Parent, Family & Community Briefing

Thursday 22nd October 2026



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

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued hard work, commitment and support. It has been a positive and productive few weeks at Holsworthy Community College, with many achievements and successes that reflect the talent, determination and spirit of our school community.

One of our most significant achievements this term has been the improvement in student attendance compared to the same period last year. This has been made possible through the combined efforts of students, families and staff. We know that strong attendance is the foundation for academic success and personal development, and I would like to thank everyone for their contribution. Whilst we are pleased with this progress, maintaining and building on this improvement remains a key priority.

We have also seen many students strengthen their approach to learning, embrace opportunities beyond the classroom and demonstrate our values each day. I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their ongoing commitment to supporting the young people of HCC and helping them achieve their very best.

A reminder that this Friday is a non-pupil day and the College will be closed to students whilst staff undertake professional development and training. We will then break for half term, providing everyone with a well-deserved opportunity to rest and recharge.

Looking ahead, year 11 mock examinations begin on Tuesday 3rd November. These examinations are an important step in preparing for GCSEs, and I encourage all year 11 students to use the half-term break wisely to revise and prepare.

https://www.hcc.devon.sch.uk/Learning/Revision-and-Home-Learning/

I wish all members of our school community a safe, enjoyable and restful half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another successful term.

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Celebration Events

As a reward for 100% attendance and excellent behaviour in lessons, selected students in years 7-10 have been taking part in a fun quiz event during lesson 1 and lesson 2 today.

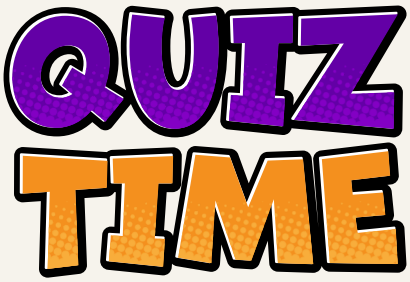
The quiz was a chance for students to enjoy some friendly competition with their peers while celebrating their excellent commitment to school expectations. There was a variety of engaging rounds, including general knowledge, music, Halloween-themed questions, picture challenges, and more.

As an additional reward, all participating students received a cookie and a drink during the event.

Thank you to all students for their hard work, positive attitude, and outstanding attendance. We hop you had an enjoyable morning of fun and celebration!



Mr Watkins
House Leader



WEDNESDAY 18th November 2026 at 6:30pm - 8pm

What: Oral Health Improvement **Training** – Supporting Children
Where: Microsoft Teams

How to book a place: Please fill out our online booking form or scan to QR code on the poster



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SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT

During the School Holidays

Useful contacts for parents, carers and young people

IMMEDIATE DANGER — **999**

If a child or anyone else is at immediate risk, call Police/Ambulance.

Devon Children's Social Care - Front Door — **0345 155 1071**

If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child in Devon.

Devon Emergency Duty Service — **0345 600 0388**

Outside office hours, weekends and public holidays.

Childline — **0800 1111**

Free, confidential support for children and young people, 24 hours a day.

NSPCC Helpline — **0808 800 5000**

Advice and support for adults who are worried about a child.

Samaritans — **116 123**

Free emotional support for anyone who is struggling, day or night.

You do not have to wait for school to reopen to seek help.

If you are concerned about a child, contact the appropriate service above.

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What's On At HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY November 2026

- **Bookstart Story Time**, Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th - 2pm-2:15pm (just before Bounce & Rhyme). Stories for children 0-4 years old. Free booklet and stickers fror children to collect.
- **Bounce & Rhyme**, Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th - 2:15pm-2:45pm. Songs and stories for children 0-4 years old. Term time only.
- **Devon Family Hub Drop In Advice Session,** Thursday 5th - 2pm-4pm. Free family advice & guidance to anyone with a child aged 0-19 (up to 25 with SEND). Call 0800 5385458 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm for advice & guidance if you can't make the sessions.
- **Everyone a Reader**, Wednesday 25th - 10:30am - 5:30pm. Drop in to find out more about what the library offers as we celebrate the National Year of Reading and launch projects encouraging reluctant and lapsed readers to the library. Free cake and biscuits all day!
- **Self Service Baby Weigh.** Every Thursday - 1pm-4pm.
- **Lego and games** for children. Every Saturday - 10am-12pm

Lloyds Bank Community Banking, every other Monday 2-4. By appointment only - call 02077143681 to book direct with Lloyds.

Free Wi-Fi, scanning and computer use. Photocopier also available.

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Key Dates

- **Friday 23rd October** - Non pupil day
- **Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October** - half term
- **Monday 2nd November** - All students return
- **Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 13th November** - Year 11 mock exams
- **Wednesday 11th November** - Armistice Day
- **Friday 13th Novembe**r - BAE Systems visit to school
- **Tuesday 17th November** - Year 11 Safeguarding and relationship workshop
- **Wednesday 18th November** - Year 8 parents evening
- **Tuesday 24th November** - Year 10 Careers Fair
- **Wednesday 25th November -** Year 9 parents evening
- **Wednesday 9th December** - Year 11 Parents Evening

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