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HPA Newsletter



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Welcome to our October newsletter! We hope that you are enjoying the format which will regularly include articles written by our students.

Our Year 7s have settled into life at Hans Price Academy and are already proving to be excellent ambassadors. It has been a privilege to be able to take visitors around our academy each day as part of our open mornings, where they have seen students working hard and making "every minute matter" in their learning. As a result, we have already awarded over 46,000 achievement points and delivered 231 postcards!

As mentioned in my [Parent Update letter](#), we really appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school even if they are feeling a little under the weather. We strive to achieve excellent attendance; this focus will continue to be a high priority next term.

Next term we have several events taking place, including our Fireworks Night, Year 11 Parents Evening and Christmas Show. We look forward to welcoming you to these events.

Have a fantastic half term, and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school.

Adrian Esch - Head of School

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday 19th October:	Inset Day—Academy closed to students
Friday 20th October:	Inset Day—Academy closed to students
Monday 23rd October:	HALF TERM
Monday 30th October:	Term 2 begins
Thursday 2nd November:	Fireworks Night— Gates open at 5.30pm
Thursday 9th November:	HPA Remembrance Day
Monday 13th— 17th November:	Anti-Bullying Week
	Year 7,8 & 9 Bikeability
Thursday 23rd November:	Year 11 Photo Day
Thursday 30th November:	Year 11 Subject Evening
Monday 4th December:	Nasal Flu Vaccinations—All years
Wednesday 13th December:	Christmas Show
Friday 15th December:	End of term—students finish at 12.45pm



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Mental Health Week



Hello Yellow – Bethany W, Clarus 10

On 10th October, Hans Price took part in 'Hello Yellow' to share awareness of mental health. Staff members of HPA wore yellow to support 'Hello Yellow' and World Mental Health Day '23. Students of HPA were told in Learning Family about mental health and how to access mental health services.

At lunchtime there was a Hello Yellow photobooth where the whole of the HPA family took part in taking photos with yellow props. After school the Senior team all took a photo together.



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Japan 2024



Hans Price Academy is travelling to Japan in January with 20 students. We have initiated a link with a school in Tokyo and will spend some time developing this link as well as visiting areas of Tokyo and the surrounding area. The trip is funded by the Turing Scheme. Unfortunately, costs have significantly increased since we secured the funding and we need to bridge the gap through fundraising.

We really appreciate any support that you can give to us. Please use the QR code to view or donate:



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Fun Day Friday



Term 1 of Funday Fridays completed ✓

Students take part in various different challenges during Learning Family time on Fridays. We pride ourselves on our culture and sense of belonging in our college system, which has been outstanding this term. Here are the results for this term.

Memory Challenge:

1st - Fortis ●

2nd - Clarus ●

3rd - Acer ●

4th - Mando ●

Shootathon@

1st - Mando ●

2nd - Acer & Fortis ● ●

3rd - Clarus ●



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Fireworks Night



Hans Price Academy presents

Community Fireworks Night

Come and join us in celebrating
our **10th** annual display

With lots of fun and games on offer!

Thursday 2nd November 2023

Gates open from 17:30

Refreshments will be available

Entrance Price:

Child (under 16) - £2.00

Adult - £3.00

Family of 5 (2 adult, 3 children) - £10.00

Payable on the gate



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Year 10 Work Experience 2024



Year 10 students will complete a work experience placement from Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd March 2024. Placements will need to be secured by January to ensure enough time to complete the necessary Health and Safety checks.

Successful placements usually come from telephone enquiries, face to face visits or personal connections. The Christmas break is a great time to visit employers or reach out to contacts. Once an employer has agreed to a work experience placement they will need to complete a blue WEX form. These forms are available at the careers office and capture the necessary company details and provide an agreement between the employer, student and parents/carers. The form must then be returned to Hans Price Reception or the Careers Office (please feel free to make a copy for reference).

Every student is expected to complete work experience and they will get far more from the experience by choosing and securing their own placement. We do have a small database previously checked and approved placements to support any students who were unable to secure their own.

Well done to everyone who has already secured their placement for March! Here are some examples of Year 10s who took the initiative and found their own work experience placement:

Joshua " My mum works there; she asked them, and they asked me to send an email and they said yes"

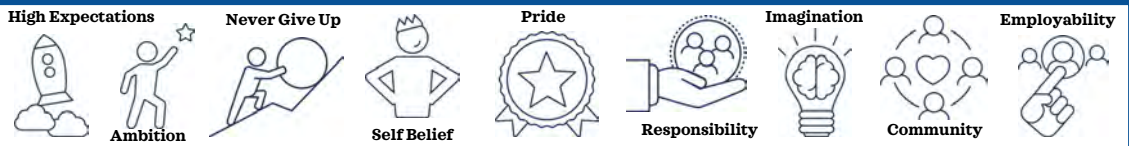
Lara "I sent an email to the school; they said yes then I took the form in."

Jamie - "Mum works there they asked for a CV, they said yes."

Aimee " I called in and asked them if they would take me for work experience, they said yes, I gave them the form."

Dianah " I wanted to go to a nursery and sent an email. They did not reply so I visited the nursery, they asked me to re-send the email with the details and said yes."

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school or the Work Experience team directly at wex@hpa.clf.uk.



New Clubs



C H E S S
C L U B ♟



Tuesday Lunchtimes
in F6
All levels welcome

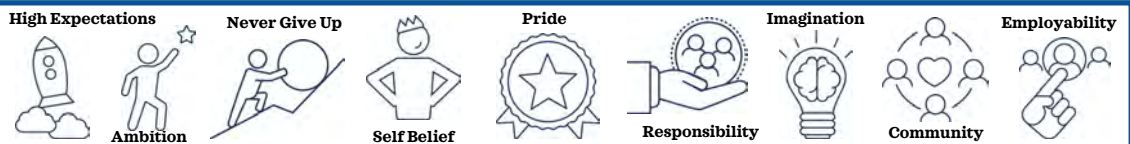
Puzzle Club

Thursday Lunchtimes in
LS9



Club

Thursday Lunchtimes in LS9



Sparx Maths



Every time a student completes a task or wins a minigame, they earn **Sparx Experience Points (XP)**. Questions from different homework types earn students different numbers of points. For example, students earn more XP if they can complete **XP Boost** or **Target** homework tasks compared with their **Compulsory** homework tasks. This is because we want to reward them for going above and beyond. **Students reach a new Level for every 10,000 XP they earn.** They then receive a certificate and a badge to wear with pride on their blazer - Mrs



Morris

The following students have 'levelled up' this term:

Year 7	Level	Year 8	Level	Year 9	Level
Joel W	2	Eva H	2	Alaina J	5
Olivier N	1	Isabel C	2	Kalon H	2
Saad M	1	Kieran S	2	Ava B	2
Jarvis D	1	Georgina B-S	2	Nadia P	2
Kyati K	1	Juanita S	2	Veron C	2
Rose C-L	1	Anita M	2	Julia K	1
		Ethan W	2	Jessica S	1
Year 8	Level	Bailey Y	1	Pawal D	1
Kamil K	4	Zarina N	3	Ollie A-I	1
Amelia S	3			Asher P	1
Jacob R	2	Year 9	Level	Janice A	1
Harry C	2	Neli Y	3	Tygan M	1
Evie B	2	Freddie L	1	Allana H	1
Oskar V	2	Mollie G-B	1	Freddie M	1
Charlotte M	2	Megan Y	2	Hayleigh K	1
Harmoni S	1	Elissa F	2	Megan H	2
Tilly A	1	Meriam M	3		
Elena K	1	Jorja F	1		
Harry G	1	James F	1		
Bolly K	1	Lacey S	1		
Jamie B	1	Kaci L	1		
Konstantin K	4	Danyl S	1		
Lewis P	2	Isabella G	1		
Maisie P	1	Lauren F	1		

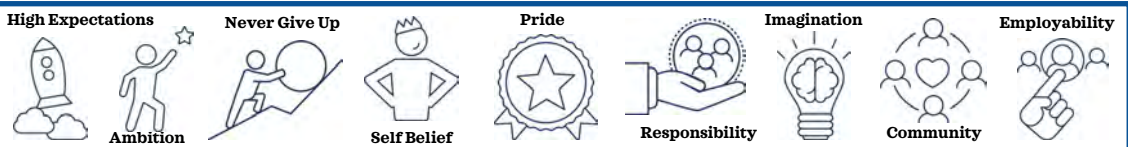


Year 11 Careers Roadshow



Report by Eli F - A11A:

On Wednesday 27th September, the Year 11s went to Ashton Gate and attended a careers roadshow. We got to visit many stalls including the Army, Bath College, Aldi, Müller, and many more. This gave us an opportunity to visit these stalls and ask questions about them. It gave us an idea on what different places were on offer for us at Post 16. It was a great experience and my favourite stall was definitely The Army.



Year 11 PPEs Begin



The first set of PPE's for our current Year 11s is upon us. What a great start from the students who turned up in their droves at 8am for their first Maths Toast-It. These students were able to grab a quick snack breakfast and warm themselves up for their exam which we hope give them a great set of PPE results. Keep it up Year 11.

Mr Lall



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Year 11 Careers Events



As an academy, we continue to support families with post-16 applications and ensure that our students have access to up to date and relevant information to inform their choices. During Year 11, we host post-16 assemblies from a variety of providers promoting a range of options including college, sixth form and apprenticeship routes. Every child in Year 11 will also receive a 1:1 session with Jackie Fielding, our Careers Advisor. As a school, we can support students with their applications, but we strongly recommend families attend open day events in the community for their top choice selections. As a guide, all students in Year 11 should have made 3 applications to post-16 providers by the Christmas holidays. If you feel you would like support with this or would like to attend your child's 1:1 meeting to better understand post-16 options and the application process, please contact Jackie directly via email jackie.fielding@clf.uk or Direct Dial: (01934) 630836 ext.1340. **Dates for the fridge: Careers and Post-16 Events November-December**

Weston College	Healthcare Academy	8 th & 22 nd Nov 4pm – 5pm	Health and Active Living Skills Centre BS23 4QU	FREE Year 11 Healthcare Academy Sessions: First Aid, Preparing to Care To Register: Weston College Healthcare Academy
Bristol City, Robins Foundation	Half Term Taster session	Wednesday 25 th Oct	Ashton Gate Stadium	Book an Event: Robins Foundation Taster Sessions
Backwell Sixth Form	Open Evening	Thursday 2 nd Nov 6pm-9pm	Station Road Backwell, BS48 3BX	For More Information: Backwell Sixth Form Open Evening
Access Creative College	Open Day	Saturday 4 th Nov 11am - 2pm	All Saints' St Bristol, BS1 2LZ	To Register: Access Creative College Open Day
Bridgwater College Cannington Campus	Open Day	Saturday 11 th Nov 10am-1pm	Rodway Hill Cannington TA5 2LS	To Register: Cannington Campus Open Day
Weston College	Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th Nov 5pm - 7pm	All Campuses	To Book: Weston College Open Evening
South Gloucester and Stroud College	Open Day	Saturday 18 th Nov 10am - 1pm	All Campuses	To Book: SGSC Open Day
City of Bristol College	Open Evening	Thursday 23 rd Nov 5pm–7.30pm	All Campuses	To Book: City of Bristol Open Evening
Access Creative College	Open Day	Saturday 2 nd Dec 11am - 2 pm	All Saints' St Bristol, BS1 2LZ	Register online: Access Creative College Open Day
Boomsatsuma Creative Digital Media, Film & Television, Games Design, VR & VXR Photography, Sports Media	Open Evenings	Week of 4 th Dec	All Campuses	To Book: Boomsatsuma Open Evenings
Bristol City, Robins Foundation	On-Line Q&A Session	Monday 4 th Dec 6.30pm	On-Line	Register online: Robins Foundation Online Q&A
Bristol School of Acting	Open Evening	Tuesday 5 th Dec	Bristol School of Acting, Silver Street, Bristol BS1 2AG	To Book: Bristol School of Acting Open Evening



Keeping safe in the Community



Dear Hans Price Students,

We know many of you like to meet up with your friends outside of school. We would like you to think about ways to keep yourself safe as the evenings are getting darker and colder.



We would like to suggest the following points:

1. Make sure a parent / carer knows where you are going and who you are with.
2. Agree a timescale for returning home and stick to it.
3. Always have your phone charged up in case you need to call home, or you have an emergency.
4. If your plans change – make sure your parents / carers know.
5. Public transport is safe to use, make sure you know the timetables and have the money for the fares.
6. Organised clubs are good to attend, you can build up skills and make friends with similar interests.



Anti-social behaviour in the community:

1. If peers, try to encourage you to do something you know is wrong – be prepared to say no and walk away from situations. This could include shop lifting, causing criminal damage or being disrespectful. All of these could lead to police involvement and a criminal record for life.
2. Remember your online presence can be tracked so keep messages kind and respectful. Large group chats are frequently the cause of lots of dramas between teens.
3. Know your legal age limits - you have to be over 18 years for vaping, smoking and drinking alcohol.



Please take care of yourselves and each other and continue to make your families and Hans Price Academy proud.

Ms Davies - Deputy Safeguarding Lead



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Library News



Accelerated Reader™

Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading at Hans Price Academy in Years 7 and 8. When students finish a book they log into their account and take a short quiz on the book. This tracks their book list, indicates understanding and calculates their word count.

Highest Word Count (Words Read)

	College	Year	Word Count
Gracie E	Clarus	7	888,215
Amelia J	Fortis	7	448,012
Joshua C	Fortis	7	442,428
Fay G	Acer	8	412,965
Eva H	Acer	8	399,283
Jarvis D	Fortis	7	377,266
Seth N	Mando	7	370,138
Violet B	Mando	7	310,939
Nevaeh C	Fortis	8	277,242
Flynn L	Acer	7	266,943



Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

	College	Year	Quizzes Passed
Seth N	Mando	7	21
Gracie E	Clarus	7	18
Freddie B	Clarus	7	16
Flynn L	Acer	7	14
Harmoni S	Clarus	8	13
Oliver Y	Clarus	7	10
Jayden MS	Acer	8	9
Edvin P	Mando	8	9
Jarvis D	Fortis	7	8
Sam M	Acer	7	8



HISTORICAL FICTION CHALLENGE



Next term the History department will be launching a challenge to read historical fiction. As well as reading a range of great stories, historical fiction gives you a sense of the period it is set and a window into the life of people in that setting. History teachers will be rewarding students who take part in the challenge. You can borrow from a range of books in the library or find books from the historical periods that interest you the most outside of school.



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Uniform



We value our school uniform and ask parents to ensure their child leaves home looking smart and in the correct uniform. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your name and learning family.

School blazer

White Shirt

College tie

Black tailored trousers / knee length skirt / tailored shorts

Black leather shoes

Plain black socks

A pair of small stud or sleeper earrings

A watch - No smart watches



Black jumper

Minimal make up

No false eyelashes

One ring and one small pendant

No false nails

Small silver, gold or plastic nose stud

No nose rings, septum rings or tongue piercings

No hoodies

We ask parents to note that all jewellery must be removed for PE. This includes instances where a child has recently pierced their ears/nose.

Uniform can be borrowed from the Academy but **MUST** be returned at the end of each day. Parents will be chased for non returned items, with the possibility of being charged for replacements.



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Hope Uniform Exchange



The Vintage Church Hall
25 Hughenden Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS232UR.

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 11:30am - 2:30pm
Thursday 11:30am - 2:30pm

Hans Price Academy have no responsibility or dealings in any format with the organisation so please contact the charity directly, if you would like to purchase anything or donate items.

WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

Hope Uniform Exchange is a charitable organisation that is run by volunteers in Weston-super-Mare. We solely rely on donations of pre-loved school uniforms and funded donations.

This project is the perfect solution for families struggling with the ever increasing cost of providing school uniforms and while we are supporting families to avoid a financial burden, we're also recycling/reusing items that would otherwise have gone to waste or to landfill.

We aim to help parents and carers to exchange school uniform that is too small for uniform that is the correct size but this is not just an exchange project as parents and carers can also give a cash donation for any uniform items their children might need. This cash is what helps the project run day to day. Without your help Hope Uniform will no longer be able to continue. The team here don't want that to happen; the volunteers here love helping you all. All cash donations to the project is very much appreciated as it helps us to carry on with this great service.

In addition, we have a 'want list' which enables us to provide you with items from donation which are not in stock.

SUGGESTED PRICE LIST

Branded Secondary School Uniform:

Blazers £5. Hoodies £4. Jumpers £4. Rugby top £4. Skorts £3. Leggings £3. Joggers £3. PE tops £2. Socks £1. Ties £1.
Football boots £5
Trainers £5
Coats £5

Branded Infant and Primary School Uniform:

Polo shirts £1.50. Hoodies £2.50. Jumpers £2.50. Cardigans £2.50. PE tops £1.50. Fleece £2.50.
Trainers £5
Football boots £5
Coats £5

Unbranded School Uniform:

Trousers, Shorts, Skirts, Polo tops, Shirts, Dresses, Hoodies, Joggers, PE tops, PE Shorts, Skorts, Jumpers, Cardigans, Daps, Trainers, School Shoes, Wellies.

The price will depend on how much you take but will never be more than £5 per child.



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Sport at HPA



Netball

This month our Year 7 & 8 Netball teams have played two fixtures against Churchill and Priory. They have shown a great team spirit and represented the academy with pride. The Year 7s are unbeaten this term after beating Churchill 9-1. The Year 8s beat Churchill and lost to Priory.

The Year 7 Netball Team with their coaches, Molly and Maggie



The Year 8 Netball Team



Football

The KS3 girls football team went to Churchill to take part in a mini tournament. Both teams played very well and demonstrated good teamwork and resilience.



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Rugby

Year 7 boys played in a mini tournament at Priory School and came away with 2 wins from 2!



Year 8 boys played in a 3 way fixture at priory School. They lost narrowly to Priory and beat Winterstoke Hundred Academy in their last game.

Our Year 9 boys who took part in a quad fixture at Churchill School.



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Extra-curricular Sports Clubs



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Basketball	Futsal Yr 7/8	Futsal Yr 9/10	Futsal Yr 11	TBC
P7	Girls football	Parkour <small>(indoor changing rooms)</small> Cheerleading <small>(indoor changing rooms)</small> Rugby Netball		Football Basketball <small>(indoor changing rooms)</small> Fitness <small>(indoor changing rooms)</small>	

**MUST WEAR TRAINERS and remove tie and blazer
Meet at SPH and wait patiently for the teacher**

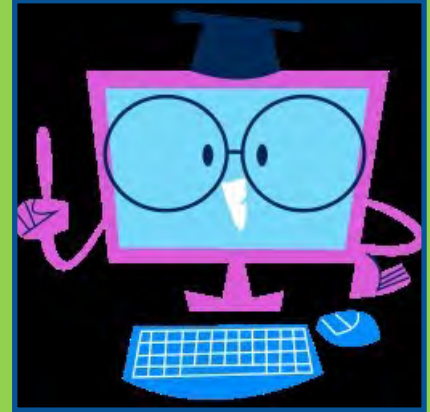
**Just turn up to outside changing rooms, you do not need to sign up, free achievement point
Fixtures may be on different days to the club.**



General Information



IS Club
Every Monday–Friday
3.00pm - 3.50pm
LS3



FREE Period Products



Period pants available
in all sizes



Parents and students are welcome to come into reception and ask for **FREE** supplies at any time. Products are available to students at all times during the year from reception and College Leader offices.



Job Vacancy: Exam Invigilator We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our supportive and talented exams team! See full job description below for more information and details on how to apply:

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/CabotLearningRecruitment/Home/Vacancy?id=1045&returnurl=/CabotLearningRecruitment/>



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