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Edition #2

HPA Newsletter



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It gives me great pride to introduce this month's newsletter, which shines a light on the incredible sense of belonging that continues to grow within our Hans Price community. This month has been filled with opportunities for our students to connect, celebrate, and challenge themselves in new and exciting ways.

Included you'll find highlights from our talent show, where students showcased their creativity and confidence on stage, as well as a fascinating fish filleting workshop that gave students hands-on experience in culinary skills. We also came together for a wonderful Macmillan Bake Sale, raising funds for an important cause through teamwork and generosity.

In celebration of Black History Month, our students led inspiring events that honoured culture, heritage, and unity across the school. And finally, our Girls' Maths Challenge saw students representing Hans Price with determination and pride, demonstrating that perseverance and collaboration are at the heart of learning.

Looking ahead to next term, we're excited to launch the Community Cup, a college based competition designed to bring students together through, philanthropy, teamwork and school spirit. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get involved, fireworks night being a personal favourite of mine!

As we approach the break, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff for their continued support and dedication. I wish you all a safe and restful half term, and I look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready for another exciting term at Hans Price Academy.

Mr S Drew - Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 3rd November:	Term 2 begins
Thursday 6th November:	Fireworks Display
Wednesday 19th November:	Barcelona Trip departs
Saturday 22nd November:	Barcelona Trip returns
Tuesday 25th November:	Year 7,8 & 9 Bikeability Level 3 Course
Wednesday 26th November:	Year 7,8 & 9 Bikeability Level 3 Course
Thursday 27th November:	Year 7,8 & 9 Bikeability Level 3 Course
Thursday 4th December:	Year 11 Subject Evening
Thursday 11th December:	Christmas Show
Friday 12th December:	Year 7 Panto Trip
Wednesday 17th December:	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19th December:	End of term—Students finish at 12.45pm



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Black Culture Festival



Hans Price Academy Celebrates Black History Month in Style

Over the past week, Hans Price Academy has been alive with celebration as we came together to honor Black History Month. The week began with a powerful whole-school assembly that celebrated Black culture, heritage and achievement. Staff and students shared first-hand accounts of how inspirational and impactful figures such as Michelle Obama, Stormzy, Benjamin Zephaniah, Rosa Parks and Marcus Rashford have shaped their lives and inspired them to make a difference.



The celebrations continued with our vibrant Black Culture Festival, which brought the school community together through music, food and creativity. Students led the event with enthusiasm and pride, showcasing the richness and diversity of Black culture. The festival was a true feast for the senses — over 400 students sampled delicious traditional dishes including jollof rice, puff puff, jerk chicken, and Malt fizzy drink, among many others.

The atmosphere was electric, with students proudly wearing traditional African dress, filling the day with colour, rhythm and unity. The event would not have been possible without the incredible support of our families and wider community, whose contributions helped make the celebration such a success.

The day was truly one to remember — a joyful reflection of the strength and beauty of diversity at Hans Price Academy. With such a fantastic response from everyone involved, plans are already underway to make next year's celebration even bigger and better!



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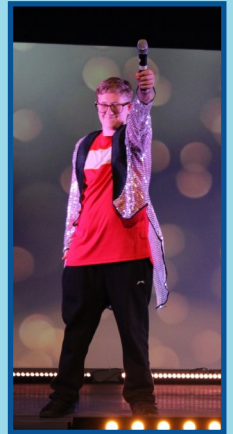
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Talent Show



This month we hosted our 3rd annual HPA Talent Show and it did not disappoint! Everything about this show was utterly spectacular! From the talent, the support from the audience and the vibes on the evening. We really do have talent here at HPA! With acts ranging from comedy gold to guitar solos and musical medleys, 2025 was our best year yet.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the show and contributed towards our Japan 2026 trip by buying tickets, raffle prizes and refreshments. Our next event is the Christmas show on Thursday 11th December. We hold a small number of auditions for this show, so watch this space or speak with a teacher in the Expressive Arts Team if you would like to get involved.



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Fish Filleting Workshop



Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Students Learn to Fillet Fresh Fish



Our Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a hands-on fish filleting workshop.

We were delighted to welcome Labby, the fishmonger from Waitrose, who demonstrated how to fillet fresh mackerel. Students were fascinated to see professional techniques in action and then had a go at preparing their own fillets under expert guidance.

The fish was generously supplied by Seafoods in Burnham-on-Sea, giving our students the chance to work with top-quality, locally sourced ingredients.

“It was a brilliant opportunity for our students to learn new skills directly from an industry professional,” said Miss Cole, Hospitality and Catering teacher. “They absolutely loved the experience and were really proud of what they achieved.”

Year 11 student, Aston, thoroughly enjoyed the workshop; “It was epic! Labby was amazing, she taught me how to block fillet the mackerel and how to debone it.”

It was a brilliant session that not only helped our budding chefs develop new skills but also gave them a real taste of what it’s like to work in the hospitality and catering industry.

A huge thank you to Waitrose and Seafoods, Burnham-on-Sea for making this learning experience possible.



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Macmillan Charity Cake Sale



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

On the 26th September the Arts staffroom held a Macmillan Cake sale in aid of Cancer Research. The staff baked cakes, buns, flapjacks and scones to raise money for this worthwhile cause and sold them to other members of staff. The brilliant team raised over £100. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Mrs Skidmore and the Arts staffroom team.



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Mathematical Competition for Girls



Last month, HPA entered 4 top mathematicians into a new UKMT Mathematical Competition for Girls.

The competition is designed to challenge and inspire young female mathematicians across the UK.

It comprised of 5 long questions and students had 90 minutes in which to answer them. They were similar in style to the challenging Maths Olympiad questions.

The students did exceptionally well. Catrin W earned a Distinction, Emily P and Emma G earned a Merit and Maja J earned a Participation certificate.

A sample question is shown below:

1. (a) Find all whole numbers x such that

$$(x^2 - 7x + 11)(x^2 - 4x + 4) = 1.$$

(7 marks)

- (b) Find all whole numbers x such that

$$(x^2 - 7x + 11)(x^2 - 4x + 4) = -1.$$

(3 marks)



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Sports @ HPA



Year 7 Boys Rugby

The Year 7 boys had their first round of rugby fixtures for Hans Price. An excellent display from all the boys involved, resulting in 2 wins and 1 loss:

HPA 20 v WHA 0

HPA 20 v Churchill 5

HPA 0 v Priory 25



Year 9 Boys Rugby

The Year 9 boys had their first local games this term and bounced back strongly, after a defeat in the national cup to a strong Taunton School by 2 try's. The boys were able to win all 3 games against Worle, Priory and Churchill.

HPA 35 vs 0 Priory

HPA 30 vs - 5 Churchill

HPA 35 vs -10 Worle

MVPs:

Cameron J

Jack L

Will P



Gumshields remain strongly advised in PE Rugby lessons, but not essential as we control any contact elements.

ALL students must wear gum shields during competitive rugby/ fixtures. This would include extra curricular clubs and school fixtures.



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Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby Club runs every Wednesday morning between 7.15am-8.00am all year round to all year groups. We plan to take 7 teams and 70 students to the South West Championships on 6th May. Please support your child to attend training so that we can build on the 2 titles we won in 2025.

The divisions we would like to enter if students show commitment at training are:

- Year 7&8 Girls
- Year 7&8 Boys
- Year 7&8 Mixed
- Year 9&10 Girls
- Year 9&10 Boys
- Year 9&10 Mixed
- Year 11 Mixed

Year 9/10 team take 3rd place in Reading



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Touch Rugby

Year 9/10 Mixed: HPA 1 v 1 The Winston Churchill School  Davids M

Year 9/10 Mixed: HPA 1 v 3 Bohunt and Wokingham School  Alice D

Year 9/10 Mixed: HPA 1 v 1 Buckswood School  Alex W

Year 9/10 Mixed: HPA 1 v 1 The Downs School  Leighton S



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Sports @ HPA



Year 7 Football

The Year 7 boys football team played their first fixture as a group in the ESFA Cup against local rivals Worle. The boys dominated the game from start to finish, scoring 2 and conceding none.

Goals came from Mikey O and Mikey J.

Players of the match went to Mikey O and Josh C.



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Pack the Prom

The next Weston Prom run takes place on November 27th. We encourage HPA students to enter and wear their HPA PE top. All finishers receive a medal for running the 1 mile race.

Entry needs to be made in advance on the link below and costs £2. We will also email this link to you. Mr Esch, Mr Holland and Mr Bennet will be handing out Mars Bars to all HPA finishers at the finish line as a thank you for representing HPA at a community event.

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/weston-ac/weston-junior-prom-1-mile-november>

You can sign up for the whole series for £10 if you prefer.

Race 3: 27 November 2025

Race 4: 11 December 2025

Race 5: 8 January 2026

Race 6: 12 February 2026

Race 7: 12 March 2026

Race 8: 9 April 2026

Race 9: 21 May 2026



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Young Carers



Hans Price Academy are proud to be presented with the Children's Society Gold Schools Award. This is in recognition of the support that is given from the school towards our Young Carers.

What is a Young Carer?

A Young Carer is someone under 18 years old that lives in the same household with someone who is ill, either physically or mentally.

How do you know if this is you? Do you help out with any of the following?

- Practical tasks such as cooking, housework, cleaning.
- Looking after younger siblings.
- Physical care such as helping someone move around the house.
- Accompanying someone to medical appointments.
- Making household decisions around financial matters.
- Communicating with other professionals.
- Personal care – helping with dressing or washing someone.
- Supporting someone's emotions.



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Young Carers



How can staff at Hans Price Academy support you?

- Have a regular check-in with you to check that you are coping.
- Listen to your concerns to understand your home life.
- Be considerate/flexible in our approach if your caring duties impact your learning.
- Offer a regular lunchtime group meeting to support each other.
- Register you with North Somerset Young Carers for on-going support.

What do you need to do next if you think you may be a Young Carer?

Speak to someone in school for confidential support:

- Miss Davis (Young Carer Leader)
- College leaders
- Pastoral team
- A trusted staff member

51% of Young Carers have not told their schools about their caring role at home – please let us know if this is you!

Quotes from Students that attend Young Carers

“Carers has helped me to find other kids in my school that care for their family too”.

“It has given me opportunities to go to different places out of school.”

“It gives me someone to talk to who understands the responsibilities that are involved with caring for family members.”

“It has helped me make new friends and socialise with more people.”

“It has been really helpful because I got to meet up with people and talk to them and I liked it when Maz, our support worker, came here to visit us at our school and we could show her around. I can talk to people in similar situations like me.”

“I enjoy being in the club. It’s nice to have somewhere to go for us to meet up.”

“Sometimes we don’t talk about home life but we all know why we are there.”

“Our chats help me understand more about being a Young Carer.”

“It’s good that we meet up across the years groups to help each other.”



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Period Products



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.



Modibodi®

Modibodi period pants are available in sizes 6-18 (subject to availability).

Period pants are a comfortable, low-maintenance product that means you only have to change them every 10-12 hours. They produce significantly less waste meaning they are beneficial to the environment.

If you would like to order some period pants please contact kylie.bradley@clf.uk



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HPA Fireworks Display



Hans Price Academy

Community Fireworks Night

Come and join us in celebrating
our annual display

With lots of fun and games on offer!

Thursday 6th November 2025

Gates open from 17:30

Fireworks from 19:00

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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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

- ◆ 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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External Services - Student Support October 2025

Please reach out to these charities if you feel you would like support, advice and information. All of these charities are easy to contact and will provide support to all students.

Kooth:

If you're worried about your child's mental health and wellbeing, support is available on Kooth.

Kooth is an online mental health and wellbeing service for children and young people. Here are some things to remember about Kooth:

- It's free to use.
- No bullying or discrimination can take place.
- No referral is needed to join.
- Signing up and getting started only takes a few minutes.
- No problem is too big or small.

Kooth supports young people across the UK with a range of difficulties:

- Sadness and low mood
- Anxiety
- Loneliness and isolation
- Stress
- Self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- Difficulties at school and college
- Eating difficulties and body image concerns
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Want to learn more about Kooth? [Check out their FAQs for parents and carers.](#)

How to join Kooth:

It only takes a few minutes to register online, and no formal referral is needed. Kooth only requires basic details like the area your child lives in and their month/year of birth to sign up for support.

[Watch Kooth's short sign-up demo video.](#)

Your child can get started today - go.kooth.com/9qhw



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Barnardo's:

Support for young people
So every young person can
achieve their full potential.



Great website – packed
with advice and helplines.

Please visit

www.barnardos.org.uk

THE MIX
Essential support for young people

The Mix

The Mix is the UK's leading digital charity for young people. Whatever you're facing, The Mix is always there for you via their website, over the phone or on social media.



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childline

Childline is a lifeline for children and young people, offering a safe and confidential platform to discuss any issue or challenge they might be facing. Accessible via phone or online, Childline provides immediate support, advice, and protection. Whether it's dealing with bullying, emotional distress, or any other concern, trained counsellors are available 24/7 to listen, guide, and empower young individuals, ensuring they never have to face their troubles alone.

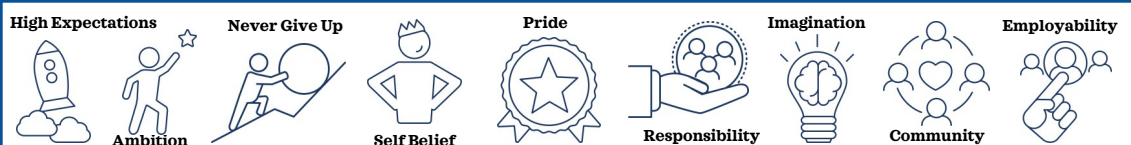
Call free: **0800 1111** or contact the website to email or log in for a counsellor chat.
childline.org.uk

Safer Internet



Safer Internet is an initiative dedicated to promoting a safer online environment for children and young people. In an age where digital literacy is crucial, Safer Internet provides valuable resources, advice, and support to help navigate the complexities of the online world. From cyberbullying to online privacy, they offer guidance and tools to educate students, parents, and educators, aiming to foster a digital community that is both secure and enriching for its youngest members.

These introductions provide a glimpse into the unique features and services each organisation offers, highlighting their commitment to supporting and empowering students in various aspects of their lives.



Safeguarding



Chat Health

11-19 year olds can get support from Sirona Care & Health's School Nurses during the school holidays through the Chat Health text messaging service.

You can text 07312 263093 for confidential advice on a range of issues including emotional health and wellbeing, relationships, smoking, stress and anxiety, self-esteem, bullying and drugs and alcohol. The service is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, excluding bank holidays. You can find out more on Sirona Care & Health website.

**We look forwards to welcoming you back
next term.**

**Please stay safe over the October break and
look after each other!**



Mr Drew, Miss Davis and Mrs Phippen



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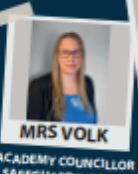
SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

"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
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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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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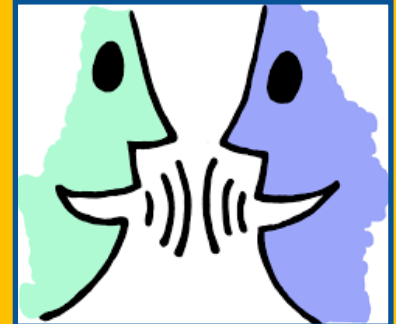
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Talk, Don't Just Monitor

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
- internetmatters.org
- 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



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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