



**HUISH** Newsletter  
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# Welcome

Looking back on the Autumn term it is fantastic to consider all of the activities and progress that the students have been engaged in and made.

The new academic year saw the introduction of the new houses and vertical tutoring system designed to encourage greater integration between the years, and to provide both opportunity and support for all. Huish is a community of learners from Year 7 upwards, including the staff! The house system has certainly engendered a spirit of both competition and engagement.

Within the house competition we have seen bake-offs, sports tournaments, poetry slams and talents shows to name but a few. Students receive house points for a wide variety of contributions both in and out of class and whilst not everyone can win everything, it is important to remember that 'Every little Helps'. Working hard and being properly equipped to learn is just as important as winning the sports competitions.

There have been a great number of events and activities during the term and the newsletter captures just a few of these. We are currently updating the website and refreshing the Facebook page to keep you posted.

The next term promises to be just as busy with many events planned. We hope that you have had a good rest over Christmas ready for the exciting challenges that 2019 will bring.

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## Sports Awards Evening

On Friday 5th October the PE department hosted its first ever Sports Awards Event. The evening was a huge success, with 165 guests in attendance, who dined on delicious food provided by the Huish catering Team, and listened to some mandatory PE department banter. It was fantastic to award our dedicated and talented students. Students picked up awards in several categories, including Team of the Year, Individual of the Year, and Sporting Heroes Awards. Our top awards, Sports Personality of the Year, went to Issy Lock, Jonny Bayford, Emily Evans and Will Parry. Congratulations to all our award winners - we are very proud of you!

Thank you to our guest speaker for the evening: Major Becky Frater.



# Sports Updates

## Football

**C**ongratulations to Ellie-Mae Bell who has made it into the under 15's England squad and will be travelling to Holland over February half term and Spain in Easter to represent the Country. We all wish her the best of luck.

Trialists from the North, Midlands, South East and South West of England came together at Stafford Town FC's Evans Park for their final opportunity to earn a place in the 2018-19 U15 Schoolgirls England squad last weekend. Only the very best trialists were given the privilege of representing the Country on an international level.

The girls, who were first nominated for trials by their own counties, had been whittled down to four regional squads who played against each other and those successful players will now have the opportunity to represent England in the forthcoming girls' international programme, which includes taking part in the SAFIB Bob Docherty Cup, scheduled to take place in Salou, Spain in April 2019.

For more information visit: <https://schoolsfootball.org/2018/12/13/u15-girls-england-squad-announcement/>



## Hockey

A great achievement from Years 9, 10 and 11 who got to the county finals. With year 11 progressing through to the County Final - they came 4th out of approximately 40 schools.





# Netball

## County Schools Netball Tournament



On a wet and windy Saturday morning in October, the U16 team travelled to the County Schools Netball Tournament at King's College Taunton. The tournament is the first round of the National Schools Netball Championships, with the top two teams progressing to the regional finals. Huish were one of only two state schools to enter the competition and despite very little game time together prior to the tournament, the girls held their own against teams from Millfield, Taunton School and Wells Cathedral to name but a few, eventually ending up in a very respectable 6th place- very well done ladies.

Many thanks to all the parents and staff for taxiing and supporting the team.



With Netball going from strength to strength we have entered a Huish Sixth team into the Somerset Colleges Participation Netball league. Whilst the emphasis of the league is on participation, in the first game of the season away at Strode, Huish won convincingly 23-7. Over the next coming months we look forward to travelling to Richard Huish, Bridgwater and Taunton College and welcoming Kings of Wessex to Huish.

# National Poetry Day 2018

## Visit of Karl Nova Poet and Hip Hop Artist

On Friday 5th October, Year 8 were extremely fortunate to have a performance from super talented poet Karl Nova. Karl Nova is one of the UK's leading poets and hip-hop artists and delivers his work in a unique, witty and energetic style. Karl's debut collection, 'Rhythm and Poetry', won the prestigious poetry prize – 'The Children's Poetry Award - CLIPPA 2018'.

Karl performed many poems from his book, 'Rhythm and Poetry', in a rhythmical rap style which totally engaged the Year 8 students. There was much audience participation; for example, when Karl performed 'True Colours' he asked the students to count how many colours were mentioned in the piece. He also performed a freestyle poem session where he asked students to choose random words and then created a verse on the spot. In addition, Karl carefully related the story behind each poem and asked students to analyse and dissect the themes and structure.

After the performance, Karl hosted two smaller workshops. During these, Karl spoke to students about figures of speech, which he called ingredients of writing, and asked students to create their own poems in different styles, sometimes in rap format, other times in prose. During these sessions, Karl provided writing tips and feedback on every student's piece and students were also invited to perform their work.

We ensured that Karl was kept busy during the day and he kindly agreed to be a judge for our inaugural House Poetry Competition, which was held at lunchtime in the Library. Fifteen competition finalists were invited to the library to perform their poems in front of a large audience. Master of Ceremonies and Assistant Headteacher, Mr Brooke, created a fantastic atmosphere and ensured that everything ran smoothly. When every finalist had taken their turn and after much deliberation between Karl and Carrie (our other judge), the winner was announced as Chloe Hunt, from Pennard House, with her poem 'Spitfire'.



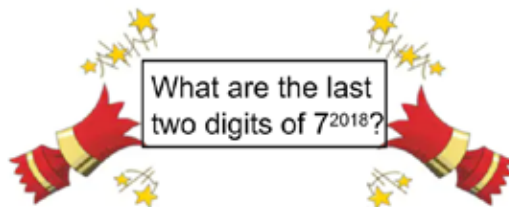
Karl's visit was a resounding success, he thoroughly engaged everybody – including staff! The students left the day buzzing with energy, ideas and the belief in the extraordinary power of words.

# Maths

## Senior Maths Challenge

Early in November a number of our sixth form students took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a national competition organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) and provides a fantastic opportunity for students to apply their mathematical skills to solve a variety of problems using logical deduction and reasoning.

Students were given 1 hour under exam conditions to complete as many of the questions as possible with points scored for correct answers and points deducted for incorrect answers. Here is one of the questions for you to try.



The answer is at the end of this article.

Altogether 4 Silver certificates and 11 Bronze certificates were awarded with the highest scores being achieved by Thomas Hooper and Alan Weng in years 13 and 12 respectively. Many congratulations to the winners and a huge 'well-done' to all the students who took part.

For more questions and solutions from this years competition try visiting the UKMT Website: <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/senior-challenge/archive/>

Answer: 49

## STOMP

The maths department held their annual STOMP for many of our primary schools in October. The theme this year was Harry Potter with both staff and pupils really getting into character.

The evening involved a series of challenges, both cerebral and physical, to test the skills of the pupils with each school providing teams. Well done to all those that took part.





# Christmas Celebrations



A fantastic night was had by all at the Year 11 **winter formal**. The upper school hall was decked out with a Christmas theme and the DJ played many a good 'tune' which even meant that staff felt the urge to hit the dance floor. The rendition of Sweet Caroline will live long in the memory! The selfie booth was a great hit with students looking amazing in their suits and dresses. I am sure there are many photos out there

The money raised goes towards the end of year 11 prom and the whole event was organised by the senior students. Well done to all those that both helped organised and attended.

## Huish Episcopi Christmas concert

Students, staff and parents enjoyed a fantastic evening of seasonal performances and songs to celebrate the end of term and start of Christmas. Audience participation was outstanding with both mince pies and mulled wine providing both energy and lubrication!

### Staff carols

Students were greeted on the last day of term by the staff 'choir' welcoming them to school with festive cheer. Mr Wade took hold the microphone with enthusiasm and Mr Keyte led the band with flair and innovation.

The day continued with the languages department singing carols in French, German and Spanish whilst the Borneo students sold cakes to raise money for the forthcoming trip in 2020.





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## Bake Off

The languages department ran a fantastically successful international bake off competition which raised over £200 for Macmillan cancer trust and Young minds. The results were:

1st place: Izzy Coleman (Chelston) with her MFL picnic

2nd place: Joy Hossack (Merchant) with her biscuit Eiffel Tower

3rd place: Shannon Evans (Lambrook) with her take on French cheese & wine

4th place: Chloe Tucker (Merchant) with her World map with a French twist inside

5th place: Kenny Barrett (Lambrook) with his super precise & neat World Map





# Trips and Visits

## Huish Episcopi International Dimension

We have continued to develop links and broaden our pupils' horizons this term.

Huish Episcopi works in close collaboration with Yew Wah International School to provide opportunities for Chinese students to experience life at Huish whilst our students have had the opportunity to work on a series of projects at Knowle Hall( the UK base).

Our visiting students have experienced lessons in Biology, Maths, PE and Design Technology and have enjoyed getting to know our students.



China Trip . The school has organised a trip to China in 2020 to further enhance our links and give our students the opportunity to visit many of the cultural sites as well as spend time in a Chinese school. It is fantastic that that so many students have applied to go and we hope that this is the start of a fantastic collaboration.

## Geography

Huish geographers have had a busy term. Students have been studying an exciting range of topics including Africa, plate tectonics, cities, tropical storms and coasts. We have managed to get out on some fieldwork with Year 9 spending a day at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door investigating coastal processes and how they shape this beautiful landscape. Year 11 visited Bristol Temple Quarter to investigate the sustainability of the ongoing regeneration of the area.

## Year 10 visit to Exeter University



During the last week of the Autumn term over 120 students took the opportunity to visit Exeter University to gain an insight into what university life might have to offer. The students had the chance to look at many of the facilities and find out more about the benefits of going to university. We are looking forward to running subject specific visits to Exeter University over the coming months.

# Welcome Chelston Head of House: Melanie Whittaker-Young

I'm excited to return to Huish after training here as a teacher 14 years ago. I've spent the majority of my teaching life working in the Somerset area so have an excellent understanding of the opportunities and challenges available to our students and their families. I am proud to be part of the successful pastoral team and am looking forward to maintaining high standards and developing new expectations within our community.

I passionately believe that all students have the ability to succeed. Individuals in Chelston House will be supported, challenged and sometimes cajoled into striving to become the "best version of themselves". Students will be encouraged to be aspirational and fulfil their true potential, whilst accepting themselves as individuals. Diversity and differences will be celebrated and uniqueness encouraged.

Running alongside this, are the core value of respect and adherence to community values. Students will develop a sense of pride not only in their green ties but also their membership of the wider Huish community. Restorative principles will encourage an understanding of the impact of individual actions on the whole school developing a sense of responsibility.

Combined, this will result in Chelston being a House where everyone is happy, resilient and has a real sense of belonging. At times it may not be easy, which is why I keep the beacon of our lighthouse at the forefront. Our ultimate aim is for your child to be the best version of themselves they can be and this can only be achieved in partnership with you.

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance, progress, behaviour or any other issue please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Forthcoming Events

As ever there lots of events and trips on the Horizon this team and beyond

24th January	Year 9 Options Evening
7th Feb	Intermediate Maths Challenge
5th Feb	Year 12 Tutor Evening
12th Feb	Year 11 parents evening
4th-9th March	Careers week
13th March	Year 7 parents evening
25th- 28th March	A level Geography field trip
30-31st March	Duke of Edinburgh Practice expedition
4th April	Skirting Science Trip (Year 9)
4th April	Year 12 Parents evening
5th April	Ski trip departs

Looking towards the summer term: Year 7 camp, Year 8-10 Spanish and German trips, Year 9 Ardeche trip, Work experience week (year 10)

## OPENING TIMES

Open to pupils & parents – 11.05am to 11.25am & 1.40pm to 2.00pm

## UNIFORM

For full details of our uniform expectations from September 2018 please refer to our 'Uniform Guide 2018-19'

Academy tartan skirts are available direct from Taunton Uniform Shop:

Address: 144b East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HT

Telephone: 01823 278080

Online : [www.tauntonuniforms.co.uk](http://www.tauntonuniforms.co.uk)

## PE KIT

For full details of our PE kit expectations from September 2018 please refer to our 'Uniform Guide 2018-19'

PE Kit is available direct from our supplier:

Telephone: 01928 752610 Online: [www.swidtp.co.uk](http://www.swidtp.co.uk)

## STOCK HELD

House Ties and Prefect Ties

Academy Badges

Art, Product Design and Textiles Sketchbooks

A wide range of stationery, calculators, art supplies and revision cards

Revision Guides – for most curriculum subjects. (Some departments stock their own revision guides to sell direct to

students).

## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Payments for educational trips/visits can be made online via Wisepay. Alternatively, cash or cheque payments should be made through the Shop.

Please ensure you return your Consent Form and EV5 Form with your payment.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Huish Episcopi Academy' and should have the student's name, form and trip name written on the reverse.

## OTHER PAYMENTS

The following items will also be available to purchase from the Shop:

\* Tickets for Drama and Music department productions

\* Year 11 Winter Formal and Prom tickets

\* Orders for year 11 Leavers' hoodies

\* Disco tickets

## PAYMENTS

We can only accept cash or cheque payments in the Academy Shop. Cheques should be made payable to 'Huish Episcopi Academy'.

For queries, please contact 01458 250501 or [huishaccounts@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:huishaccounts@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

## EXERCISE CLASS PROGRAMME 2019

FROM WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2019

### MONDAY

PURE STRETCH	🕒 07.30 - 08.30	CATHERINE
AQUA ZUMBA	🔥 08.00 - 08.45	NATASHA
PURE STRETCH	🕒 08.30 - 09.30	CATHERINE
SPINNING & ABS	🌀 09.40 - 10.25	JANE/AMIE
ZUMBA	🎵 10.30 - 11.30	NATASHA
SPINNING	🔥 17.30 - 18.10	JAMES/JESS
SPINNING	🔥 18.15 - 18.55	JAMES/JESS
YOGA (INTERMEDIATE)	🕒 18.30 - 19.45	MADELEINE
AQUA FIT	🔥 19.00 - 19.45	VERONICA
LIFT & PUMP	🌀 19.00 - 20.00	DAWN/JESS
DEEP WATER AQUA FIT	🔥 19.45 - 20.30	VERONICA

### TUESDAY

KETTLEBELLS	🌀 09.30 - 10.30	CATHERINE
PURE STRETCH	🕒 10.30 - 11.30	CATHERINE
KETTLEBELLS	🌀 17.30 - 18.15	KATE
WALKING FOOTBALL <sup>£</sup>	🏀 18.00 - 19.00	TERRY
PILATES	🕒 18.20 - 19.20	KATE
CIRCUITS	🌀 18.30 - 19.30	JAMES
LADIES FITNESS	🌀 18.30 - 19.30	TASH
ZUMBA	🎵 19.30 - 20.30	TASH

### WEDNESDAY

SPINNING	🔥 07.00 - 07.45	JESS
AQUA ZUMBA	🔥 08.00 - 08.45	NATASHA
HI LO AEROBICS	🔥 08.30 - 09.30	CATHERINE
TONE & ABS	🌀 09.30 - 10.30	TASH
SPIN CIRCUIT	🌀 17.30 - 18.15	TASH
AQUA FIT	🔥 18.00 - 18.45	VERONICA
SOSA DANCE FITNESS	🎵 18.30 - 19.15	KATE
H.I.I.T.	🌀 18.30 - 19.15	NATALIE
PIYO LIVE	🕒 18.30 - 19.30	CATHERINE
MEN ON MATS	🕒 19.15 - 20.00	CATHERINE
PILATES	🕒 19.30 - 20.30	KATE

### THURSDAY

PURE STRETCH	🕒 08.30 - 09.30	CATHERINE
KETTLEBELLS	🌀 09.30 - 10.30	CATHERINE
YOGA (BACK CARE)	🕒 10.30 - 11.30	MADELEINE
WORKOUT WELL - DANCE	🎵 11.30 - 12.30	KATE
SPINNING	🔥 17.30 - 18.10	TASH
SPINNING	🔥 18.15 - 18.55	TASH
LIFT & PUMP	🌀 19.00 - 20.00	DAWN/JESS
ADULT BADMINTON* (BEGINNER)	🏸 19.00 - 20.00	HELEN
PILATES	🕒 20.00 - 20.45	DAWN
ADULT BADMINTON* (ADVANCED)	🏸 20.00 - 21.00	HELEN

### FRIDAY

KETTLEBELLS	🌀 08.00 - 08.45	KATE
ZUMBA	🎵 09.30 - 10.30	TASH
AQUA ZUMBA	🔥 12.30 - 13.15	NATASHA
WORKOUT WELL - CIRCUITS	🌀 13.30 - 14.30	KATE
SPIN CIRCUIT	🌀 18.15 - 19.00	TASH

### SATURDAY

LIFT & PUMP	🌀 09.30 - 10.30	DAWN/JESS
ZUMBA	🎵 09.30 - 10.30	NATASHA

### SUNDAY

SPINNING	🔥 09.30 - 10.15	TASH/BEN
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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Class prices may vary, please ask at reception
- Classes marked with \* run term time only
- Classes marked with £ have additional costs to all members
- Huish Leisure reserve the right to amend the programme at any time and without notice





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