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# Welcome to Hans Price Academy



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# Welcome!



I am delighted to welcome you to the Hans Price Academy family in September.

Moving to secondary school is an exciting step and provides the opportunity for new beginnings, new routines and a host of new friends. All of this provides the basis for an exceptional five-year journey together.

You will work with a talented and dedicated team of staff and take part in a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum. This offer is enhanced by extra-curricular activities for you to discover, grow and nurture your individual talents. Our "Hans Price Values" are at the core of everything that we do and provides you with the platform to be your very best and make a positive contribution to our community.

I look forward to meeting you all in person very soon.

**Adrian Esch, Principal**

## Welcome from Samuel Drew (Assistant Principal)

I am proud and delighted to welcome your family to the Hans Price community.

Moving to a secondary school can be quite daunting. However, through our thorough transition programme and with our fantastic team of staff we are confident it will be a smooth process. Along with the college leaders, I will be one of the first people welcoming your child through our doors. We cannot wait to settle all our new Yr7s into their new learning families and begin their journey at Hans Price. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# Welcome from the Chief Executive of the Cabot Learning Federation, Steve Taylor



Cabot Learning Federation

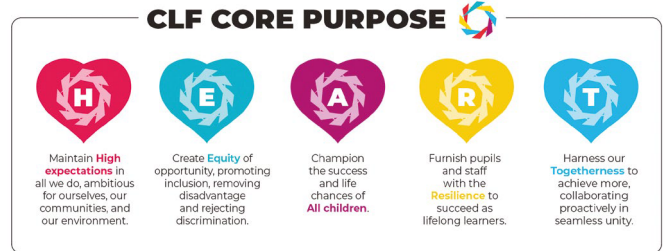
As well as welcoming you to Hans Price Academy, I'd like to welcome your family to our family of schools in Weston-super-Mare.



Hans Price is one of a number of sibling schools, both primary and secondary, in the Cabot Learning Federation, working together in the town across the age ranges to secure the best possible

experience for all of the children in our care. While there will always be something special about the particular atmosphere and experience at Hans Price, it's always good to know that you are part of a broader team, supporting and sharing the same high expectations and aspirations for each other. All the best for your new start in September!

**Steve Taylor** Chief Executive, Cabot Learning Federation



## Our Culture – Ready to Learn



We have a culture at HPA built around mutual respect. This is underpinned through our 5 core pillars.

- **Attend school every day, on time.**
- **Wear your uniform with pride**
- **Value your own learning**
- **Value the learning of others**
- **Make a positive contribution to our community.**

These 5 pillars are the heart of what it means to be 'Ready to Learn' and is something that all students at HPA embrace daily.

### HPA Values



# Our College System

A huge part of why our culture is so successful is down to our college pastoral system. Every student and member of staff is part of a college; Acer, Clarus, Fortis or Mando. Each college has a College Leader – a non-teaching member of staff. They, along with the tutor, are a regular contact for any issues or problems throughout your time at HPA.

All achievement points earned lead not only to prizes for you, but go towards your college's total in our college cup competition.

You will see your 'learning family' every single day, where you will meet other students within your college and you are encouraged to fully embrace the camaraderie and teamwork through a variety of events during the academy year.

- **Weekly 'Fun Day Friday' events**
- **Attendance and Punctuality**
- **Achievement Points**
- **Community Cup**
- **Expressive Cup**
- **Sports Cup**



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# The Curriculum



At Hans Price Academy, we aim to be one of the best schools in the country, renowned for delivering outstanding academic results and developing world-class aspirations in every student, regardless of background or start-point. We have a broad range of subjects to study in KS4 to ensure students give themselves the best opportunities possible for their future.

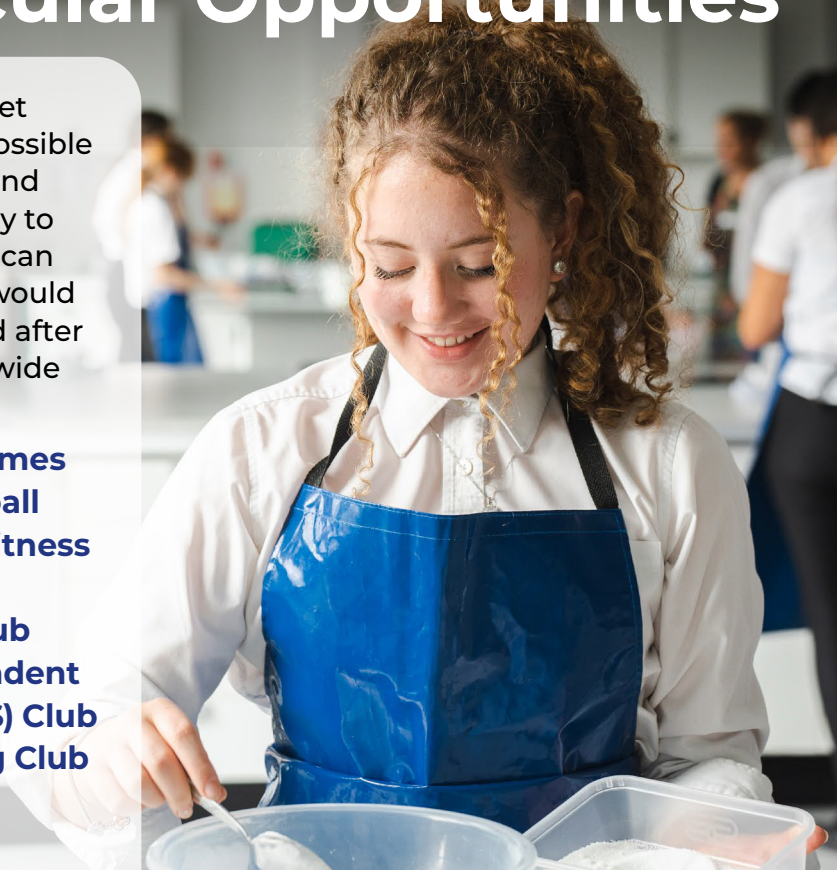
We work on a one-week timetable, with six 50 minute periods in one day. Some lessons are singles and some doubles of 100 minutes. Here is the breakdown of the number of 50 minute periods Year 7 students have in each subject in one week.

Subject	Periods
Maths	5
English	5
Science	4
PSHE (SPACE)	1
Art	1
Computer Science	2
Drama	1
MFL – French or Spanish	2
History	1
Geography	1
Music	1
PE	3
RE	1
Technology	2

## Extra-curricular Opportunities

We encourage all our Yr7s to get involved in as many clubs as possible to build a sense of belonging and community at Hans Price. Entry to all clubs are free and students can attend as many clubs as they would like before school, at lunch and after school. Some examples of our wide offer include:

- **Sports Club**
- **Cheerleading**
- **Library Club**
- **Parkour**
- **Film Club**
- **Eco-Club**
- **Tag archery**
- **Chess Club**
- **Science Film Club**
- **Card Games**
- **Basketball**
- **Gym / Fitness Suite**
- **Hero Club**
- **Independent Study (IS) Club**
- **Running Club**



# Welcome from our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Kerry Mullinder



Starting a new school can be an anxious time. If you have questions or worries, you are not alone. Here at HPA, we have a team of staff ready to support you. We will be working with you and your Primary school to help you get used to everything about HPA before you officially start in September. If you need some extra help with your learning, coping with social times or with your mental health, the Inclusion Team are here for you. The team is led by the SENCOs and includes Teaching Assistants (TAs), Counsellors, mentors, a Social Emotional Mental Health specialist and the managers of our three bespoke provisions; Engage, Nurture and Quiet Room. We also have a provision that supports our most vulnerable students within Ready to Learn.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. We are looking forward to meeting you soon!

## Welcome from a Parent

Both my children have attended Hans Price Academy. My son completed Yr11 last year - he thoroughly enjoyed his time at the Academy and was delighted to be made a Prefect during his last year. Through engaging lessons with teachers passionate about their subjects, my son developed a keen interest in Geography, Computing and IT and has gone on to study these subjects at 'A' Level. My youngest child is still at the Academy and has had an equally good experience. As well as excellent lessons, the pastoral support at the Academy is outstanding.

## Welcome from Kathryn Volk Chair of the Academy Council



On behalf of Hans Price Academy Council I am delighted to welcome your family to our exciting and caring community where your child will be encouraged to achieve their very best and given every opportunity to excel in all that they do. Our Academy has a simple philosophy – the students must come to school 'Ready to Learn' and similarly the teachers 'Ready to Teach'. You will hear about this philosophy frequently, but it underpins everything we do. The Academy Council is here to ensure that every student really does matter and is given the opportunity to grow in confidence and maturity to achieve and become successful adults. Under the watchful eye of our hard-working staff, I am confident that your child will thrive and enjoy all that Hans Price Academy offers and I wish them every success in this important next stage in their life.

Should you wish to contact me at any time or know more about the role of the Academy Council, my email address is [kathryn.volk@guest.clf.uk](mailto:kathryn.volk@guest.clf.uk)

# What happens next?

Once you accept your child's offer here at Hans Price, the transition work begins. Here is a summary of what this includes:



**March onwards** – We will be happy to answer any questions that you might have, and you are also more than welcome to visit the school again or meet with any of us on request. Please email [transition@hpa.clf.uk](mailto:transition@hpa.clf.uk)

**April, May and June** – We will be visiting every child and their Year 6 teacher in primary schools. We will be gaining as much information as we can from them, and you, about academic data, behaviour, likes and dislikes, friendships, extra-curricular interests and personality traits.

For any students with additional educational needs, our SEN team will meet with primary SEN partners to continue your child's support in the best possible way. There will be enhanced transition opportunities for students to visit Hans Price, with key staff from their primary school, to meet with our Academy SEN team.

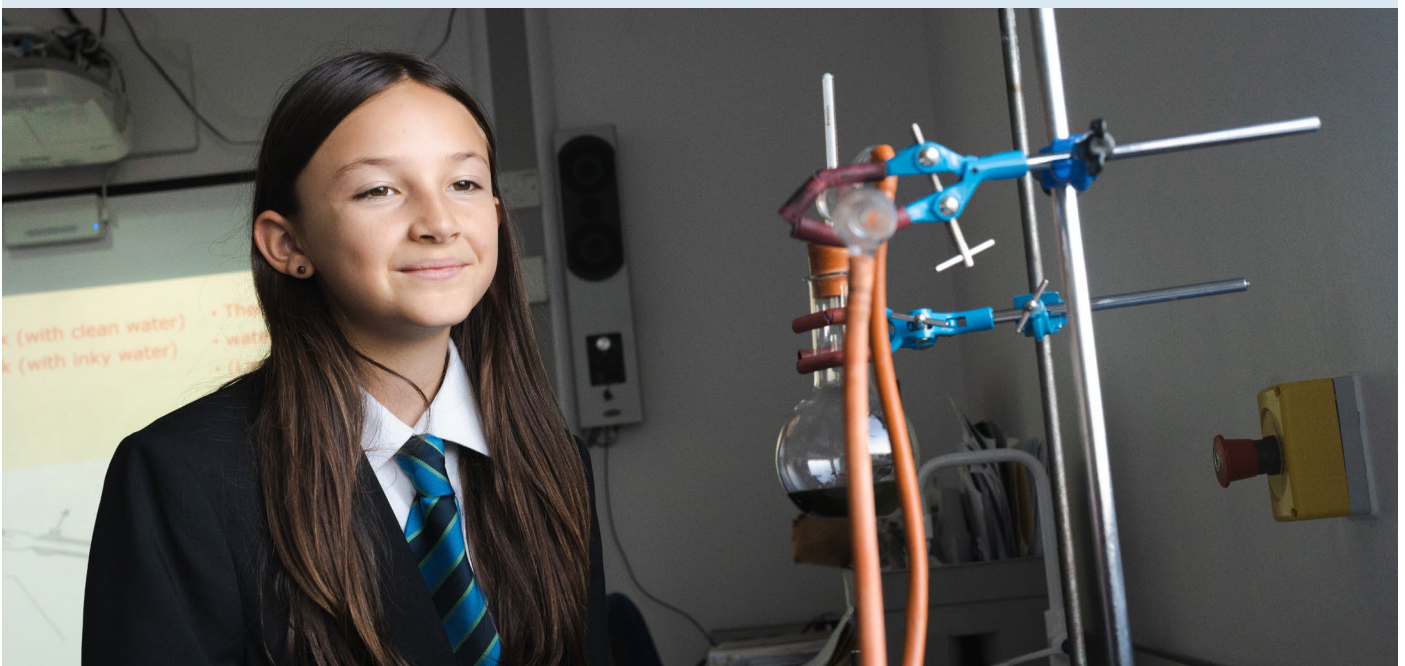
Meanwhile, we will be inviting all students to a movie evening to allow students to meet their new peers and feel more confident being in and around the Academy.

**30th June-3rd July 2025** – The Big Step transition week. Your child will spend 3 days experiencing a typical timetable at Hans Price, meeting their Tutors and some of their new teachers.

**Thurs 3rd July 2025** – Parent and Carer information evening. You are warmly invited to the Academy to celebrate the work your child has produced during their transition week and meet the Tutor and College team.

**18th-22nd August** – The Summer of Fun. Your child is invited to spend the week with us enjoying a range of free activities to build friendships with peers and form relationships with staff before starting in September.

*We are really looking forward to meeting you!*





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