

BIWEEKLY BULLETIN

The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy



DEAR PARENT/CARER,

There has been so much to be proud of happening at and around Holyrood over the past fortnight!

I was really proud of our school last week as we came together to commemorate those from our community and beyond who have lost their lives in war. Mr Roper and Mr Tozer led us in poignant and incredibly interesting assemblies about the Wellman family's contribution to the Great War (please ask your child about this), culminating in our cadets presenting Amelia Wellman in year 9 with wreaths to lay at the gravesides of her family members. It was a day that will live long in my memory and is certainly one of the highlights of my career. Our students conducted themselves with the utmost respect and Friday's remembrance service was a sight to behold. I would like to thank our cadets and the staff who supported them for such an excellent event.

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HOLYROOD ACADEMY

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- PTFA Bingo
- Tuning In To Teens
- PTFA Christmas Craft Fair
- Holyrood Happy Hour
- Chard Drug Awareness Evening
- Town Treasure Hunt



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There is more good news!



We have this week announced our formal partnership with Chard Community Hub. 'The Hub' do incredible work in supporting everyone in our community to thrive. They can be found on the High Street, opposite the Guildhall, and also in the Boden Centre on Boden Street. The Hub offer a huge range of support and you can learn more about what we are doing together through their Facebook page (Chard Community Hub). Our work together is about to gather pace as we are recruiting for a Centre Manager and Early Years Lead to work out of the Boden Centre to enhance local provision for pregnant Mums to be, babies and toddlers. If you or someone you know could be interested, please contact me at dmaccormick@holyrood.bep.ac and check out the job advert here:



[Community Hub Manager and Early Years Lead](#)
eteach.com

I am looking forward to welcoming you into the school at the following upcoming events for your diary:

Thursday 30th November - Year 9 Subject and Options Evening

Saturday 2nd December (09:30-12:30) - Free Community Breakfast followed by Christmas Craft Fair

In the meantime, if you would like to come and see us at work during the school day, please let me know and I would be very happy to show you around on a normal working day so that you can see what your child does each day!

Best Wishes
MR. DAVE MACCORMICK
Headteacher

Online



WISE UP WORKSHOPS

Empowering Parent
Carers to succeed

Emotional Based School Avoidance

Thursday 16th November @ 19:00 to 20:30

We are pleased to share our online WISE UP WORKSHOP. This is open to all parent carers in Somerset who have a child with additional needs and/or a disability.

Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA), also known as Anxiety-Based School Avoidance (ABSA), is a term used to describe children and young people who experience persistent challenges in attending school due to negative feelings, such as anxiety.

The workshop will have 2 main parts.

- Part 1 will provide information and ideas of things you can try (strategies).
- Part 2 will give you time to discuss your own circumstances and form a plan of what you can try to help.

These workshops are free to attend to book your place please go to:
<https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk> or call 01458 259384



December
2023

WISE UP WORKSHOPS

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Helping your child with sleep difficulties

We are pleased to share our WISE WORKSHOPS for November. These are open to all parent carers in Somerset who have a child with additional needs and/or a disability.

A child who does not sleep well can affect the whole family. Disabled children and those with certain medical conditions are more likely to experience problems with sleeping.

These session will discuss some of the common issues and strategies that can be used to support your child or young person. There will be an opportunity to discuss your personal challenges around sleep and come up with an action plan.

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Part 1 will provide information and ideas of things you can try (strategies).

Part 2 will give you time to discuss your own circumstances and form a plan of what you can try to help.

Dates and locations

1st December	Minehead	12:30 - 14:30
5th December	Yeovil	10:00 - 12:00
7th Decemeber	Taunton	10:00 - 12:00
8th December	South Petherton	10:00 - 12:00
11th December	Glastonbury	12:30 - 14:30
12th December	Shepton Mallet	10:00 - 12:00

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CULTURALLY CHARD

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER THROUGH HERITAGE, ARTS AND MUSIC

Over the past 3 years Culturally Chard has supported, developed and delivered multiple events, projects and partnerships in the town. With more to come!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN DOING TOGETHER...

SPRING FESTIVAL

The Festival celebrates the past, present & future culture of this vibrant, diverse town.



CHARDCAST CHARD REVEALED

A serialised podcast, co-created with residents of Chard, fusing drama, history and sound-art.

THE BANNERS OF CHARD

Five striking banners for the Guildhall with imagery created by many different people and groups.



WINDOW WANDERLAND 2022

The town centre was illuminated in the darker months with window displays and an outdoor projection event. The theme was Belonging: people of Chard past, present, future.



WATER HISTORIES

Lead artist Anna Chrystal Stephens worked with the community to create work responding to the 'spirit of water' in Chard.

CHARD CARNIVAL

Supported by Culturally Chard, this popular event brings 10,000 people to the town centre.

HOLYROOD ACADEMY

Involvement in Culturally Chard projects has helped the school achieve Gold Artsmark status.

CHARD TOGETHER

Three events in 2023 with 1,300 people attending. Celebrating some of the diverse communities of Chard, to encourage inclusion and cross-community understanding.

AND MUCH MORE!
culturallychard.org



Historic England



HERITAGE
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Chard
Town Council



Somerset
Council



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**Saturday 2nd December
9:30AM - 12:30PM**

FREE BREAKFAST

Sellers tables £5 each

Holyrood Upper Site Hall and Bennett Building

PTFA Christmas Fair- 2nd December and the Holyrood Academy Community Breakfast - All Welcome!

Come and grab a free breakfast before nabbing some crafty bargains at our first Christmas Craft Fair.

This event is free for all to attend. Sellers tables are £5. Please book your place by calling Sarah on 07821 448902 by contacting the holyroodptfa@gmail.com, or by message Holyrood Academy PTFA on facebook.



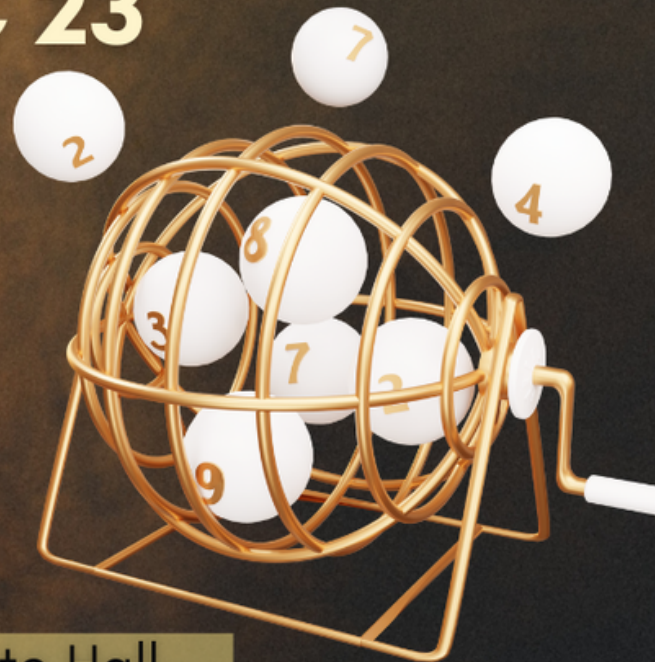
7 Prize Christmas Hampers
Refreshments | Snacks | Bar

Christmas BINGO

1ST DEC 23

6PM ENTRY
EYES DOWN AT 6.30PM

£1 per Book | **£3** a Flyer
£10 for 6 Games, a Flyer & a Raffle Strip



Holyrood Uppersite Hall

Bingo is back! Doors open at 6pm with eyes down at 6.30.
Please book your place by calling Sarah on 07821 448902, or by contacting the holyroodptfa@gmail.com, or by message Holyrood Academy PTFA on facebook.

With Mr Montiero calling again, it will prove to be an extremely entertaining night.
All Welcome!

HOLYROOD HAPPY HOUR

The Holyrood Youth Council would like to invite you all to our free coffee afternoons at the Guildhall.



These will run from 3.30 – 4.30.

All members of the community are invited on:

NOVEMBER 16th , 30th

DECEMBER 14th

JANUARY 11th 25th

FEBRUARY 8th



This café will be run by our D of E volunteers, financed by the prefect's fundraising and is with kind permission of the mayor to use the hall.



TOWN TREASURE HUNT



The Holyrood Youth Council will be running a treasure hunt in the shop windows of Chard, over the Christmas period.

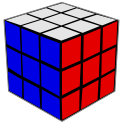
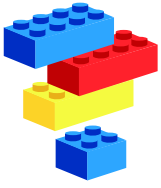
Treasure hunt sheets will be available from the Guildhall, Barrons, or Holyrood LRC for free.

Follow the instructions on the Treasurer hunt sheets submit it.
There will be a prize for the winning entry pulled out of a hat.



REQUEST FOR TOYS

The Community Hub is keen to receive any new and good condition toys to be shared with members of the community at Christmas. If you have any you are happy to donate, please take them directly to the Hub.



CHARD DRUGS AWARENESS EVENING 22ND NOVEMBER

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All members of the community are welcome to attend a Drugs Awareness Evening at Chard Guildhall on :

Wednesday 22nd November.

Doors open at **6.30** with the presentation from the charity Actionline from **7pm.**

This event is free and is being co-ordinated by the Chard One team and the Community Hub.

This event proved to be extremely popular and useful to all parents, but especially those of children aged 9 to 14.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

For a direct link to our school calendar and all that is happening please click here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

STUDENT BULLETIN

For a direct link to our student bulletin please click here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

UP AND COMING TRIPS

Please note these are subject to change and cancellation. Some trips are in the process of having details confirmed. Specific details will come from trip leaders when they are ready.

November 16th	Year 10 & 11	Coco Chanel Trip to V&A
December 6th	Year 9	Geography Trip - The Eden Project
December 7th	Year 9	Geography Trip - The Eden Project
March 6th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium
March 7th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium

Christmas Craft Fair

18th November
10am - 4pm
Chard Equestrian
TA20 4BP



Lots of hand crafted items available.
Free Entry
Hot Food and Drinks Available



POETRY
IS THE
RHYTHMICAL
CREATION OF
BEAUTY IN
WORDS

Poetry Club
with
Mr. Webber
Monday lunchtimes in A11

Discover the 'spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings recollected
in tranquility'.

Tap into your inner Romantic poet.

Write original poems, then read them to others.

Become a performance poet!

Cook Club






Years 9 - 13 Attendees and Helpers are more than welcome but please sign up if you intend to. Places are also limited. This counts as D of E volunteering work if you can already cook or learning a skill if you can't.

Wednesdays after School until about 16:30.

In C2. Starts 20th Sept. Any Year Group.

Sign up and collect an Ingredients List from C2 or C3 before the end of Monday 18th Sept.

Places are limited to 15 Students. Open to any Year Group.

20/09 Brunch Tarts	27/09 Creamy Pasta	04/10 Marbled Fruit Tray Bake	11/10 Spider Cup Cakes	18/10 Chicken Goujons
				

HOMework CLUB

EVERYONE WELCOME

Monday – Thursday

3.10pm-4.20pm

The Learning Centre

(Upper Site)

Come along and complete your homework in a calm and supportive environment.

TUNING IN TO TEENS | PARENTING PROGRAMME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are invited to take part in a free programme that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. Tuning in to Teens is a six-week parenting programme. The programme will teach you how to manage your own and your adolescents' emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face. These are factors that have been found to reduce the risk of mental health and substance abuse problems.

What is Emotional intelligence?

The programme is based on the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

Why is Emotional Intelligence important?

Research has shown that teens with greater emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success. Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.



When parents focus on helping their teen learn about emotions, the young person is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence. In this parenting programme we will teach parents what to do to help these skills develop, and in doing so we expect teens to manage adolescence better.

To confirm your participation in this parenting programme, please send an email to Caroline Markham at cmarkham@holyrood.uat.ac.

The dates for this course are as follows:

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Tuesday 28th November 2023

Tuesday 5th December 2023

Lovely written comments from parents, who attended previous Tuning into Teens courses:

“Helped me to understand my kids and see where I went wrong during arguments”

“I can see a considerable change at home from all of us and better behaviour...”

“A well explained course, made fun & interesting....”

“Things much calmer at home”.

“I feel everyone should do the course...”

“Well taught, talked through on how to implement approaches...”

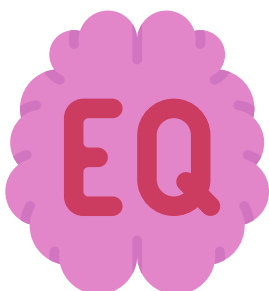
“Sad to end the course – more sessions would be nice ”.

The time for this will be **5.30pm - 7.30pm and will be at Holyrood Academy** - please report to the main reception a few minutes before the start time; refreshments provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

Caroline Markham

(Parent & Family Support Advisor)



INSTRUMENT DONATION



**DO YOU HAVE A CELLO OR
TROMBONE YOU'RE
NOT USING?**



CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL 2023

Christmas Present Appeal 2023

Partnering together - Forefront Community Centre, Chard Community Hub and South Chard Church are collecting presents to give to families in need.

Last year we were blessed with lots of donations from our community and local businesses.


Donate **new, unwrapped** toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. Gender: Boy/Girl/Unisex, Age group: 0-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10-16

Deadline for sending gifts: **Friday 29th November**. Drop off is at Forefront Community Centre, Chard Community Hub and South Chard Church.


If you would like to donate but are unable to get to a drop off point please call the office on 01460 66080 or e-mail martyna.lee@forefront.org.uk and We will arrange a collection.

Thank you for your help.
Christmas Appeal Community Team







MONDAY




TUESDAY




WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



Club	Staff	Day	Time	Place	Yr group
Young Enterprise	MHA/MLY	Monday	lunch	A3	Yr 9 and 10
Craft and Chat	SDALT/SHE	Monday	lunch	LRC	All
Poetry By Heart	PWE	Monday	lunch	A11	All
Colouring Club	RAU	Monday	lunch	A2	All
Year 7 Book Club	WKL/EVE	Monday	lunch	G2	Yr 7 & year 11
Basketball	KDR	Monday	lunch	Sports hall	Yr 7 and 8
All year gym	SPR	Monday	lunch	Lifestyle	All
Swing band	ADA/KSE	Monday	lunch	E10	All
Hockey	KDR	Monday	After school	ATP	Yr 7 and 8
Hockey	SPR/EBO	Monday	After school	ATP	Yr 10
Homework club	JED/LCU	Monday	After school	LRC	All years

Short film club	NWE	Tues	lunch	B4	All
Brass group	ADA	Tues	lunch	F3	All
D of E drop in Silver/ Gold	KSE/IHA	Tues	lunch	E10	Yr 10,11,12
Creative Corner	ECU	Tues	lunch	LRC	All
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Tues	lunch	E8	All
National Theatre Connexs	LMA	Tues	After school	DM1/2	Yr 9, 10, 11, 12,13
Shrek	Production team	Tues	After school	DM1/USH	All
Girls Cricket	SPR	Tues	After school	Sports Hall	All girls
Boys Hockey	RBA	Tues	After school	ATP	All boys
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Tues	After school	E8	Alevel Art & Photo
Homework club	JED/LCU	Tues	After school	LRC	All

Choir	ADA	Wed	lunch	E10	All
Younique	SDA	Wed A	lunch	A4	All
All Years Badminton	DHAR	Wed	lunch	Sports hall	All
Cook Club	RCH	Wed	After school	C2	All (must sign up in C2)
Year 7 Science club	BBU	Wed	After school	G5	Year 7
Rugby yr 9 boys	SJE	Wed	After school	Field	Yr 9 boys
Girls Hockey	EBO/SPR	Wed	After school	ATP	Yr 9,10,11 girls
Media Club - yr 10 and 11	MHA/ JWE	Wed	After schoo	C5	Yr 10 and 11
Computing - yr 10 and 11	CPA	Wed	After school	C4	Yr 10 and 11
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Wed	After school	E8	A level art and photog
Homework club	JED/LCU	Wed	After school	LRC	All

Origami (after half term)	FHI	Thurs B	lunch	M7	All
Politics and Debating	CPAY	Thurs	lunch	A11	All
School band	ADA/KSE	Thurs	lunch	E10	All
Creative Corner	ECU	Thurs	lunch	LRC	All
Crafty Thursday	LHU	Thurs	lunch	D4	All
All year Dance	KDR	Thurs	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
All years gym	AEA	Thurs	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Thurs	lunch	E8	All
Excellence in H and S	MTH/DCO	Thurs	After school	F4	Yr 10,11,12 &13
Shrek	Production team	Thurs	After school	DM1/ US hall	All
Year 8 boys rugby	AEA	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 8 boys
Year 7 boys rugby	SJE	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 7 boys
All girls rugby	KDR	Thurs	After school	Field	All girls
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Thurs	After school	E8	All
Homework club	JED/LCU	Thurs	After school	LRC	All

Board games	CBR	Fri A	lunch	H2	Yr 7
Board games	CBR	Fri B	lunch	H2	Yr 8
Fantasy football	OLO	Fri	lunch	L3	All
Shrek soloists	KSE	Fri	lunch	E10	Cast members
Illustrations club	KGO/SROSE	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
Chess club	JBL	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
All years basketball	KDR	Fri	lunch	Sports hall	All
All years gym	SJE	Fri	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All