

Parent/Carer Update - Week commencing 14th September 2026

It has been lovely to welcome both the new students to college and to see the Year 2 return after the summer break.

We aim to put all our updates this year on the [parents/carers section](#) of the website to make it easier for you to access useful information and links over the academic year.

Parent Road Maps

We have produced a Parent Road Map of key dates, relating to the curriculum and careers/progression for Level 2/Year 1 and Year 2. This is a simplistic, visual calendar, divided into half-terms.

- [Year 2 Parent Road Map](#)
- [Year 1 & Level 2 Parent Road Map](#)

Term Dates

A reminder that term dates can be found here: [Term Dates](#)

Huish 30 Parent Guides

'Huish 30' is the term we use to refer to the 30 hours of study, independent learning, tutorial, and enrichment a Huish student should complete during a college week. Our Huish 30 Parent Guides are designed to help you understand what independent learning will look like in each subject. Please find these here: [Huish 30 Parent Guides](#)

Start and End of Day Parent Parking

Please note that for those parents who collect students at the end of the college day, we do need to close our front gates to cars from 16:15 so that busses can enter and exit the site. Please arrange to collect students from nearby roads.

If you drop off your young person in the mornings, please be mindful that traffic is busy in the local area. Please do your best to drop off swiftly and avoid delays, especially at the front of college, e.g. removal of learner plates. Again, we would advise that students are dropped off on nearby roads to reduce congestion.

Wellbeing and Careers Padlets

We would also like to highlight the links to our Wellbeing and Careers Padlets. These provide a useful starting point for information and sources of support for a wide range of areas.

- [Wellbeing Padlet](#)
- [Careers Padlet](#)

UCAS Deadlines

This is particularly important for Year 2 students who are planning to apply for university or apprenticeships.

Early deadline: 15th October 2026 – Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary

Standard deadline: 13th January 2027 – All other courses

Internal Deadlines

Early deadline: 25th September 2026

Standard deadline: 27th November 2026

UCAS Grades

All Year 2 students, whether they are applying via UCAS or not, will receive a UCAS Grade. These grades are arrived at using teachers' professional judgement about the grade a student could achieve in the best-case scenario. Some students will have conversations about these grades with their teachers based on the universities they are applying to and the entry requirements. Crucially, these grades do not reflect current performance and they are not a projection – they are to support students to apply for suitable university courses.

UCAS Workshops

Workshops for those wishing to apply to university will be held by the Careers team at 12:40-13:35 (except Wednesdays) in B5.

These sessions will help students with:

- Completing UCAS applications
- Personal statements
- Final checks before pay/send
- How to apply for deferred entry (gap years)
- Predicted grades/references
- Choosing courses

Bursary and Transport

It is not too late to apply for financial support towards transport, course costs, university open days and college meals. Please note that funds are limited, so we encourage applications to be submitted as soon as possible. Once the available funding has been fully allocated, applications will close for the current academic year. Please find information here:

[Bursaries and Finance](#)

Parent Hub

Please remember you can access Timetables, Attendance and Pastoral notifications on the Parent Hub. If you haven't used it before, please log in or register as a new user – [Parent Hub](#).

Meta Glasses

There has been a rise in the popularity of Meta Glasses which has been seen across education.

These devices have the capability to discreetly record audio, images and video, which raises significant concerns regarding privacy, safeguarding and data protection. To ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all students, staff and visitors, students must not wear or use Meta glasses or similar recording devices on college premises or during college activities.

Dates for the Diary

- **Freshers Fair** is on Thursday 17th September - this is an opportunity for students to find out about the enrichment offer at college as well as meet local businesses and organisations they can access. Please encourage your young person to get involved and sign up to be involved in the college's incredible variety of clubs/societies.
- **Enrich Day** is on Monday 5th October blthis is a mandatory college day. Year 2's will be able to select off site activities with Year 1 students remaining on site and taking part in a carousel of activities. This day is to allow new students to find out more about the college, make friends and have fun.
- **Level 2 Parent Event** is on Thursday 24th September (18:00-19:15 in the Huish Theatre) - this event is an opportunity for parents to find out more about the Level 2 courses their young person is studying, and to find out how to support them to be successful through Level 2.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your young person's tutor in the first instance.

Best wishes,
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