

The Hedingham School Newsletter

16 October 2026

Ready, Respect, Safe



Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been a fantastic first half-term that we have rounded off with a series of celebration assemblies this week. Key Stage 3 and 4 Awards have been issued as part of our new Awards Ladder as well as “Subject Star” winners and attendance awards.

Whilst we look forward to a break, the half-term window is also an important time during which students in Year 11 and 13 should apply some time to focused and purposeful revision and preparation for November Mock Exams. Of course, some rest and recovery is crucial, but so too is the need to ensure that they are working to retain the large volumes of information required in examination sittings. Students’ exam timetables are now on Arbor, and they should be working to these dates in scheduling their revision.

Wear Something Red to School Day

As a follow up to some of the learning conducted in Personal Development time around equality and anti-racism, Thursday was our “Show Racism the Red Card Day”. Students and staff were encouraged to wear something red to celebrate and raise the profile of this important cause. It was fantastic to see so many students and staff involved and created a real buzz around the school.



Buses and School transport

Thank you to the many families who have used the form distributed in the previous newsletter to highlight their concerns around modified transport arrangements and pricing. I shall continue to compile this detail centrally as a mechanism to apply pressure and transparency to those that can help encourage change. Please continue to use this link to relay concerns so I can maintain a momentum with this agenda [Hedingham School & Sixth Form – Fill out form](#)

Student Council

We are delighted to announce that our Student Council representatives for Years 7–10 have now been elected. Three students from each form group have been selected to represent their peers, with each representative taking responsibility for a different area of school life throughout the academic year.

This week, our Year 8 and 9 representatives met for the first time to discuss activities week, sharing ideas and feedback. Following the October half-term break, our newly elected Student Council representatives will meet in their year groups with the Sixth Form Headship Team to discuss their classroom experiences, including what is working well and where improvements can be made to teaching and learning.

- Toothbrush/toothpaste

- Soap and flannel



Year 11 have their mock exams coming up quickly after half-term, beginning on Monday 23 November. All

I've been really impressed by the year group and their buy-in-to-revision sessions this year, with really

We hope that Year 11 have a restful half term, whilst also ensuring that they complete the relevant revision

Year 13 mock exams begin on Monday 23 November and run until Monday 30 November. These exams are

Copies of the student's exams will be on their Arbor account and there are physical copies on display

Mr Hyde, Head of Sixth Form, will be meeting with all Year 13s the first week back after half-term to go

Students have been told in their lessons what papers they will be taking so they can tailor their revision

Jack Petchey Winners

Congratulations to our Jack Petchey Winners for this Term:

Tommy Vance, Year 10 Student/September Winner: For assisting with an elderly gentleman who had fallen in his home.

Jasper Kirtland, Year 11 Student/October Winner: For coming first in his class at a kayaking race in September. Jasper is also a member of the Bishops Stortford Kayaking Team.

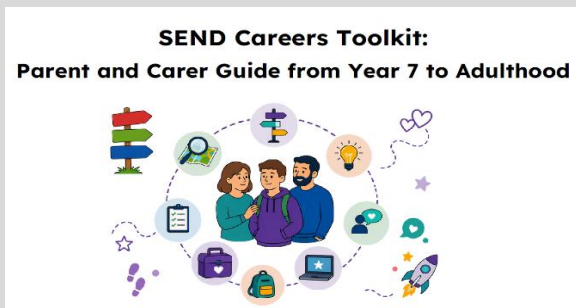
Annie Hart, Year 10 Student/November Winner: For competing in several national trampolining championships, winning medal along the way and for being selected for the Mavericks Netball Team to play in a regional side.

Marley Munro, Year 12 Student/Sixth Form Winner: For her commitment to her studies, organising events and being a Peer Mentor to our younger students.

Each Winner receives a cheque for £300 to put towards a project of their choice in school.

Well done!

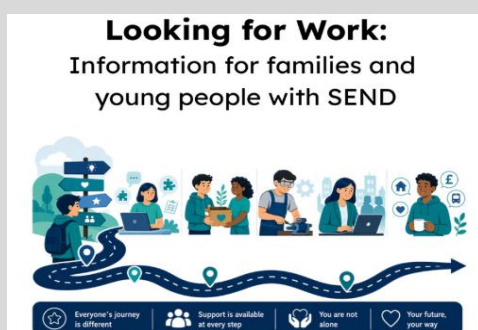
SEND Careers: useful resources



<https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/SENDtoolkit>



<https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/applycollege/1>



<https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/lookingforwork/1>

How to apply for Sixth Form:

Information for families and young people with SEND



<https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/Sixthform>

Higher Education

Information for families and young people with SEND



<https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/HESendcareers>



Preparing for Adulthood: Parents and carers guide to post-16 opportunities

Preparing for Adulthood Easy Read Guide for Families

Post-16 opportunities Events Calendar

<https://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/post-16-parents-carers-guide/post-16-parents-carers-guide/>