



THS

TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Headteacher's Half-term Update

— 19 December 2025 —



Dear families,

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the wonderful opportunities and successes of our school community. This academic year has got off to a really strong start with students settling back into school and adjusting well to the new routines.

It has been a busy half term packed with lots of things to celebrate, including the awarding of over **144,200 PROUD** points to our students for working hard, showing kindness and fostering a strong sense of belonging to the school community.



As part of our commitment to recognising all the incredible things that students do, this half term staff have nominated students for a Headteacher award for those who have gone above and beyond. I had the privilege of presenting the students with these awards at the Headteacher's breakfast on Wednesday 22 November. I am very much looking forward to doing this again at the end of the next half term.

On Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 September we had our Ofsted monitoring visit and I am pleased to share with you that the inspectors highlighted that the school is taking effective action as part of our rapid improvement plan to move the school forward in a positive direction. I am looking forward to sharing the inspection report with you as soon as we receive it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school, your feedback and collaborative work with us this is a vital part of our improvement journey.

I hope that you and your families have a safe and restful break and we look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 3rd November.

Kind regards

Nicky Lewis, Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Keeping in-touch with you



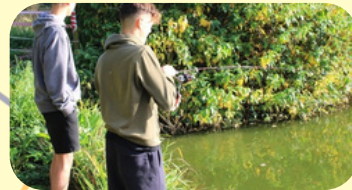
Starting next term, we're making it easier for families to stay informed! Instead of receiving multiple letters throughout the week, families will now receive one weekly communication every Tuesday—called In-touch Tuesdays. This email will include links to all letters and updates for that week, helping everyone stay organised and up to date.

Work hard. Be kind. Belong.

Celebrating Success Across Our School Community

KS3 Badminton

Fifteen KS3 students enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of badminton at Clyst Vale, many experiencing competitive play for the first time and showing great teamwork and determination. A big thank you to our hosts for providing such a supportive environment that helped our students grow in confidence and challenge themselves.



Fishing Intervention Programme

Our carp fishing team launched their match series with enthusiasm, combining patience, skill, and a love of the outdoors.

Swimming success

We're incredibly proud of Year 10 student Evie, who has been selected for the Swim England South West Regional Talent Pathway—one of only five girls in Devon to receive this honour. She'll begin training with Olympic-level coaches next week, and we wish her all the best as she takes this exciting next step in her swimming journey!



SEN Football Tournament

Our newly formed Year 8 and 9 SEN football team represented THS brilliantly at the Active Devon Schools tournament, showing great teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill throughout the day, finishing as proud runners-up. This marks an exciting new chapter for SEN sport at THS, with more fixtures and tournaments planned across all year groups starting next half term.

U13 girls football

Our amazing U13 girls football team gave it their all in a hard-fought 2-1 win away at Court Fields. It was a match full of courage, teamwork, and determination - and every single player played their part. From Lilly's brilliant goals to Robyn's confident debut, and the whole team's tireless effort, this was a performance to be proud of.



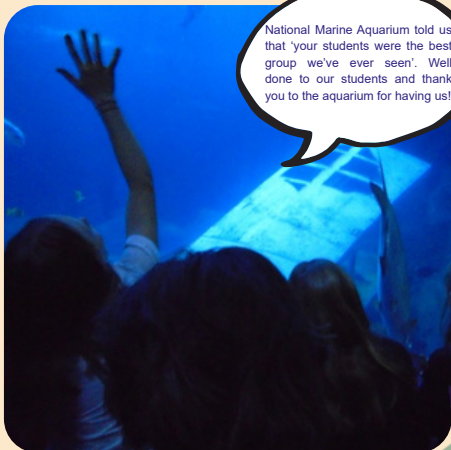
Writers Success

Congratulations to Year 9 student Jack, who placed third in the Literacy Works young writers competition (ages 11-14) and was awarded his prize by local author Tom McLaughlin. Jack's achievement is a testament to his talent and the support he's received at THS—well done!

★ Enrichment Day: A Celebration of Creativity, Teamwork & Growth

Students had a fantastic time on Enrichment Day, engaging in a wide variety of activities designed to spark creativity, build teamwork, and encourage personal growth. From hands-on workshops and outdoor challenges to collaborative projects and new experiences, the day was filled with energy, smiles, and memorable moments that brought our school community together.

This special day not only gave students the chance to explore new interests and skills, but also helped strengthen friendships and confidence across year groups. We're proud of the enthusiasm and positivity shown by everyone involved—and we're already looking forward to the next one!



National Marine Aquarium told us that 'your students were the best group we've ever seen'. Well done to our students and thank you to the aquarium for having us!



Shepton Mallet Prison told us that they have never had a group of students who had done so much research before their trip! Well done year 10!

★ Enrichment Day 2: 21 January 2025

Our second enrichment day is just around the corner, and it's shaping up to be an exciting experience. We've got a fantastic lineup of activities planned that you won't want to miss!

**21
January
2026**

Z: History
Exeter Roman Walls
RAM Museum
Y: DT/STEM
Design a fairground ride

**Y & Z:
Science Day**

**Y: Maths
Challenge
Z: CSI**

**Y: British Values /
Careers
Z: Prison Visit**
Shepton Mallet
Prison

**Revision
First Aid
Driving theory
Food**

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Welcome back week

"Welcome Back Week" has been introduced to help students and staff smoothly transition into the new half term by reconnecting, refocusing, and resetting routines. It reinforces our shared values—work hard, be kind, and belong—while celebrating past successes and building momentum, by highlighting upcoming opportunities and reigniting enthusiasm, to ensure the school community has a strong start to the term.

As part of Welcome Back Week we will introduce our focus which is to be fully prepared for learning each day by bringing the correct essential daily equipment, promoting responsibility and smooth, productive lessons to maximise learning time. Students who come prepared will earn positive points and be entered into a prize draw, while those without the required items will need to attend an after-school reflection session on the same day. Please click on this [link](#) to learn more.

Student Leadership

We have been working closely with our newly appointed Ambassador Team and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce them to you and say a big thank you to them for representing the students at THS and supporting school-based events.

Meet our newly appointed 2025 – 2026 Ambassador Team — a group of students ready to lead and represent THS with pride and positivity



Appointments with staff & contacting THS

We value the importance of working with our families to support our students and we understand that there may be occasions where you feel you would like to meet or speak to a member of staff outside of the usual calendared events. Therefore, if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please contact us so that we can direct your enquiry to the appropriate member of staff.

Useful Email Addresses

General Enquiries:

adminteam@tiverton.devon.sch.uk

Attendance: attendance@tiverton.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding: safeguarding@tiverton.devon.sch.uk

Contact us during the school holiday:

sltenquiries@tiverton.devon.sch.uk

GCSE FOCUS

YEAR 10

This is the information that was given out at the Year 10 GCSE Launch Evening.

[Letter home](#)

[Presentation](#)

[Revision Booklet](#)

[Revision Planner](#)

[Revision Guides to buy](#)

Year 11

Here is the information that was given out at the Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening.

[Letter home](#)

[Presentation](#)

[Mock Timetable](#)



Important dates for your diary

5 November 2025

Ten Tors meeting @THS - all welcome

7 November 2025

GCSE Music students trip to see Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Uffculme School

15 November 2025

Christmas Craft Fair @THS

9 December 2025

After-school trip to watch Exeter City Football

11 December 2025

Year 11 Progress Evening

13 December 2025

Ski trip departs (home on 20 December 2025)

17 December 2025

Christmas Carol Concert - @THS

19 December 2025

Break-up for Christmas holidays

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