Parent, Family & Community Briefing

Thursday 12th November 2026



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

We have enjoyed another busy and productive week at HCC. Our Year 11 students have continued their mock examinations with determination and focus, and we have been particularly impressed by the positive attitude, resilience and commitment they have shown throughout this important period.

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of attending the Holsworthy Remembrance Day Service alongside a number of our students. They represented our school exceptionally well, demonstrating maturity, respect and dignity throughout the event. We are immensely proud of the manner in which they conducted themselves and the thoughtful tribute they paid to those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to welcome Year 8 families to Parents' Evening next Wednesday. If you have not already done so, please remember to book your appointments. These conversations provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements and consider the next steps needed to support continued success.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school community. We look forward to another successful week at HCC and to working together to ensure the very best outcomes for all our students.

Arbor Communications

We have been notified by some parents that they are not receiving the emails that are sent through Arbor.

Please check your SPAM folder as they may be there. Please mark as a safe sender in order to prevent this happening again. If you have no communications whatsoever, please get in touch.

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Remembrance Day

On Thursday Mr Sweeney and I had the privilege of accompanying a selection of students into town to take part in Holsworthy's Remembrance Day commemorations. Several students also attended in their Army Cadet uniforms, proudly representing both the school and the cadet organisation.

The group gathered in the town square, where students joined members of the local community in observing the two-minute silence at 11am. This provided an important opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by servicemen and women in conflicts past and present.

Following the silence, we walked up to Stanhope Park to continue the remembrance commemorations, alongside the community and the Primary School. During the ceremony, students delivered moving readings of three well-known war poems: For the Fallen, In Flanders Fields, and One Thousand Men Are Walking. Their readings were carried out with confidence, maturity and great respect for the occasion. As part of the service, a student laid a wreath at the memorial tree on behalf of Holsworthy Community College, paying tribute to those who have served and sacrificed for their country.

All of the students conducted themselves impeccably throughout the morning and were a credit to the school. Their respectful behaviour and thoughtful participation helped ensure that the importance of Remembrance Day was honoured within the local community.

Lest We Forget.

Mrs O'Shea
Humanities teacher







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Remembrance Fundraising Success

A huge well done to one of our year 8 students, who has shown remarkable dedication and community spirit this Remembrance season. Using their crochet skills, they handmade over 100 beautiful poppies, carefully crafting each one in their own time. They then sold the poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion, helping to support veterans, serving personnel and their families. Through their hard work and generosity, they have not only raised valuable funds for an important charity but have also helped promote the significance of remembrance within our school community.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement and commitment to such a worthy cause.

Well done!

Miss Sampson
Academic Director









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Navigate

Navigate is a charity that has been set up to offer help, advice, workshops and courses on all things money related.

Money worries can affect anyone at any time in their lives. Navigate give people the knowledge, skills and confidence to manage their money. If you would like further information, please visit their website.

https://www.navigatecharity.org.uk/





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Vacancies at HCC

We are currently recruiting for a number of roles and would love to hear from enthusiastic individuals who would like to join our thriving school community. Please share these opportunities with friends, family and colleagues who may be interested. Full details of our current vacancies can be found here.

HCC Data Manager - closing 16th November 2026
HCC Teaching Assistant - closing 25th November 2026
HCC Catering Manager - closing 30th November 2026



Key Dates

- **Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 13th November** - Year 11 mock exams
- **Friday 13th November** - BAE Systems visit to school
- **Monday 16th November** - Odd socks day
- **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 2nd December** - Non-Uniform Day (in aid of the Food Bank)
- **Wednesday 9th December** - Year 11 parents evening
- **Tuesday 15th December** - HCC Winter Concert
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas lunch
- **Thursday 17th December** - Year 7 Christmas Service
- **Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January** - Christmas break
- **Friday 18th December** - Students finish at 1pm
- **Monday 4th January** - Non pupil day

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