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# HUGH CHRISTIE NEWS



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## Visit to the Jurassic Coast

Students in Year 7 recently participated in a week long Journey to the Jurassic Coast in Dorset. They were based for five days in the seaside town of Swanage. Trips out included visits to Monkey World, the iconic Corfe Castle, Brownsea Island, Poole harbour, Studland beach and the Weymouth Sealife Centre.

Activities included watersports in the sea off the beautiful beach at Studland where many were able to try out kayaking for the first time. During the visit to Brownsea Island, students were able to experience some of the activities done by the early scouting groups who visited during the early 1900s.

This included building some very impressive dens out of logs found in the woodland. During the evenings, students were able to play on the beach or ball games on the field.



## Athletics News

Well done to our Year 7 Boys' and Girls' Athletics Teams who competed in the Kent School Games Super 8's Athletics Competition.

A huge congratulations to the Year 7 Girls who qualified for the Kent Schools Finals recently held in Ashford.



## Forthcoming events:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
 New timetables start today for all years and Year 12 2016/17 taster lessons this week

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
 University application preparation for Sixth Form

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Future Exchange Careers Event

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Sports Day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
 End of Term 6 at 1-3pm

## Showcase of Art Talent at Hugh Christie

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June was the opening of our Summer Exhibition, which showcased a wide range of high quality artwork across Photography, Graphics and Art. We were thrilled with the range of ambitious, experimental and professional quality of the students' work.

As part of the extended exhibition period we had visits from keen artists at some of our local primary schools. The students were given the opportunity to see the amazing work on display and have also been invited to make their own response to a work of their choice with prizes for the top three.

We are pleased to announce that the following students were presented awards for their high level of achievement in their subject: Zanis Mivreniks (Year 13 Art), Ben Bishop (Year 13 Photography), Charlotte Williams (Year 12 Photography) and Jake Moss-McKeeman (Year 12 Art).



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Don't forget to renew your child's Young Person's or 16+ Travel Passes from KCC before the end of term.



<http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/school-transport>

## This Month's E-Safety Tips

This Child Safety Week we are asking families to pledge to 'Turn off technology for safety'.

The use of technology, especially smartphones, is universal. This means the theme offers an opener to engage with families across the board, including those most at risk from accidents.

Accidents often happen when we're distracted. Serious accidents can happen alarmingly quickly, taking us by surprise.

By turning off technology at crucial times in the day, parents can give their children their focus and so keep them safer when pressures mount. Young people can stay safer too by turning off technology at certain points in the day.





## New timetables.

The new academic year starts at Hugh Christie on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

This gives students the opportunity to get used to their new teachers and classes before the Summer break.

They will be receiving their timetables on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## The place to be.....

### Three teams perform well in Football Finals

A huge congratulations to all the football players from Years 7, 9 and 10 who achieved a place in the West Kent Schools' Football Finals. It was a huge achievement to reach the finals and all the players gave 100% in the three matches.

The results:  
Year 10: Hugh Christie 0 – 2 Hayesbrook

Year 9: Hugh Christie 0 – 2 St. Gregory's

Year 7: Hugh Christie 5 – 0 St. Gregory's



### Year 9 Food Technology Visit to Bore Place

Food Technology students had an amazing time at Bore Place near Chiddingstone this month.

After an introduction about the ethos of this wonderful self-sufficient dairy farm and garden we were shown the kitchen garden and investigated all of the organic produce that was growing there.

Students were invited to harvest the seasonal fresh herbs, spinach and rhubarb. We were all amazed at how much was growing organically with natural pest control and no chemicals used at all.

Back in the kitchen we worked in groups to make an organic bread dough and used this to make pizza's topped with our freshly picked organic vegetables and organic cheese.

For pudding we made an organic rhubarb crumble served with cream.

After lunch we put on our wellies and visited the cows coming in from the fields ready to enter the milking parlour. We learnt how strong the smell of silage and slurry can be and its essential role in organic dairy farming through the year.

Everyone had a fantastic time, we are very lucky to have such a resource so close to Tonbridge. Sustainability never tasted so good!



The external public final exam takes place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Results are available to collect from the school on the following days:

A level—Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

GCSE—Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August.



### GCSE Geographers Brave the Summer Weather!

Students studying GCSE Geography recently visited Camber Sands and Botany Bay to carry out field work as part of their course.

Students made studies of the beach landscape and environment; they managed to dodge the showers on a very cool June day. The information collected will now be used by Year 10 students to complete their coursework as part of the Geography GCSE course.



### Erasmus Project News

Hugh Christie is one of six schools from across Europe working together as part of an Erasmus project. Funded by the European Union, the project enables students and staff from both schools to take part in activities and visit other schools to learn more about learning and working in a different country.

As part of the project, students in Year 7 spent the morning learning about one of the countries in the partnership; Turkey.

They learnt about its food, customs, religion, history and its capital Istanbul. Students then responded to some post cards sent to them by children in the Turkish school to tell them what they had learnt about Turkey.



### SPORTS DAY 2016 IS COMING SOON.....



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