The boys responded valiantly in the second half, with great performances from Junior M, Frazer S (who scored a rocket) and Dhruv V in particular. The final score was 4-1 to Haygrove. The Year 10 boys should be proud of their efforts this year in the cup.



Year 9 Football

Year 9 Boys made the short journey over to Worle to play in a mini festival against other North Somerset schools. The boys played five games, winning two, drawing one and losing two. They played some great football and the sun was shining throughout. The Player of the Tournament was Tristan T who was a rock at the back and won every aerial battle.



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Pride



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility



Imagination



Community



Employability



Sport @ HPA



Year 7 Football—North Somerset

We hosted the Year 7 North Somerset block fixture this month with Worle, Priors, Winterstoke Hundred and Broadoak. HPA Team 1 finished joint first with Broadoak on 12 points and HPA Team 2 finished third. Both teams performed really well. Great work boys!



Biggest Ever Football Session

We travelled to Churchill as part of the 'Biggest Ever Football Session' to play various schools from North Somerset. The Year 8s were competitive in their group and came 3rd overall. The Year 7s went from strength to strength in their games.

Continuing on from the Tournament the Year 9s and 10s had their opportunity to contribute to the 'Biggest Ever Football Session' on Thursday. Many of which played their first ever 11 a side games.



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



Sport @ HPA



Year 8 Football

We travelled over to Worle and played a block fixture with 2 teams against: Priory, Worle, Broadoak and Winterstoke. The A team had 2 wins and 2 draws, the B team had 1 win, 2 draws and 1 loss.



Year 10 North Somerset Netball Tournament

At St Katherines we played against schools across the county. We draw 2-2 against Priory and had some close losses against Gordano, St Katherines and Backwell.



Year 10 Dodgeball Tournament

For the first time ever British Dodgeball have hosted a Year 10 dodgeball tournament. We travelled up to Wolverhampton and finished 3rd on the day. We managed 5 wins and 2 losses which came from the two teams who finished 1st and 2nd, just missing out on the invite to the national finals day.



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief



Pride



Responsibility



Imagination



Community



Employability



Sport @ HPA



Year 8 Regional Dodgeball Tournament

Our Year 8s recently took a trip down to Bridgwater College to take part in the South West Regional schools dodgeball tournament with hopes to qualify for the National Finals in July. They not only qualified, but did so in style winning every qualifying match and took the gold medal and the South West Championship trophy.



South West Touch Rugby/Football Trials

Nice work Izzy, Seth and Molly on your South West Under 17 trials in Chippenham. The next trials are in Weston-super-Mare at Hornets rugby club on Saturday 12th April 10am-1pm. Looking forward to seeing lots of HPA students there giving their best in order to get selected for representing the region at Nottingham University this August.

Weston Prom Run

Why not get fit for sports day by signing your child up for the Weston Prom run. It happens every month and the next one is on Thurs 17th April. All runners get a medal if they complete the mile.

Weston AC powered by **raceXnation**

Select Language

Log in to your account

Event sign up

WESTON AC – Prom Run Mile April 2025 - 17/04/25

View Event Page

TICKETS

School years Reception - year 6	£ 2.00	£ 2.00
School years R - 6 (Ages 4 - 11)		
+ Add		
School year 7 - year 11	£ 2.00	£ 2.00
School years 7 - 11 (Ages 11 - 16)		
+ Add		

Contact Weston AC

Contact Name: General Enquiries

Email: westonac@westonac.w3systemsdev.co.uk

website: <https://westonac.co.uk>

Like us on Facebook



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility



Imagination



Community



Employability



International Women's Day



Staff and students came together to celebrate International Women's Day, engaging in meaningful conversations with members of a local women's group throughout the day.



The celebration featured an inspiring International Women's Day-themed assembly, which encouraged reflection on the achievements and contributions of women in society. Students also had the opportunity to explore an exhibition curated by Sarah Freear and Lyn Gilbert, two local women dedicated to promoting International Women's Day.

The exhibition they curated was previously displayed at Weston Museum, where Ms Davis attended the opening night as a guest of Sarah, a close friend.

Recognising the value of these inspiring stories, Ms Davis invited Sarah and Lyn to share the exhibition with HPA students. As a result, all 68 stories of remarkable trailblazing women, from local heroes to national and international figures, were showcased at the academy to inspire students.

The exhibition at Weston Museum was recently mentioned in the Houses of Parliament as an outstanding example of local women coming together to celebrate the achievements of women throughout history and in modern society.

Ms Davis, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, said: "We are incredibly grateful to Sarah and Lyn for sharing their powerful exhibition with our students.

"Learning about these trailblazing women has provided valuable insights and motivation for our young people, showing them that they too can achieve greatness and break barriers."



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Pride



Self Belief

Responsibility



Community

Imagination



Employability



Community

Oddballs

During their Social, Personal and Careers Education (SPACE) lesson on Friday 21st March, Year 10 were involved in a guest talk from OddBalls. Speaker, Felix, spoke to students about the importance of understanding how testicular cancer can be spotted early and where to go if worried about any possible signs and symptoms.

The group listened respectfully and gained insight into how the organisation are looking to create a culture to encourage young people to do regular self-checking to promote early detection and diagnosis – ultimately saving lives!



Careers & Post-16 Events



Provider	Event	Date & Time	More Information
Winterstoke Hundred Academy Post-16 Centre	2025 Applications Open		WHA Post-16 Applications
Weston College	Campus Tours Year 11 students, parents/ carers	Various options available	Booking essential: Weston College Campus Tours
Bristol Robins Foundation	Q&A Session Online via Microsoft Teams	Monday 31st March 6.30pm	Register: Bristol Robins Open Event
Weston College South West Skills Campus Locking Road BS22 8ND	Engineering Fast Track Apprenticeship Interviews An opportunity to connect directly with employers in the engineering industry, looking to recruit people like you.	Wednesday 3rd April 3 – 6.30pm	Registration essential: Weston College Engineering Apprenticeship Event
Weston College The Grand Pier Regency Suite Weston College Elevate Fashion Show	Year 10/11 students Showcasing: A Level Textiles A Level Art Extended Diploma in Fashion, Business & Retail Extended Diploma in Fashion, Theatre, Media Makeup & Fashion Studies	Thursday 3 rd April 6.30 - 8.30pm	Booking essential: Weston College Elevate Fashion Show
Bridgwater College	Campus Tour for School Leavers An opportunity to tour Bridgwater campus during the Easter holiday	Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th April 2-3.30pm	Booking essential: Bridgwater College Tours
Weston College All Campuses	Easter Half-Term 1 Day Workshops Year 9,10&11 Various subjects available booking essential follow the link to sign-up	Tuesday 8 th & Wednesday 9 th April 9:30am – 1pm	Booking essential: Easter Half Term Workshops
Weston College South West Skills Campus Locking Road BS22 8ND	Construction and Motor Vehicle Fast Track Apprenticeship Interviews An opportunity to connect directly with employers in the construction and motor vehicle industry, looking to recruit people like you.	Thursday 29 th April 3-6.30pm	Booking essential: Weston College Construction and Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship Event



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



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.

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

Alisha T (5), Tyler J (5), Georgi V (5), Grace M (10), Riley K (10), Ella R (10), Seth H (10), Iyad A (10), Lily S (10), Nacacia B (10), Taila-Jai L (10), Evie T (10), Iza G (10), Evie F (10), Keeyan H (10), Remi P-E (10), Brooke F (15), Jack B (15), Freddie R (15), Caitlin C (15), Nathan P (15), Lily-Belle C (15), Ella A (15), Ruby B (15), Oliver J (15), Robert B (15), Amelia K (15), Maja R (15), Ollie W (15), Logan R-J (15), Leighton R (20), Tia S (20), Sylvester A (20), Ahmet A (20), Moyinoluwa A (20), Raphael O (25), Eleanor J (25), Mathilde M (25), Yuna B (30).

Year 8

Jenson C (5), Charlie T (5), Nathaniel A (5), Morgan A (5), Harry B (5), Noah W (5), Delilah P-O (5), Lilly-Mai W (10), Lilly G (10), Yoshi H (15), Ronnie R (20), Safyre M (20), Rostyslav C (20), Charli C (20), Logun G (20), Louise F (25), Roman N (25), Elliot N-H (25), Oliver Y (25), Eddie H (25), Tommy C (25), Amelia J (30), William C (30), Caitlin S (30), Beth N (30), Monty D (30), Izzy B (30), Viktor C (30), Gabriel K (30), Alessia F (30), Ollie H (35), Lilly L (35), Lyla M (35), Nikola P (35), Freddie F (35), Dylan M (35), Yani G (35), Vanessa S (35), Ayshath N (40), Emma T (45), Lam B (45), Lucien E (55), Joy S (60), Liam H (140), Kyati K (415).

Year 9

Summer P (5), Leo-Prince K (5), Sookie R (5), Chloe W (5), Wayne J (10), Victor F (10), Shaylen C (10), Amelia L (15), Kamil H (20), Kinan A (20), Woody M (20), Grace F (20), Lauren P (25), Maddison O (30), Neveah R (30), Sebastian M (30), Fay G (35), Kobi M (40), Maximilian K (40), Daniel G (40), Blessing I (40), Mahiya A (40), Charli M (40), Isla-Rose D (40), Sydney S (40), Zoe T (45), Mason S (45), Jake N (45), Sammy M (45), Charlotte M (45), Joseph T (45), William B (45), Isaac F (45), Jayden M-S (45), Coby W (45), Harvey A (45), Maisie W (45), Aaron G (45), Aimee B (50), Juanita S (50), Eva H (50), Charli M (50), Adam J (50), Harmoni S (55), Izzy C (60), Edwin P (60), Kamil K (85).

Year 7 Leaderboard

Charlie B	Level 71
Riley G	Level 57
Darius M	Level 57

Year 8 Leaderboard

Kytati K	Level 415
Olivier N	Level 289
Klouise R	Level 158

Year 9 Leaderboard

Faaizah O	Level 191
Bailey Y	Level 98
Kieran S	Level 89



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility



Imagination



Community



Employability



Outward Bound



A group of Year 9 students visited Outward Bound in Aberdovey, Wales, for a residential trip where they experienced outdoor and adventurous activities with the aim of building resilience and working together as a team. The students had a fantastic week, learning new skills and overcoming challenges!



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



Outward Bound



Resource Base



We are excited to report that Hans Price Academy has been chosen by the local authority to host a new resource base for students who find it difficult to access learning in a mainstream school environment. This is a hugely positive endorsement of Hans Price Academy, and both our values as a school and the high-quality learning environment we offer.

The new resource base will likely accommodate up to 25 students once fully up-and-running, but is likely to open with half of that number. They will learn in a self-contained teaching building and outdoor space which will be created on the site of a disused changing room block near to the sports pitches at the front of the school. The building has been unusable for some years, so its demolition will be an additional positive for our school.

Students who attend the new resource base will typically be children with autism, or who have experienced emotion-based school avoidance. It will be a bespoke environment, staffed by specialist teachers, who will work with students to ensure they can reach their full potential. In some cases, that may mean working towards reintegration into a mainstream school environment.

Although the new facility will be part of the Hans Price community and overseen by our leadership team, it will be staffed separately and run independently. As such, it will be inspected separately by Ofsted and funded independently too – no money will be diverted from the Hans Price budget to pay for the new resource base, while its construction costs will be met in full by North Somerset Council.

Building work is expected to begin towards the end of this school year, which may require some temporary changes to car parking and pick-up/drop-off arrangements – we will provide further updates on this if changes become necessary. As much as possible of the work will be carried out during the summer break to minimise disruption. Current projections are for the resource base to be open by September 2026; however we will provide further updates in the future.

We are really pleased that Hans Price Academy has been handpicked by the council to help meet the acute and growing need for this type of provision in North Somerset. We will become one of only three schools in the district to host a provision of this type, and look forward to welcoming our new cohort of students in the future.



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



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



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability



Safeguarding



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"

SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MR DREW

WIDER SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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

DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEADS



MR OLPIN



MISS DAVIS



0800 1111



ceop.police.uk

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



High Expectations



Ambition

Never Give Up



Self Belief

Pride



Responsibility

Imagination



Community

Employability

