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Edition #1

# HPA Newsletter



## Welcome



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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. It has been a strong start at HPA with much to be proud of.

This term we have really enjoyed officially welcoming our new Year 7 cohort to HPA. They have hit the ground running and have benefitted from a comprehensive transition week and Summer of Fun. As always, I am immensely proud of our older students who have supported them in settling in by directing them to the correct places and being good role models around the Academy. Our Open Evening was a big success, with nearly 200 students (including several Year 7s!) volunteering their evening to showcase their Academy.

This year we upgraded our "International Day of Languages" to an entire week of celebrating our diverse community, titled "Languages Open Hearts and Minds". It was brilliant to see the range of activities on offer throughout the week, and this is something we will continue to build on next year.

If you haven't done so already, please do follow us on social media. Simply search for @hpawsm (Instagram) or @HansPriceAC (Facebook). We use these channels to share announcements and share some of the brilliant things our students get up to. In addition to this, we have a "News" section on our website.

This year is set to be another exciting one, and we look forward to working in partnership with you so that your child gets a truly exceptional experience. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives to school every day, Ready to Learn, and ready to make a positive contribution.

Mr Esch - Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday 2nd October:	Japan Trip Meeting 5pm HPA Talent Show Parent Forum - 5.45pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 7th October:	Paris Trip departs
Friday 10th October:	Black Culture Festival Paris Trip returns
Thursday 16th October:	Year 7&11 Tutor Evening
Wednesday 22nd October:	End of Term 1
Thursday 23rd October:	Inset Day
Friday 24th October:	Inset Day
Monday 3rd November:	Term 2 begins



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# Languages Open Hearts and Minds



This week has been our celebration of international languages. For 25 years, 26th September has been the European Day of Languages. However, we have students from much further afield than Europe these days. HPA welcomes students from all over the world and a day was just too short to celebrate us all. We have come together to celebrate our international community over the entire week.

**Monday lundì lunes:** We launched our Duolingo challenge. Students and staff have battled all week to get the most points and glory! Congratulations to our winners:

Students: Coby E, Riley G, Kayla B, Yuna B and Antoni S.

Staff: Mrs Tinker, Mr Mitchell, Miss Rémy, Miss Sleightholm and Mrs Robinson-Evans.



**Tuesday mardi martes:** Students were invited to 'share their heart and mind'. Mathilde Molene baked 200 multi-coloured meringues as she shared about France.

**Wednesday mercredi miércoles:** Students answered the register in different languages of their peers.

**Thursday jeudi jueves:** More than 20 students brought in delicious treats for our international bake-off. The judges are still smiling through all the sugar and our winners were: Alba A, Amber F, Lacey S, Emily J and Nana G. Well done all of you, and Paul Hollywood, watch out!



**Friday vendredi viernes:** Staff recorded themselves sharing a message to our students in a foreign language. One problem - they were in disguise! Do you think the students could work out who this mystery bunch were?

Like all of our challenges this week, there were achievement points available for their college to the winners! We value all of our learners and could not be more proud of how different we all are. Our different stories, interests and experiences add to the richness of our community so thank you for everyone that played their part in the celebrations of international languages this week.



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# Ski Trip 2026



**PLACES AVAILABLE  
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OPEN TO  
YEARS 8-11  
ONLY**

**CONTACT**  
**Charli.dale@clf.uk**  
**for more information**



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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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# Year 11 Next Steps & Guide to Post-16 Education



As an Academy, we support all Year 11 students to prepare for their next steps and Post-16 choices. During Year 11 we host Post-16 assemblies, delivered by a variety of external providers, to highlight the wide-ranging opportunities at Post-16 including college, sixth form and apprenticeship routes.

Every student in Year 11 will receive a 1:1 career guidance session with myself to prepare for Post-16 applications. As a school we can support students with their applications where needed. I will provide a monthly careers and Post-16 events calendar, to ensure all students and families have up to date and relevant information to inform their choices. This will be a regular feature in the Academy newsletter. We strongly recommend students, parents and carers visit as many of these events as possible.

Whilst most Post-16 providers are flexible with application deadlines, as a guide, we recommend all students should have made at least two applications by the Christmas holidays. Please be aware that school sixth forms have strict December/January application deadlines.

If you feel that you or your child would like additional support to better understand Post-16 options and the application process, please contact me directly via email: [Jackie.Fielding@clf.uk](mailto:Jackie.Fielding@clf.uk) or direct dial: (01934) 630836 ext.1340.

## A Brief Guide to Post-16 Qualifications and Routes

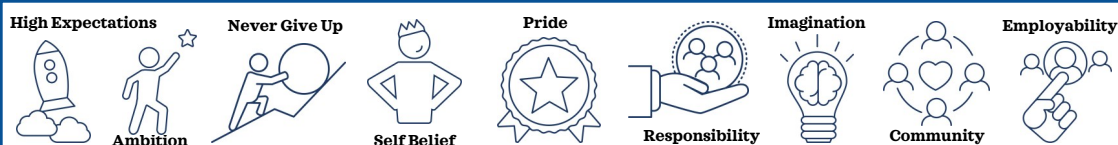
**'T' levels & BTECs:** Ideal for students with one specific subject or vocational area in mind, with a practical and 'hands on' learning style and an emphasis on work experience. This is a mix of practical assignments and some exams. Equivalent to 3 A levels with routes into university, apprenticeships and the world of work.

**'A' levels:** Ideal for students who perform well in exams, enjoy the classroom environment and would like to study 3 or sometimes 4 subjects. For students with clear aspirations for university or those who do not have one specific subject area in mind and would like to keep their options open. Also, for routes into apprenticeships and the world of work.

**Apprenticeships:** Ideal for students who are looking to leave the classroom behind and enter the world of work. Apprenticeships are a full-time job with a day a week at college or assessment in the workplace. Apprenticeships require a high level of maturity to apply for vacancies, be interviewed and secure a role.

**Foundation Learning:** Foundation Learning is available at most colleges for students with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and barriers to learning.

**Jackie Fielding**  
Careers Advisor



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## Careers and Post-16 Events Calendar October 2025

Provider	Event	Date & Time	More Information
<b>Hans Price Academy</b>	1:1 Career Guidance Meeting with Mrs Fielding Students will be collected from lessons	September - December	For more information contact: Jackie.Fielding@clf.uk (01934) 630836 ext:1340
<b>Priory Community School</b> BS22 6BP	Pathway to the Future Post-16 Event Year 10 & 11	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 5-7pm SEND/quiet slot from 4:30pm	
<b>Bristol City Robins Foundation</b> Ashton Gate BS23 2EJ	Open Evening	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October From 6:30pm	To register: <a href="#">Bristol City Robins Open Evening</a>
<b>City of Bristol College</b> All Campuses	Open Day	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	To register: <a href="#">City of Bristol Open Day</a>
<b>The King Alfred School Sixth Form</b> TA9 3EE	Open Day	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	To register: <a href="#">The King Alfred Sixth Form Open Evening</a>
<b>Bridgwater and Taunton College</b> Bridgwater Campus TA1 5AX	Open Evening	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm	To register: <a href="#">Bridgwater &amp; Taunton College Open Evening</a>
<b>Weston College</b> All Campuses	Open Evening For School Leavers	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm	To register: <a href="#">Weston College Open Evening</a>
<b>Churchill Academy Sixth Form</b> BS25 5QN	Open Evening	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 5-8:30pm	To register: <a href="#">Churchill Academy Sixth Form Open Evening</a>
<b>NHS Careers Day</b>	Allied professionals Careers Day	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	



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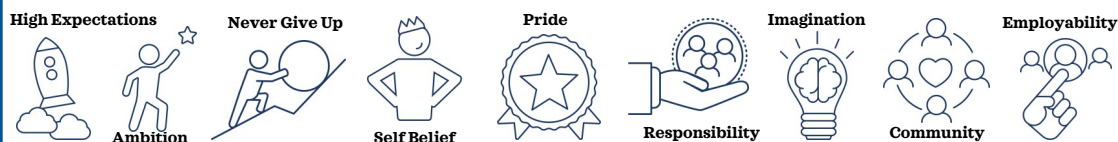


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## Careers and Post-16 Events Calendar October 2025

<b>Access Creative College</b> BS1 2LZ	Open Day Music Games Media & Design	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	To register: <a href="#">Access Creative College Open Day</a>
<b>Boomsatsuma</b> All Campuses  Portland Square Bottle yard Studios Leadworks	Open Evenings Creative Digital & Media Photography Sports Media Production Games, VR & VFX	From 21st – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 6:00pm	To book: <a href="#">Boomsatsuma Open Evenings</a>
<b>Winterstoke Hundred Academy Post-16 Centre</b> BS24 8EE	Open Evening	Tuesday 22nd October 4:30- 7:30pm	<a href="#">WHA Post-16 Open Evening</a>
<b>Backwell Sixth Form</b> BS48 3BX	Open Evening	Thursday 23rd October 5-7:15pm	To register: <a href="#">Backwell Sixth Form Open Evening</a>
<b>Become an Apprentice</b>	Apprenticeship Information	Online Research Only	<a href="#">Apprenticeship Advice &amp; Guidance</a>  <a href="#">Register &amp; Search for an</a>



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## PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1ST 5PM-7PM  
PRIORY SCHOOL**

Meet colleges, 6th forms and apprenticeship providers  
**Learn all about the range of post 16 qualifications available**  
 Explore your options and plan your pathway beyond year 11  
**A levels! T levels! Diplomas! Apprenticeships!**  
 All welcome!



**Essential for year 11 and a great opportunity for year 10**

An interesting activity for year 7, 8 & 9

**SEN and anxious students are very welcome to visit from 4.30pm**



## Allied Health Professionals Careers Day Saturday 18th October 2025



### Thought about a career in Allied Health?

- There are a range of careers available
- Many with apprenticeships 'learn on the job'
- Come and meet some AHPs and find out more....
- Save the date! Details and booking link to follow...



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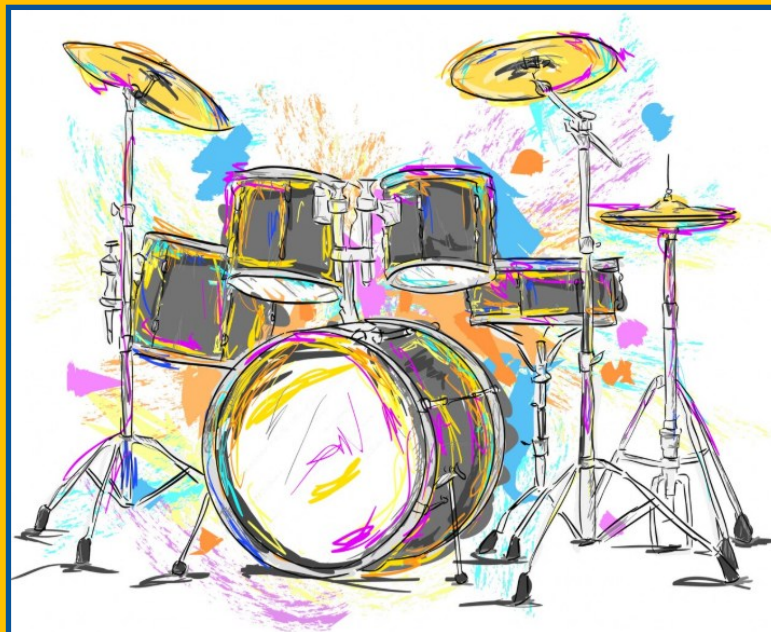
# NEW - Music Careers Club



## **New Music Careers Club Thursday Lunchtime Music Room with Mr Boorman**

The intention of this class is to discuss different career paths within the music industry. Advice will be given to students who already have an idea of where they would like to take music.

Mr Boorman has been working professionally in the music industry for 12 years and is surrounded by peers who have taken many different paths whose stories will certainly help guide our students.



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# Touch Rugby



We are very proud to have had a student in every year group representing the South West at the Touch Rugby Nationals in Nottingham. Year 11: England international Ava B , Imogen C (Year 10), Alex W (Year 9), Ali S (Year 8) and Faye D (Year 7).



Congratulations to Ali, Faye and Imogen for becoming National Champions!



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# County Lines Webinar



November 2025

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm - 6:30pm



# COUNTY LINES WEBINAR SESSION



## For Parents & Carers

Our gang and county lines parents' session consists of speakers with lived experience within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines, gang involvement, and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/ transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue.

The session will help parents and carers to identify the signs and triggers that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of how to appropriately respond to such indicators.

For more information and to secure your place, please email [vrp@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:vrp@n-somerset.gov.uk) specifying which date you would like to attend.

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# Attendance Spotlight



We would like to say a big **thank you** to all our Hans Price Academy Parents/Carers for supporting your children to attend school and engage so well with their learning. We know that this reflects the value our families place on children learning in school every day. We are looking forward to continuing to work together, to support attendance and learning.

At Hans Price Academy, we want and expect our students to attend school every day, unless they are really not well enough to, or there is another very good reason for their absence which is agreed by the academy.

We believe that children who attend regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning and gain the greatest benefit from their education.

Attending on time every day also helps students form good habits which can stay with them throughout their education and on into the workplace.

## Support for your child in school

Please remember that we are here to help in any way we can. If you have any concerns about your child that you wish to discuss with us, please do get in touch. If we cannot help directly, we will work with you to help you find other support.

You can contact us by using the following email addresses or call our attendance team on: **01934 629307**.

Attendance	-	<a href="mailto:attendance@hpa.clf.uk">attendance@hpa.clf.uk</a>
Acer	-	<a href="mailto:Esther.Cummins@clf.uk">Esther.Cummins@clf.uk</a>
Clarus	-	<a href="mailto:Stacey.Leatherby@clf.uk">Stacey.Leatherby@clf.uk</a>
Fortis	-	<a href="mailto:Ricky.Bennett@clf.uk">Ricky.Bennett@clf.uk</a>
Mando	-	<a href="mailto:Dan.Hartley@clf.uk">Dan.Hartley@clf.uk</a>

## #attendancematters



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# SPARX Maths



Every time a student completes their Sparx I.S, they earn Sparx Experience Points (XP). Students earn more XP if they complete XP Boost or Target homework tasks in addition to their compulsory independent study (homework). They can also earn more if they don't switch their questions to another one.

This year, Sparx have changed how often students level up. Students now reach a new Level for every 1,000 XP they earn. Students will receive a certificate if their level is a multiple of 5 and a badge when they reach 10, 20, 30 or 40.

The following students have reached the milestone amounts of 5,10,15,20,25, etc (The number in brackets shows their level).

## Year 8

Sienna S (5), Taisa C (5), Alesha T (5), Maxwell S (10), Louie S (15), Kenan A (15), Cooper F (20), Freya S (20), Saad I-H (20), Arthur S (20), Reeva W (20), Skyla S (20), Alfie E-M (20), Bobby C (20), Dylan C (20), Jade C (20), Lana T (20), Olivia C (20), Theo H (20), Lilly H (20), Sid L (20), Lacey L (20), Somerset H (20), Nikolas N (20), Freddie R (20), Darcie P (25), Natalie M (25), Jasmine H (25), Brody S (25), Lily-Belle C (25), Ollie W (25), Max T (25), Smile T (25), Oliver S (25), Marshall P (25), Jacob D-H (25), Oliver J (25), Oscar C (25), Isabelle S (25), Alex J (30), Moyinoluwa A (30), Lawrence-Lee B (35), Mathilde M (35), Jennifer A (45).

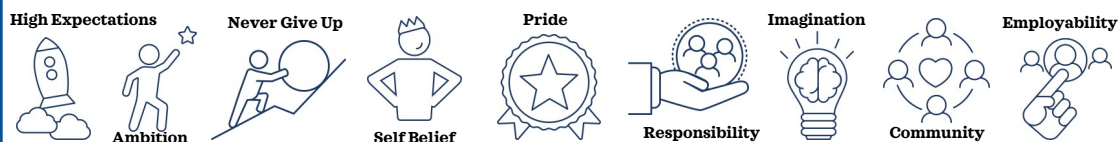
## Year 9

Charlie T (5), Morgan A (5), Harry B (5), Noah W (5), Delilah P-O (10), Kailum C (10), Hollie A (20), Thomas W (20), Safyre M (25), Bella S (25), Daisy H (30), Krystaal-Skye M (30), Oliver Y (35), Tyler B (35), Jamie B (35), Romani H (35), Fabian Z (35), Paige B (35), Yasmin K (35), Maci-Rae B (35), Travis J (35), Arthur B (35), Archie F (40), Beth N (40), Isabella A (40), Gracie A (40), William C (40), Zebedee J (40), Amelia J (40), Violet B (40), Gracie W (40), Nell B (45), Kacey R (45), Shannon H (50), Angel J (50), Ayhan A (50), David J (55), Emily W (55), Amelia W (60), Justin D (75).

Year 8 Leaderboard	
Charlie B	Level 107
Riley G	Level 77
Darius M	Level 67

Year 9 Leaderboard	
Kyati K	Level 441
Oliver N	Level 301
Klouse R	Level 167

We look forward to seeing the levelling up results of our new Year 7's next month!



# Choices & Consequences Workshop



Our local Police Community Support Officers – Spencer and Ash came to HPA to deliver a workshop designed to be thought provoking for students to think about what could go wrong if they make poor choices in the future. The students engaged well and asked lots of questions about the scenarios that they were given.

Miss Davis, from the safeguarding team, as well as Spencer and Ash were impressed with the reflections from the students on their workshops and what they had learned.

## Feedback from students included:

- *“I didn’t know that people could get groomed for years by strangers pretending to be a friend, and it will start slowly and become more serious, when they want you to do jobs for them.”*
- *“Children should not trespass into abandoned buildings; you could get hurt or meet someone dangerous and put yourself at risk.”*
- *“You have to be a certain age to go on social media.”*
- *“Make up your own mind about your choices – do the right thing and don’t be influenced by friends”.*
- *“There will be strict consequences if you break the law even when you are a teenager.”*
- *“If you hurt someone else – by accident or on purpose, you could end up in serious trouble”.*
- *“We must not post any personal information on our social media accounts. We should only have friends that we know and trust”.*
- *“Don’t carry any knives or weapons – you could be arrested, and it is often that person that carries the weapon that gets hurt by them”.*
- *“At first, I thought all the scenarios were not very serious, but after the Police explained it all, I understood how small things can go wrong and turn into big things quite quickly”.*
- *“This course would be good for all the students to do”.*



Spencer and Ash praised the group for their participation and are hoping to return for some more sessions with other students, to continue to raise awareness.

Written by Miss Davis,  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead.



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# Rolls Royce Trip



HPA students were given the opportunity to visit Rolls-Royce Filton last week and take a tour of two of their facilities. They were also given the chance to meet some first and second year apprentices to ask them about their journey into the world of engineering.



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# Breakfast Club



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



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

Open daily, to everyone. See Mr Drew for more information or just show up

**FREE - NO NEED TO SIGN UP - DAILY - 07:45 - 08:10**



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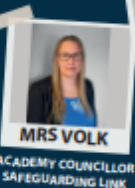
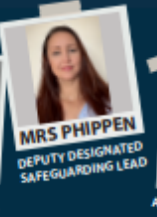
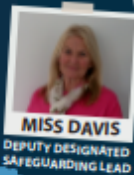
## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

"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  
SESCO  
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

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