

Parent, Family & Community Briefing

Friday 2nd October 2026



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Welcome to this week's parent, family and community briefing!

This week, we welcomed Ofsted inspectors to HCC, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our students, staff and families for their support throughout the inspection process. We are incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves, demonstrating the values, respect and positive attitudes that make our school community so special. Thank you also to our dedicated staff for their hard work, professionalism and commitment, and to families for their continued encouragement and support.

We will, of course, share the feedback we receive from the inspection, along with the subsequent report, when it becomes available. As a school, we are proud of the progress and achievements we have made in recent years and remain fully committed to building on these successes as we continue our improvement journey.

We were also delighted to welcome year 10 and year 11 students and their families to our KS4 Success Evening last night. The event was a great success, with staff sharing valuable advice, revision strategies and practical guidance to help students prepare for their GCSE examinations. We know that the strongest outcomes are achieved when school and home work in partnership, and it was wonderful to see so many families engaging with the support on offer. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your continued commitment to supporting your child's success.

Army Cadets Presentation

Students from years 7 and 8 recently enjoyed assembly presentations from Lt Jim Harvey of the Holsworthy Detachment of the Devon Army Cadet Force, highlighting the wide range of opportunities available to young people aged 12-17.

The Army Cadets offer exciting activities that help develop confidence, leadership, teamwork and new skills, while providing a fun environment to make friends and take on new challenges. Students interested in finding out more can attend a three-week trial at Holsworthy Youth Centre during October before deciding whether to join. Further information is available via the [Army Cadets website](#).



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Key Stage 4 Success Evening

It was great to see so many key stage 4 students and their families attend our Key Stage 4 success evening this week. Clear approaches to revision were shared with specific strategies and sources being modelled for English, maths and science. All the resources from this evening will be shared via the website and communicated directly to KS4 families next week.

This event is just part of the ongoing provision to support our key stage 4 students so that they can flourish and excel at the end of year 11. A study skills and intervention curriculum has begun as part of the year 11 tutor programme and this will begin soon for year 10 students. We know that maximising the partnership between home and school is essential to helping our students excel and achieve strongly, setting them up for their future steps after year 11. If at any stage you have any questions about supporting your child with their studies, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Phil Ruse
Vice Principal



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How Our Pastoral System Works at HCC

As we reach the end of our first month of the new school year, **we wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers about the support systems available at HCC** and the best person to contact if you have a question, worry or concern.

We are proud of the strong pastoral care we provide and **want to ensure that any concerns are directed to the most appropriate member of staff** so that they can be resolved as quickly and effectively as possible.

For most concerns, **your child's tutor** should always be your first point of contact. Tutors know their students well and are often best placed to offer support, answer questions or direct concerns to the right person.

If your concern relates to your child's wellbeing, mental health, friendships, bullying, attendance, behaviour, or home circumstances, please **contact the relevant House Leader** after speaking with the tutor. Our pastoral team works closely with families to provide support and guidance when students are experiencing difficulties.

If your concern is related to a particular lesson, subject or classroom experience, please **contact the class teacher** in the first instance. If the matter remains unresolved, it can then be escalated to the relevant Curriculum Leader who oversees the subject area.

We always aim to resolve concerns at the earliest possible stage. However, if you feel that an issue has not been fully addressed after following the steps above, you can **request that it is referred to a member of the Senior Leadership Team** for further consideration.

By following these pathways, we can ensure that concerns are dealt with by the colleagues best placed to help, allowing us to provide timely and effective support for every student.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every child at HCC is safe, happy and successful.



Mrs Hallett
Designated Safeguarding Lead

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The immunisation team are visiting our school on Wednesday 21st October to give the annual nasal flu vaccination to those students who have consent.

Please remember to provide consent for your child before 9am on 20th October.

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=DV145343>

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

- 1. Protect yourself**
The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect your family and friends**
Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid lost opportunities**
If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect you against flu

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Key Dates

- **Tuesday 6th October** - Year 8 safeguarding and relationship workshop
- **Friday 9th October** - Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Bude and Boscastle)
- **Tuesday 13th October** - Year 10 safeguarding and relationship workshop
- **Tuesday 20th October** - Year 9 safeguarding and relationship workshop
- **Wednesday 21st October** - Seasonal flu vaccinations
- **Thursday 22nd October** - Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Plymouth)
- **Friday 23rd October** - Non pupil day
- **Monday 26th October to Friday 27th October** - half term
- **Monday 2nd November** - All students return



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