



THS

TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Headteacher's Half-term Update

— 19 December 2025 —



Dear families,

As we come to the close of this term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for the support, encouragement, and partnership you have shown throughout the year. Together, we are creating an inclusive environment where our children can learn, grow, and thrive.

This term has been filled with so many achievements both big and small—from classroom successes to the joy of school events—and none of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff and students.

Your involvement, whether through attending performances, supporting homework, or simply cheering your child on, makes a world of difference.

Christmas is a time for reflection, gratitude, and hope. I hope you enjoy a well-deserved break filled with peace, joy, and time with loved ones. May the New Year bring health, happiness, and exciting opportunities for all our families.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 5th January at 0830, the start of a new and exciting term filled with opportunities and celebrations, including our transfer to Blackdown Education Partnership in the spring term.

On behalf of everyone at THS, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warm regards

Nicky Lewis

Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Huge congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by staff for going above and beyond in their day-to-day school life. We are very proud of them.

★ Thomas - for consistently going out of your way to help others

★ Carlotta - for your hard work in the Anti-bullying ambassador team

★ Ryleigh - for acting as a great ambassador for the school

★ Aveline - for your outstanding leadership and dedication and fostering a sense of community

★ Camari - super star improvements

★ Briony & Keira - for speaking at the Rotary with confidence and enthusiasm

★ Bethany - for consistently being hard-working, polite, kind and determined

★ Henry, Kelsey, Taylor, Praise & George - for attending the most PE clubs in their year groups

★ Lidia - outstanding achievement in your Art mock exam

★ Joshua - for leading the Remembrance Parade in Tiverton as the standard flag bearer

★ Robyn - for achieving the highest score in THS in the International Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

Celebrating Success Across Our School Community

Our Kindness Wall is Complete!

We're so proud of our amazing students for filling it with thoughtful words and uplifting messages. We'd love for our community to take a few moments to stop, read what they've shared, and feel the positivity that's spreading through our school. Let's celebrate kindness together - because every little act makes a big difference!



THS Girls Rugby Triumph

THS Year 8–9 girls' rugby team secured an impressive 50–15 home victory over Cullompton, showcasing resilience, teamwork, and growing confidence. Led by captain Emma, whose leadership and encouragement set the tone, the girls overcame early nerves to deliver outstanding tackles, rucks, and attacking play. Tries from Emma, Millie, Lily, Tabitha, Roxy, and Chloe highlighted their skill and determination, while many newcomers adapted brilliantly by transferring sporting knowledge into the game. Supported by cheers from the sidelines, the match celebrated spirit, learning, and the joy of playing together—well done to every player for making it a memorable day for THS girls' rugby!

Focus Week Winners!

Last half term, our Focus of Welcome Back Week was all about being prepared and organised. Students who had all the essential equipment for a successful school day earned 5 Praise Points, and those who kept it up in every lesson earned even more Proud Points! By Friday, some incredible students have been rewarded up to 50 Proud Points from equipment alone – amazing commitment! Those students were entered into a special draw for their year group, with the chance to win a gift card for multiple shops. A huge well done to everyone who showed fantastic organisation and readiness. You're setting the standard for success!



Celebrating Achievements Beyond the Classroom!

We're so proud of Samuel, who has been selected for the Exeter Hockey Talent Academy for the 2025/26 season!

This is an incredible achievement—Exeter Talent Academy is part of the England Hockey pathway and sits just one level below representing England. With only 21 academies across the country and just 25 players aged 14–18 in each, this is a huge honour for Samuel and a testament to his hard work and dedication.

Here's Samuel (on the left) alongside former THS student Jake S, who was also selected last year—well done to both!

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 as part of our commitment to growing and developing our young people.

**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

Keeping In-Touch Tuesday

Here's a recap of the information that we have sent out to families this half term:



4 November 2025
11 November 2025
18 November 2025

25 November 2025
2 December 2025

9 December 2025
16 December 2025

Work hard. Be kind. Belong.



Welcome back week

Once again when we return to school we will have our Welcome Back week, this allows students to reconnect, refocus and reset ahead of the half term ahead.

As part of our commitment to high standards and a sense of pride in our school community, our focus this week will be on uniform.

We ask all students to wear their uniform with pride. Please ensure the following compulsory items are worn every day: Black school shoes, black trousers, shirt, THS tie and THS blazer. In addition, please make sure that jewellery and hair colour comply with school policy. Students who wear all the correct uniform and fulfil our uniform expectations will earn positive points and be entered into a prize draw, while those without the required items or incorrect jewellery or hair colour will need to attend a 30 minute after-school reflection session on the same day.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining these standards. Together, we can ensure our students look smart and feel proud to represent our school.



Important dates for your diary

Term Dates 2026-2027
Spring dates for your diary
Enrichment Day 2
Y9 Options Evening (in school)
Y9 Progress Evening (online)
Y10 Progress Evening (online)

[Click here](#)
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January 21 2026
January 22 2026
January 29 2026
February 12 2026

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

Coping at Christmas

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know that there's always someone you can talk to



☎ 0300 123 3393
📞 Helpline
🌐 mind.org.uk



☎ text SHOUT to 85258
📞 24/7 text service
🌐 giveusashout.org



☎ 116123
📞 24/7 helpline
🌐 samaritans.org



☎ text YM to 85258
📞 24/7 text service
🌐 youngminds.org.uk



☎ 0800 58 58 58
📞 Helpline for men
🌐 thecalmzone.net



☎ 0800 068 4141
📞 Under 35s helpline
🌐 papyrus-uk.org

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🎄 A Special Christmas Gift from The Big Step 🎄

The Big Step is a transition programme that helps year 6 students feel confident and prepared for secondary school through engaging summer workshops and we are delighted to share that they have generously donated Christmas hampers, which we have distributed to families across our school community. This heartwarming contribution exemplifies The Big Step's dedication not only to supporting students during their important transition but also to building lasting connections within our wider community.

Their support brings genuine festive joy to our families and echoes the same values that underpin their transition programme—community, care, and confidence.

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive season filled with warmth, hope, and togetherness.



After a long coach journey from Tiverton, our 2026 Ski Trip arrived safely in the beautiful mountains of La Thuile, Italy - and what a special few days they have had.

Their first three days of skiing were full of effort, encouragement and plenty of smiles. Every student has given it their all, supporting one another every step of the way, and it's been wonderful to see the confidence grow day by day. Thanks to their determination and teamwork, everyone made it up onto the mountain within just two days - a real achievement to be proud of.

The laughter, giggles and kindness shared between students have been just as memorable as the skiing itself. They have already experienced a variety of mountain weather, each day bringing something new, and they are excited to see what the next two days hold.

We are incredibly grateful for the support that makes opportunities like this possible, and proud of the way our students are representing the school - with warmth, resilience and care for one another

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