

# HANS PRICE ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER NO 1



December 2020

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. I am always immensely proud of our students and staff, but this year, more so than ever! With the ever-present spectre of Covid-19 staff and students have continued to ensure they play their part in keeping infection rates low within our Academy community.

Students across all year groups returned in September from a significant break in their routines and have grasped the opportunity to get back into their learning.

This has been a Term like no other. We are 15 weeks into the Academic year already and, for staff and students this represents an enormous amount of effort and community spirit. Teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to ensure your child is getting a great experience, both in their lessons, during Learning Family time and through the pastoral aspect of our Academy work. In these unprecedented times the community of HPA have pulled together and provided a great place to work and learn in a way that makes me incredibly proud of our community.

Year 11 have finished their recent mock exams and their commitment to their learning has been fabulous. They have worked hard to prepare and support each other and responded really well to the advice from their teachers. We now know there will definitely be exams for them in the Summer of 2021 after the government announcement earlier this month. This is great news for our students as they move into their final 6 months of education at HPA. We will provide all the same opportunities for your children as we have in previous years and support them in their preparation for the summer exams.

We would like to remind all families that the government expectation is for all students to attend school every day, unless they are unwell, awaiting the outcome of a C-19 test or isolating due to C-19. We rely heavily on you as parents and carers to support us as we provide the culture and ethos at HPA to enable your children to thrive, so I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

We look forward to welcoming students back to the Academy on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** for their first day back after the Christmas break.

As we approach the end of 2020 and look forward to 2021 and all that it may bring, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas break.

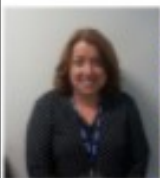




We believe that a strong aspirations focus supports our young people to reach their full potential. We are strongly committed to offering a comprehensive and dynamic careers provision for our students throughout their year 7- 11 journey. Follow the link below the links to our Careers provision.

[www.hansprice.org.uk/curriculum/careers-guidance](http://www.hansprice.org.uk/curriculum/careers-guidance)

If you would like to be involved in our careers provision at Hans Price Academy please contact Jackie Fielding, Careers Advisor: [jfielding@hansprice.org.uk](mailto:jfielding@hansprice.org.uk). This could be anything from supporting with mock interviews, to offering business breakfast opportunities coming in to talk in our assemblies on behalf of either yourself or your employer.



Jackie Fielding  
Careers Advisor

Hans Price Academy

Email: [jfielding@hansprice.org.uk](mailto:jfielding@hansprice.org.uk) Direct Line: (01934)630834

Follow the links below for more careers advice and guidance to support you childrens future Careers:

Careers information and tools for 11-19 year olds, all in one place

[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)

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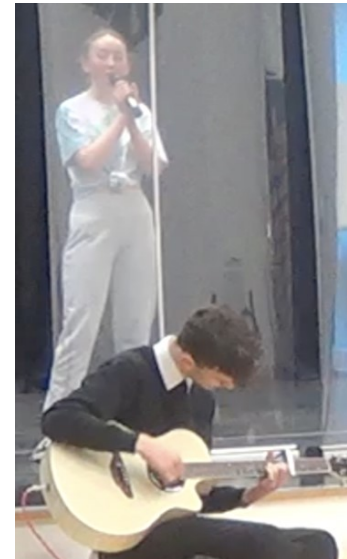


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# VIRTUAL XMAS SHOW

On Friday 4th December, Year 11 planned a Christmas Show involving Dance and Music. There was a wide range of performances, including 2 performances choreographed by Dark Angels and a performance from ex-student, Lottie Hodgson. All students involved did an amazing job and the quality of performances were very strong!



In addition to these performances (and a few extra recorded by Year 9) will be played during Learning Family on the last day for the whole school to enjoy. A virtual Christmas Show.



## Have your say on North Somerset's future

What are your aspirations for jobs, housing and climate change in North Somerset?

North Somerset Council is consulting on its Local Plan which will guide how the area will grow, particularly in terms of new housing, until 2038.

Historically the voices of people aged under 30 have been underrepresented in these types of consultations. But this is exactly who the council needs to hear from – the people who might not yet have their own home or a family of their own but will over the next 10-20 years.

Although 2038 may seem like a long time away your views are needed now to help create the plan.

To find out more go to [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/newlocalplan) and select "Choices".



## Join us in Post 16



We offer two specialist full-time courses:

1. Creative Media and IT or
2. Creative Media and Multidisciplinary Art & Design

- Accredited through Cambridge Technical Diplomas
- Work Experience
- Studio Days
- Coursework
- UCAS Points
- Resit English & Maths
- Bursaries
- Great Outcomes

Perfect for the coders, designers, creatives, film makers, innovators and entrepreneurs of the future.



For more information go to [www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk](http://www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk)



## Join Digitech in Year 10



Perfect for the coders, designers, creatives, film makers and entrepreneurs of the future.

We offer both academic and vocational qualifications for students joining us in year 10. Subjects include:

- Art & Design
- Creative Digital Media
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- 3D Design
- Games Design
- Computer Science
- Business & Enterprise
- IT
- Sport



For more information go to [www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk](http://www.digitechstudioschool.co.uk)







# HPA Movember FC 2020



## REMINDER

Please ensure your child is bringing a refillable bottle to school. It is important to keep hydrated during the school day.

## Staying Safe Online

With the Christmas season arriving the following documents provide a guidance for parents wanting to seek further advice on keeping children safe online from the following organisations and websites:

What are the issues?, UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/what-are-issues>

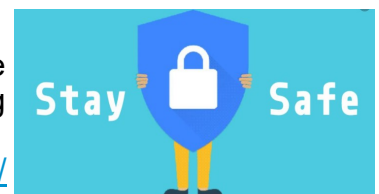
Hot topics, Childnet International: <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics>

Parent factsheet, Childnet International:

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/parents-factsheet-09-17.pdf>

Have a safe Christmas,

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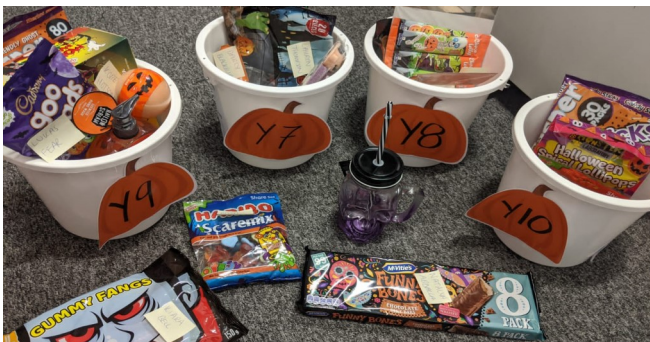
# ☑ Attendance News ☑

## REWARDS FOR EXCELLENT OR IM-

Attendance has been difficult for some students this year however, we continue to encourage all students to attend school as much as possible and we work with our young people and families who need support. In order to recognise students with the highest attendance or those who manage to improve their attendance we offer many rewards and incentives throughout the year including weekly, termly and one-off rewards.



# HALLOWEEN



In October we held a draw for some Hallowe'en sweets and treats. Every week, all students who gained 100% attendance were entered into the draw and we had 20 lucky winners. Congratulations to the winners of the Halloween Draw at the end of Term 1.



# CHRISTMAS DRAW



This term we have held a similar draw and the prize is a £25 Nando's voucher which has been kindly donated to us by 'Vision for Education', a recruitment agency in Bristol. The winner will be announced on the last day of term. The agency has also donated another voucher which we will be offering to our students next term in another draw so please encourage your child/children to gain as many entries as they can for a chance to win.



Our thanks go to Vision for Education for their generosity and for recognising the importance of great attendance at school. Congratulations to the winner of the voucher and to 6 runners up who will receive some chocolate for their achievement.

We are also delighted to be able to award a hamper containing a range of sweets, chocolates and mince pies, also kindly donated to us by ASDA and this will be awarded to one student who has made a real effort to improve their attendance this term.



## PUNCTUALITY

A great strength to possess!

Why is punctuality important?

- Being on time makes a real difference; it shows you are reliable and can be depended on.
- Punctuality makes a great impression; it shows you respect others and value their time
- You will be seen as organised, trustworthy and consistent.
- Being on time to school and to lessons will help you form good habits for your future career and personal life

### Start As You Mean To Go On!

Lateness disrupts your learning and the learning of others

You may miss your morning registration mark if you are late

You will avoid detention by being on time

Being 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost learning every year!

Being 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks each year!

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

**Year 7, 9 and 11 students need to be in school at 8.45am every day.  
Y8 and 10 students need to be in school at 8.35am every day.**



# Mental Health and Well-being at Christmas

Christmas can be a joyful time of the year, filled with festivities, food, parties and time with loved ones. However, for some people, it can also be one of the hardest times of the year. So here are some helpful tips to support mental health and well-being at Christmas.

## Helpful resources for supporting mental health and well-being at Christmas

- Mind – Christmas [coping tips](#);
- Mental Health Foundation – [Tips for looking after your mental well-being this Christmas](#);
- Priority Group – [Coping at Christmas 5 top tips](#);

**1. Take a break**

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The festive season can be overwhelming, and feeling under pressure can effect our wellbeing.

So think about what helps you relax & make time to **do something just for you**.

And remember - **don't be afraid to say 'no' to things**. People will understand and there's no need to feel guilty.



Looking after yourself at Christmas


**2. Try to stay active**

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It is tempting to stay indoors, cosy on the sofa watching a film, but remember, **regular exercise is good for us**.

You could go for a long walk, try ice skating or work in the garden. Why not try some yoga or a class at the gym?

Physical activity releases endorphins, helping us **relax & boosting our mood**.



Looking after yourself at Christmas

**3. Eat well and drink sensibly**

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If you tend to over-indulge around Christmas, you're not alone.

But we need to bear in mind that **what we eat and drink can have a real impact on how we feel**.

Of course, it's ok to treat yourself, but try to be mindful and think about balance and moderation.



Looking after yourself at Christmas

**4. It's ok to ask for help**


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Remember **people care about you and there is always someone there to listen**.

Sharing your feelings with someone else can help you unravel your thoughts, feel supported & less alone.

You could message a friend, meet with a family member, speak to your GP or connect with a charity.

If you want to talk but don't know where to turn, visit [www.headstogether.org.uk](http://www.headstogether.org.uk)



Looking after yourself at Christmas

## Coping with social anxiety

For people who suffer from social anxiety, the festive season can be really daunting with family gatherings on the horizon. Here are 4 ways of coping with these events if they are feeling overwhelming taken from [HeadsTogether](#).

**1. Talk to someone before the party**

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Remember that whatever you're going through, **it's ok to say**.

Is there someone you can talk to about how you're feeling?

You may find that **just talking through your worries can help**.




Coping with Social Anxiety

**2. Plan conversation topics**

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Meeting new people & making small talk can be daunting. Thinking of some topics to ask new people that you meet, might **help you feel more relaxed on the day**.

People might like talking about their Christmas plans, upcoming holidays, or New Year's resolutions.




Coping with Social Anxiety

**3. Have a calming contingency plan**

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Think about what to do if you start to feel anxious. Could you take a moment outside or in the bathroom to take some deep breaths?

Keeping these calming ideas in the back of your mind can help you **relax and give you tools to help yourself if you need to**.



Coping with Social Anxiety

**4. Be kind to yourself**

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If you feel the party will be too much for you right now, **don't force yourself to go**.

Try not to put yourself under too much pressure, and **remember to put yourself first**. And if you do go, know that you can leave at anytime.



Coping with Social Anxiety



## Loneliness

One in five people in the UK say they experience feelings of loneliness, and during the coronavirus pandemic many more people have felt anxious and isolated. Anyone can experience loneliness from time to time and feelings of loneliness are personal, so everyone's experience will be different.

Loneliness is not always the same as being alone. Some people may choose to be alone and live happily without much contact with other people, while others may find this a lonely experience. Or, some people may have lots of social contact, or be in a relationship or part of a family, and still feel lonely – especially if you don't feel understood or cared for by the people around you.

### Helpful resources for coping with loneliness

Mind – [Tips to manage loneliness](#);

Red Cross – [Get help with loneliness](#);

NHS – [Coping with loneliness during the COVID-19 outbreak](#);

### Coping with loneliness at Christmas: [HeadsTogether](#)



**1. Do what makes you happy**

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What do you love to do? **Make Christmas your day to do exactly what you like** – you've got no one to please but yourself.

Finding meaningful ways to spend your time can help you reconnect with things you are passionate about and **doing things you love can help you feel better.**

Loneliness at Christmas



**2. Do something for others**

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Doing a good can have a positive effect on the way we feel.

There are many ways you can **make someone else's holiday happier** – you could volunteer your time and skills, visit someone who you think might be struggling, or offer help to a family in need. **You can make a difference.**

Loneliness at Christmas



**3. Reach out to someone**

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Whatever you're going through, remember **it can help to talk about it.**

Reach out to others however you feel comfortable – you might prefer to text, speak on the phone, meet in person, or connect with an online community.

**There is always someone who wants to listen, even if you don't know it.**

Loneliness at Christmas



**4. Look after yourself**

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Try to minimise your stress by avoiding taking on more Christmas responsibilities or commitments than you can handle, and remember to **energise your body by eating well, sleeping well and keeping active.**

Whatever you do, remember to **be kind to yourself.**

Loneliness at Christmas



Helpful websites for managing mental health:

[www.kooth.com/](http://www.kooth.com/)  
[www.themix.org.uk/](http://www.themix.org.uk/)  
[www.childline.org.uk/](http://www.childline.org.uk/)  
[www.samaritans.org/](http://www.samaritans.org/)

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters)  
[www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)  
[www.stem4.org.uk](http://www.stem4.org.uk)  
[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)



Year 9 have been learning about the work of German Artist, Kathe Kollwitz, studying the techniques and styles she uses in her pieces. They have done a brilliant job with producing their own German woodcut style portrait using lino, following on with an enjoyable messy lesson printing them. Well done Year 9!





## Dfe Updates Model Privacy Notices

### What Has Changed?

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

### Summary of the Changes:

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

### Impact on School Compliance Framework

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

To view these privacy notices visit: <https://www.clf.uk/governance/privacy-notice/>  
Question? Email [dataprotection@clf.education](mailto:dataprotection@clf.education)





# SIMS PARENT APP



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## Are you registered?

### Did you know?

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

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

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



# SIMS PARENT APP



**SIMS**  
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App



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

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



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

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



## Are you registered?

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

Email: [SIMSParentApp@hansprice.org.uk](mailto:SIMSParentApp@hansprice.org.uk)

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



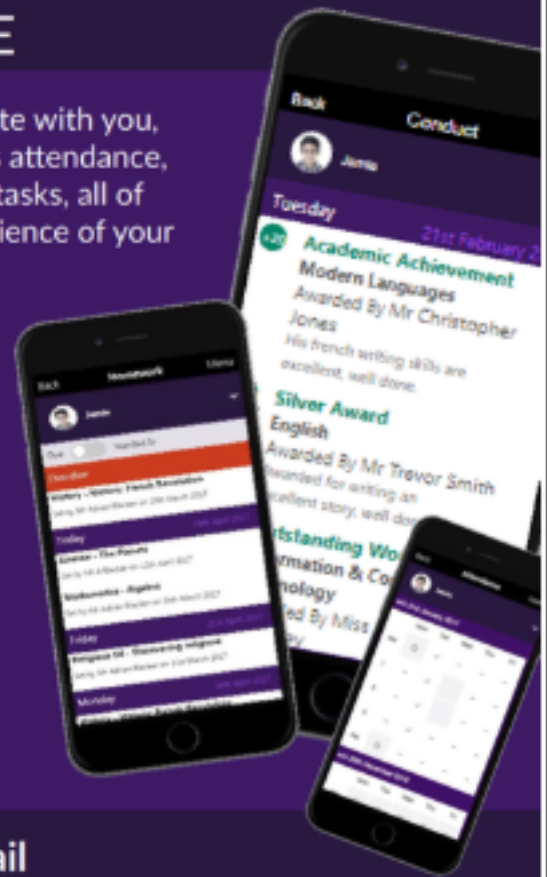
# SIMS PARENT APP

## QUICK SETUP GUIDE

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

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

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



### STEP #1: Receive the Activation Email

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

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

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

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

Alternatively, you can login via the website: [www.SIMS-PARENT.co.uk](http://www.SIMS-PARENT.co.uk)



# Sport at HPA

## Inter College Sport

Sport may have stopped for many of our local clubs during lockdown but fortunately for students at Hans Price this has not been the case. Sport has remained very much at the forefront of academy life and this term has been celebrated by students across the whole academy taking part in inter college sports competitions to try and win points for their colleges over the last two weeks of term.

Year 7 girls competed in HPA's first ever gymnastics inter college on Tuesday 15th December, with Mrs Skidmore making an appearance as head judge. Students put on an excellent display of skills they had learnt over the term and worked excellently together to choreograph their own routines. Whilst the other half of the year competed in football.

### Results:

- 1st Place - Fortis
- 2nd Place - Acer
- 2nd Place - Mando
- 4th Place - Clarus

Girls across the other years competed in football, hockey and netball in their PE lessons with the results from as follows;

### Year 8's

- 1st Place - Fortis
- 2nd Place - Clarus
- 3rd Place - Acer
- 4th Place - Mando

### Year 9's

- 1st Place - Clarus
- 2nd Place - Mando
- 3rd Place - Acer
- 4th Place - Fortis

### Year 10's

- 1st Place - Acer
- 1st Place - Fortis
- 3rd Place - Mando
- 4th Place - Clarus



Boys in all year groups have competed in a mixture of cross country and football tournaments. All competitions have been extremely enjoyable and played within the correct spirit of school sport. The tournaments have been very close with many year groups final placings being decided on goal difference.

Results are as follows;

Year 7's

1st Place - Fortis  
2nd Place - Acer  
3rd Place - Clarus  
4th Place - Mando

Year 8's

1st Place - Clarus  
2nd Place - Acer  
3rd Place - Mando  
4th Place - Fortis

Year 9's

1st Place - Acer  
2nd Place - Clarus  
3rd Place - Fortis  
4th Place - Mando

Year 10's

1st Place - Mando  
2nd Place - Acer  
3rd Place - Fortis  
4th Place - Clarus

Year 11's

1st Place - Clarus  
2nd Place - Acer  
2nd Place - Mando  
4th Place - Fortis





## **Term Dates - 2020/2021**

### **Term 3**

Start	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (INSET Day)</b>
	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> January (for students - <b>Week A</b> )
End	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February

### **Term 4**

Start	Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> March (INSET Day)</b>
End	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> April (for students)

### **Term 5**

Start	Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> April
End	Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> May

### **Term 6**

Start	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> June
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July (INSET Day)</b>
End	Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July