



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th June 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter. The final term of the school year has started fantastically well, we are excited to see the students return with enthusiasm and dedication. The start of this term heralds the end of year 11's time with us. They have been a credit to themselves and families; the way they have approached their exams has been exemplary and we wish them every success in the exams they are still to sit.

Assessments will also begin for all other year groups over the course of the next week or so. It was great to see so many year 10 parents at the special information evening that was delivered by Miss Harris on Thursday 5th June. All students (year 7-10) should now have received an assessment manifest (what is being covered in the assessment) by this point, we would encourage them to use this to help them plan their revision. We look forward to celebrating results with all students before the end of term.

Celebration runs through this issue of the newsletter. Please take a closer look at the individual successes of students such as Willow from year 8 who has once again excelled in Dancing and Lillie from year 10 who achieved success in an International Women's Day competition. There is also collective success to celebrate such as the Ten Tors students who performed strongly in their recent challenge. There has also been social media coverage of our Year 10 County Cup winners, the first team to achieve this level of success in decades. Please continue to check out our social media posts for relevant information throughout the term.

As you will know, wanting students to achieve and to feel successful is at the heart of what we do day in day out. Success can mean different things to different people – for some it can be about getting through a day, for others it can mean achieving a personal best and for others it can be about winning an event. Whatever success means to an individual student, whether it be personal or academic, we continue to strive to ensure that what we do gives students a better chance to gain their success.



With this in mind, I want to close with a reminder about how we can all support each other to be successful this year by once again stating our key indicators of success: Maximising lesson time by being in school and being in the right place to learn, hearing the voice of students both in the classroom and about their personal experiences, engagement in the wider life of school by getting involved in character education and/or academies and societies opportunities.

Thank you for what you continue to do to partner with us in these areas – we know that fully engaging in these elements of school life help students to feel a better sense of purpose, meaning and belonging so that they can Aim High, Work Hard and Be Kind.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 11 June

GROWS presentation
Year 8 B side

Thursday 12 June

GROWS presentation
Year 7 A side

Week Commencing 16 June

Year 7 - 10 Assessments

Week Commencing 23 June

Year 7 - 10 Assessments

Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 June

Sports Days
(weather permitting)

Friday June 27th

Year 11 Prom

Week Commencing 30 June

Year 6 Welcome Week

Tuesday 1 July

Monkhouse Uniform Sales
event (HALL)

Wednesday 2 July

Forest Youth Group event
(lunchtime)

Week Commencing 7 July

Year 5 Super Learning Days

Week Commencing 7 July

School production - High
School Musical

Monday 7 July - Greenshaw
Games (Years 7-10)

Thursday 10 July

History trip - Chepstow Castle

Friday 11 July

History trip - Chepstow Castle

Monday 14 July

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15 July

Year 10 Mock interviews

Thursday 17 July

Celebrations Evening

Friday 18 July

Year 7-10 reports out

Monday 21 July

INSET Day

TEN TORS EVENT



We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our students who participated in the Ten Tors 35-mile challenge on Dartmoor this past weekend.

The Ten Tors challenge is a demanding test of endurance, navigation, and teamwork, taking participants across some of the most rugged terrain in the UK. Our students rose to the occasion with determination, resilience, and true team spirit. Completing the 35-mile route entirely self-sufficiently is no small feat, and each member of the team demonstrated exceptional perseverance and courage throughout the journey.

This remarkable accomplishment is a reflection of their hard work, discipline, and commitment to one another. It is an experience that will no doubt stay with them for years to come.

A huge congratulations to the team: Amelie, Phoebe, Lucas, Robin, Trystan and Heaven!

You have made the entire school community proud! Mr Cook



UPDATES FROM HEADS OF YEAR

MR ROBBINS - HEAD OF YEAR 8



We are now firmly in Term 5, and I'm delighted to reflect on the continued success of our Year 8 students, who have once again impressed us with their determination and positivity. Their attendance has remained strong, keeping us firmly on track with our goals — well done to all, and thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing encouragement and support in this area. This has made us joint top spot for the highest attending year group to date.

A big congratulations is also in order for the growing number of students actively engaging in our academies & societies. The uptake has been phenomenal, and it's inspiring to see so many pupils embracing this opportunity to develop hands-on skills and pursue their interests. Keep up the fantastic work — your enthusiasm and teamwork are truly driving things forward.

Lastly, a polite but important reminder to all parents, carers, and students: uniform expectations remain a key part of our school ethos. Skirts should not be rolled or adjusted to a shorter length during the day, and skirts should not be altered to different lengths to avoid the rolling back down in school. All uniform should reflect a smart, professional standard suitable for the learning environment. Thank you for helping us maintain high standards across the school.

MR HAYWARD - HEAD OF YEAR 10



We are now into the final summer term and Y10 are now just a few weeks from being classed as Y11. Y10 are building their references with their day-to-day performances for College, 6th Forms and Apprenticeships. It will be around Christmas time this year that Y10 will start applying for their next path in life. I always remind Y10 that it has never been more important for them to have a good attendance, have a good behaviour file and be working towards a good set of grades which does them proud. Y10 will complete their first set of PPEs (Pre Public Examinations) this month. These are another term for 'Mock Exams'. We have explained to Y10 that the results of these mocks may be used as 'working at' grades for their school references so Y10 will need to prepare well. The PPEs will be sat in the Hall in full exam conditions to help them prepare for the 'real deal'. As always I would like to give a shout out to our current high flyers (top 20) for Y10 in terms of the total amount of positive praise points for this year so far. Well done to Freya L, Casey L, Tio T, Amelia H, Lillie W, Josh P, Amelia M, Amelia H, Ben S, Heidi J, Olive M, Macey B, Charlotte J, Misha Faith C, Chloe R, Mckenzie Paige A, Samiah J, Daisy J, Elsie O and Codi H.

MISS TRUMM - HEAD OF YEAR 11



I am just going to keep this entry to the newsletter very simple, thank you Y11 students for your incredible hard work over your exam season and demonstrating all our school values so brilliantly. I am very proud of all of you and I am so excited to celebrate with you! I would also like to thank all the parents and carers for your support over the last year and hope to see you all at the prom or results day. Here is a last reminder of some important dates:

- 16th June - Leavers Assembly
- 27th June - Prom at the Speech House
- 21st August - Results Day

TERM 3 ACADEMIES & SOCIETIES

Day	Lunch Time	After School 3-4pm
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Academy on the Redgra Y7 1pm Dodgeball Academy in Blue Gym Y8 1pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical Dance Rehearsal (Drama Room)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Academy on the Redgra Y9 1pm Dodgeball Academy in Blue Gym Y7 1pm Eco Society (All years. Room 22, 1pm) Equestrian Society (All years. Room 38, 1pm on Week B) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elite singers Academy-week A only. (Drama Room) Senior Rock Band Academy Y10 (Week A only) Musical Singing rehearsal (Drama Room) Athletics (all years)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Academy on the Redgra Y8 1pm Dodgeball Academy in Blue Gym Y10 & 11 1pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts & Craft Academy (years 7&8 room 1) Musical Singing rehearsal (Drama Room) Japan Club (all years room 47- week B only) Debating Society- Room 16 Pottery Society- Room 5 Rounders (all years) Softball (all years)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Academy on the Redgra Y10 1pm Dodgeball Academy in Blue Gym Y9 Chess Academy (All years, Room 30, 1pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elite Cricket Nets (squad practise)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Academy on the Redgra Y11 1pm Bible Study Club Society (All years. Room 21, 1pm) Film Society (All years. Room 20, 1pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strength and Conditioning Fitness Academy (All years) Board games/card games Society (All years, 10 block). Lego Society and Craft Society- room 16. Darts Academy (All years, 10 block).

LOST PROPERTY

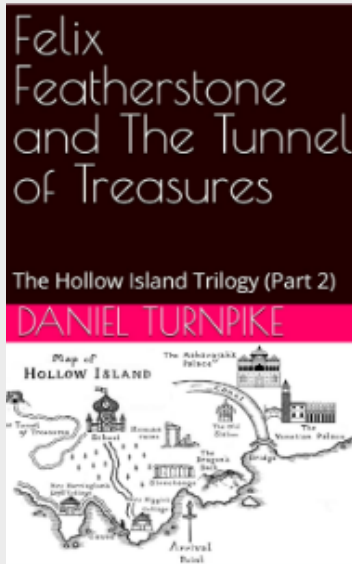
We have a couple of items of Lost Property in reception; if you are missing something please go to the school website and check under the Parents Tab > Lost Property

All named items that come to reception are returned to the students straight away, all un-named items are photographed and put on the website. We keep un-named lost property for one term and then it is donated to charity. Please note there is a different system in the PE Department so we would advise contacting their PE teacher directly.

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

English Teacher, Miss Phelps shares her picks for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4

KEY STAGE 3



Robert Goodale visited the school in December 2023. The next in his Felix Featherstone series is out:

Daniel Turnpike: 'Felix Featherstone and the Tunnel of Treasures'

When Felix's best friend is struck down with a mystery illness, which is baffling all the experts, he has no other option than to return to Hollow Island. A visit to The Tunnel of Treasures might well provide him with the cure, but it will also trigger off a chain of events which no one could have predicted.

How to get hold of a copy:

A copy can be found in the library but direct orders can come through Miss Phelps.

Kindle version only available on Amazon.

KEY STAGE 4



Sarah Penner: 'The Lost Apothecary'

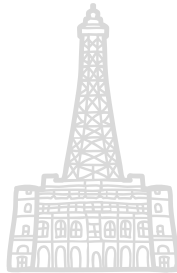
Hidden in the depths of eighteenth-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardized when her newest patron, a precocious twelve-year-old, makes a fatal mistake, sparking a string of consequences that echo through the centuries.

Meanwhile in present-day London, aspiring historian Caroline Parcewell spends her tenth wedding anniversary alone, running from her own demons. When she stumbles upon a clue to the unsolved apothecary murders that haunted London two hundred years ago, her life collides with the apothecary's in a stunning twist of fate—and not everyone will survive.

BLACKPOOL TOWER SUCCESS

Willow, who is in 8APZ, came 2nd in the U16s Ballroom section and 3rd in the U16s Latin section at the Open Worlds School Championship Finals that took place in the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.

Congratulations!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WINNER



We're thrilled to announce that Lillie 10SWS has won an iPad after entering the Forest Economic Partnership competition for International Women's Day!

As part of the event, inspiring women from the Forest of Dean joined us in school for an interview panel, sparking thoughtful reflection among our students.

Lillie submitted a brilliant video sharing her key takeaways, which clearly impressed the judges.

Julie Tegg, Chair of Education & Skills and competition judge, commented, "Lillie had the most compelling submission, and the speakers and panel sessions had clearly provided her with a great deal to think about and will shape her future thoughts about how to succeed."

Well done Lillie!



CHARACTER EDUCATION

6 students have been shortlisted and had their work selected for display by the Cheltenham camera club.



Time
By Ava 11OHY



Beyond
By Cyril 7KJY

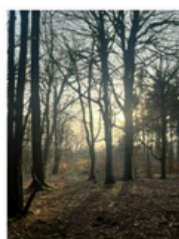
They can achieve their Gold Talent badge for recognition in a regional competition.



Barcelona Cathedral
By Evie 8SPE



Generation
By Leo 9DJS



Forest
By Edith 7CSN



Power of Water
By Nate 7JKY

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

Year 10 are County Cup winners!
The squad travelled to Hartpury College on Wednesday 21 May to take part in the County Cup Final.

The whole squad were outstanding and came away with a 6-0 win against Sir SBL from Bristol.

Goals came from Tio x 2 , Brad, Jay, Josh and Alan. Jayden also made a great penalty save in the game.

A great achievement for our Year 10s.

Well Done!



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GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE

- 1h 0m (ET 1h 15m) & Finance Paper 1 - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m) (moved from PM session for 3 students - see clash info)		& Finance Paper 1 - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m)
Physics Paper 1 F&H - 1h 45m (ET 2hs 11m) & Combined Science Trilogy - Physics Paper 1 F&H - 1h 15m (ET 1h 33m)	Thursday 22nd	Economics Paper 2 - 1h 45m (ET 2h 11m)
English Language Paper 1 - 1h 45m (ET 2h 11m)	Friday 23rd	

HALF TERM - Monday 26th - Friday 30th May 2025

Week 4 - Monday 2nd June - Friday 6th June 2025

Morning	Date	Afternoon
Statistics Paper 1 - F&H - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m)	Monday 2nd	
Mathematics Paper 2 - F&H - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m) (calculator)	Wednesday 4th	
History Paper 2 - 1h 45m (ET 2h 11m) (Peoples Health and The Elizabethans)	Thursday 5th	French Paper 4: Writing F - 1h 15m (ET 1h 33m) French Paper 4: Writing H - 1h 20m (ET 1h 40m)
English Language Paper 2 - 1h 45m (ET 2hs 11m)	Friday 6th	Geography Paper 2 - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m)

Week 5 - Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June 2025

Morning	Date	Afternoon
Biology Paper 2 F&H - 1h 45m (ET 2hs 11m) & Combined science Trilogy - Biology Paper 2 F&H - 1h 15m (ET 1h 33m)	Monday 9th	Physical Education Paper 2 - 1h 0m (ET 1h 15m) (Socio-Cultural Issues and Sports Psychology)
Spanish Paper 1: Listening & Understanding F - 0h 35m (ET 0h 44m) Spanish Paper 1: Listening & Understanding H - 0h 45m (ET 0h 56m) Spanish Paper 3: Reading and Understanding	Tuesday 10th	History Paper 3 - 1h 45m (ET 2h 11m) (Viking Expansion and Living Under Nazi Rule)

GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE

F - 0hr 45m (ET 0h 56m) Spanish Paper 3: Reading and Understanding H - 1h (ET 1h 15m)		
Mathematics Paper 3 - F&H - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m) (Calculator)	Wednesday 11th	Contingency afternoon session in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom
Geography Paper 3 - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m)	Thursday 12th	Further Mathematics Paper 1 - 1h 45m (ET 1h 53m) & Hospitality and Catering - 1h 20m (ET 1h 40m) (Unit 1: The Hospitality and Catering Industry)
Chemistry Paper 2 F&H - 1h 45m (ET 2hs 11m) & Combined science Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 2 F&H - 1h 15m (ET 1h 33m)	Friday 13th	Statistics Paper 2 - F&H - 1h 30m (ET 1h 53m)

Week 6 - Monday 16th June - Wednesday 18th June 2025

Morning	Date	Afternoon
Physics Paper 2 F&H - 1h 45m (ET 2hs 11m) & Combined science Trilogy - Physics Paper 2 F&H - 1h 15m (ET 1h 33m)	Monday 16th	
Spanish Paper 4: Writing F - 1h 15m (ET 1h 33m) Spanish Paper 4: Writing H - 1h 20m (ET 1h 40m)	Tuesday 17th	
Design and Technology - 2h 0m (ET 2h 30m)	Wednesday 18th	Further Mathematics Paper 2 - 1h 45m (ET 1h 53m)

Wednesday 25th June 2025

Contingency Day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom.

All students are to remain available on this day.

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