

Parent, Family & Community Briefing

Friday 25th September 2026



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

It has been another busy and successful week at Holsworthy Community College, and we are delighted to share some of the fantastic opportunities, achievements and experiences taking place across our school community.

This week, our Year 7 students have been enjoying an unforgettable residential trip to Ultimate Adventure, developing their confidence, teamwork and resilience through a wide range of exciting outdoor activities. We were also delighted to welcome prospective students and their families to our Year 5 and 6 Open Evening, where visitors had the opportunity to explore our school, meet staff and students, and discover all that Holsworthy Community College has to offer.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to invite all Year 10 and Year 11 students and their families to our KS4 Success Evening on Thursday 1st October at 5.00pm. During the evening, we will share practical guidance on how families can support effective study habits, revision routines and exam preparation, helping students achieve their very best outcomes.

I would also like to congratulate the 265 students who successfully achieved our first Start Strong challenge. The prize draw included skip-the-queue passes, free school meals with skip-the-queue privileges, and two £10 Amazon vouchers. Following the success of this round, the challenge has now reset for the next two weeks, after which another prize draw will take place. Thank you to the many students who shared their ideas for rewards. Their feedback is helping us shape incentives that recognise excellent attendance and consistently positive conduct in school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading this week's briefing..



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Key Stage 4 Success Evening

We would like to invite all year 10 and year 11 students and their families to our forthcoming Key Stage 4 Success Evening on Thursday 1st October from 5-6pm.

The purpose of the evening is for the College to help you, as parents and carers, to best support your children with their studies and revision at KS4.

The evening is designed for students and their families to receive some targeted input on successful revision strategies and provide specific examples of what this looks like in our core subjects of English, mathematics and science. Our curriculum leaders for those subjects will be running some interactive workshops which are designed to help you support your children with their revision and study.

We know that the best way to maximise student results at the end of year 11 is for home and school to work together to offer the right blend of support and challenge to motivate students to fulfill their potential. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday.



Phil Ruse
Vice Principal

The poster is for the 'KS4 SUCCESS EVENING' at Holsworthy Community College. It features a central image of a road leading towards a bright sun at sunset, with the word 'SUCCESS' written on the road and an arrow pointing towards the horizon. The event is scheduled for 'THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER | 5-6 PM' for 'YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 STUDENTS + FAMILIES'. The poster highlights 'Practical strategies for successful study and revision' and lists three subjects: 'ENGLISH', 'MATHEMATICS', and 'SCIENCE'. At the bottom, it states 'Helping you, to help your child, to succeed in their studies' and 'INTERACTIVE REVISION WORKSHOPS'.

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Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

The 1st to 7th October is Anaphylaxis Awareness Week, and ahead of this important week, I have hosted assemblies with the whole school to help raise awareness of allergies and anaphylaxis.

During the assemblies, students learned about the difference between an allergy and an intolerance, what anaphylaxis is, how to recognise the signs of a serious allergic reaction, and, importantly, what they can do to help someone in an emergency.

We also explored what it can be like to live with a life-threatening allergy, including the impact this can have on everyday life. We discussed why allergies must always be taken seriously and reinforced the important message that it is never acceptable to tease, exclude or bully someone because of their allergy.

Mrs Hallett
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



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Be Allergy Aware & Save a Life

Anaphylaxis is a serious and life-threatening reaction to allergens such as food, insect stings, medication and latex.

Recognise the **ABC symptoms** and act quickly - you could save a life.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR	WHAT TO DO
A AIRWAY - Swelling in throat, tongue or upper airways - Vocal changes (hoarse voice) - Difficulty swallowing	Lay the person flat and raise their legs - do NOT allow them to stand or walk anywhere. - If unconscious, place them in the recovery position - If breathing is difficult, allow them to sit up supported
B BREATHING - Sudden onset wheezing - Breathing difficulty - Noisy breathing - Persistent cough	Administer adrenaline without delay (use prescribed AAI or intranasal EUNeffy) Refer to device label for instructions.
C CIRCULATION - Dizziness or feeling faint - Sudden sleepiness, confusion - Pale clammy skin - Loss of consciousness or collapse	Phone 999 and tell them the person is suffering from ana-fil-ax-is If symptoms don't improve after five minutes, or symptoms get worse, a second dose of adrenaline can be given

These severe symptoms may occur alongside milder skin, mucosal or gut symptoms.

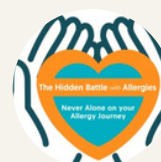
Anaphylaxis may occur without skin symptoms (e.g. hives or swelling).

Medical observation in hospital is recommended after anaphylaxis.

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Year 7 Residential Trip to Ultimate Adventure

Our year 7 pupils recently enjoyed a fantastic overnight residential trip to Ultimate Adventure in Bideford, with 90 pupils taking part in two action-packed days of adventure, teamwork and fun.

Throughout the trip, pupils had the opportunity to challenge themselves with a wide range of activities, including high ropes, climbing, mountain boarding, archery and the water-based assault course. There were plenty of opportunities for pupils to step outside their comfort zones, support one another and discover new skills.

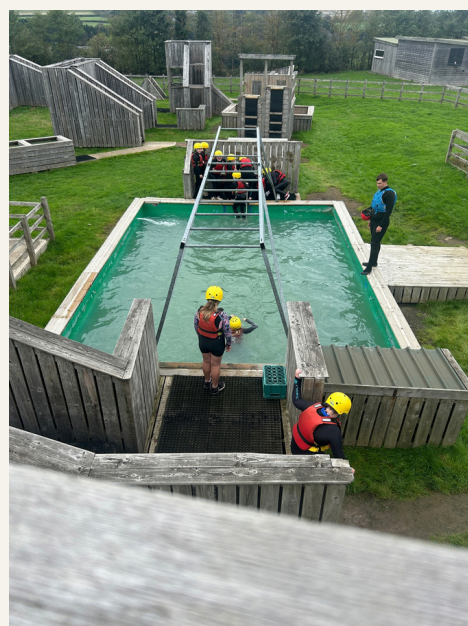
After a busy day of activities, the pupils enjoyed an evening disco, which was a brilliant way to round off the day and gave everyone the chance to relax and have fun together.

We were particularly pleased with the fantastic behaviour and positive attitude shown by the pupils throughout the trip. It was wonderful to see so many pupils embracing the activities, encouraging their classmates and developing their confidence.

One of the real highlights was seeing pupils who had only recently joined the school building new friendships and relationships across the year group. The residential provided a great opportunity for pupils to get to know each other outside the classroom and helped strengthen the sense of community within year 7.

A huge well done to all 90 pupils for making the trip such a memorable experience, and our thanks go to all the staff who supported the residential and helped make it such a success.

Mr Pugh
Trip Leader



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Year 7 Residential Trip to Ultimate Adventure



Key Dates

- **Thursday 1st October** - KS4 Success Evening
- **Tuesday 6th October** - Year 8 safeguarding and relationship workshop
- **Friday 9th October** - Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Bude and Boscastle)
- **Tuesday 13th October** - Year 10 safeguarding and relationship workshop
- **Tuesday 20th October** - Year 9 safeguarding and relationship workshop
- **Wednesday 21st October** - Seasonal flu vaccinations
- **Thursday 22nd October** - Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Plymouth)
- **Friday 23rd October** - Non pupil day
- **Monday 26th October to Friday 27th October** - half term



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