

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy





## **DEAR PARENT/CARER,**

Welcome to Academic Year 2022-23 at Holyrood Academy! I would like to extend a particular welcome to our new Year 7 Parents and to those families whose young person has just joined our Sixth Form. This is going to be another very successful year for all associated with our school. Year 7 have made an excellent start and have settled into the 'Holyrood Way' of doing things. They all learned how to do their homework with Mrs James, last week.

Lots has happened over the summer holidays! We were delighted to celebrate excellent exam results with Years 13 and 11 who received their GCSE and A-Level Results, respectively. We were also very pleased to welcome Year 10 to collect their GCSE English Literature results, which were again very strong.

## HOLYROOD ACADEMY

#### **FEATURED THIS WEEK:**

- Somerset Arts Exhibition
- The Adam's Family Musical
- Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
- Open Evening/Mornings
- Sports Clubs

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These students have started Year 11 brilliantly and are a shining example to the rest of the school community in how they work hard, are kind and join in. So, it is a HUGE 'well done' to Year 11 from me.

Our Sixth Form Centre has been refurbished and I hope you enjoy the pictures here. We are very proud of our post-16 provision and we look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form Information Evening soon. More on that to come.

I would like to thank you all for your support as we implement the agreed changes to our school uniform policy. Please be assured that our aim is to have every single student dressed in full school uniform and feeling well and truly part of our school community. I genuinely believe that our uniform policy is reasonable and have appreciated the suggestions that parents and students made during the consultation process. Please do remember that shoes have to be plain black all over, with no coloured logos, and that skirts need to be no more than 3" above the knee. Thank you again for your support with this.

I look forward to writing to you next week with further updates but I am pleased to report that it has been an excellent start to the new year, with students making the most of the beautiful new exercise books they have in each subject. Last year, we saw a huge improvement in the amount of work students were completing and the care they were taking. We wanted to recognise this by purchasing exercise books that are a little bit special, in line with the work the students are working so hard on.

If you need any support at all, including if you are experiencing financial hardship, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes,

MR. DAVE MACCORMICK
Head Teacher













# MR MACCORMICK IS RUNNING LONDON MARATHON!

We are very proud to report that Mr MacCormick is running the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October in aid of Save the Children! He chose this particular charity because they have been central in offering support to children at home and abroad during the pandemic and in times of crisis (natural, war or financial), always placing children first.

We will send out his race number before the event so that you can keep an eye on his progress online! If you can support the charity and him (he says he is going to need all the help he can get!!), please find a link here:

https://justgiving.com/fundraising/davidmaccormick1

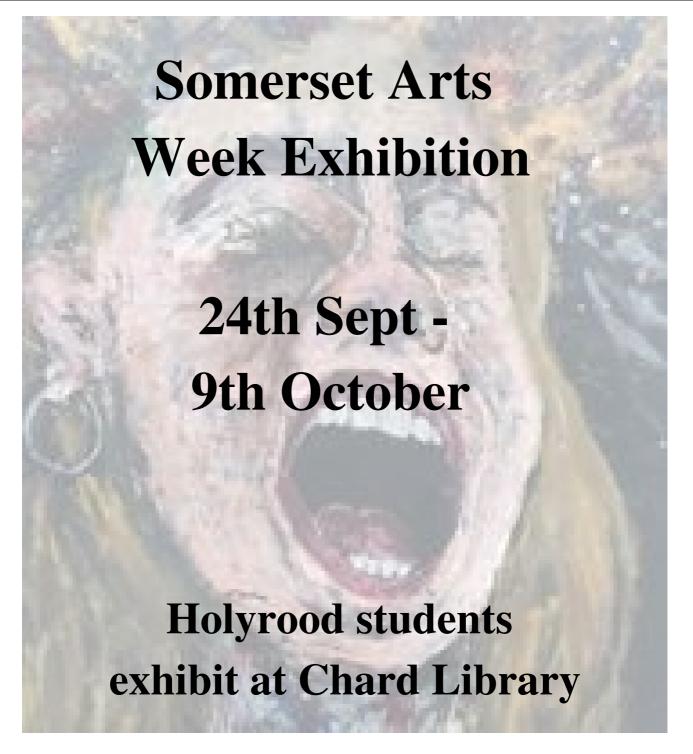




## Ironman 70.3 Cork

Congratulations to Mrs Malin, Lifestyle Fitness Manager, who finished on the podium for her age group at Ironman 70.3 Cork. She is a talented Triathlete who completed the 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride and half marathon in super-quick time! Well done, Mrs Malin!





### **SOMERSET ARTS WEEKEXHIBITION**

24th September - 9th October

Holyrood students exhibit at Chard Library.

This year the Somerset Art week theme is Sanctuary. Art provides sanctuary from everyday life for adolescents. Somewhere quiet, Somewhere to be yourself, somewhere safe, somewhere that is owned by you. Come to see our students extraordinary response to the pressure of everyday life at Chard Library this year.

## The Addams Family Musical

- Main Academy Production launch meetings this week!
- If you would like to find out more about being part of this year's show come along to our launch meetings in <u>DM1 on</u> <u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> (3.15-4.30pm)</u> <u>and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></u> September (3.15 – 5pm)



Join us. Join in. Join 'Team Addams'

## JOIN TEAM ADAMS

Find out how you can be part of this year's show.

Launch Meetings this week: Tuesday 13th - 3:15-4:30 Thursday 15th - 3:15 - 5:00



## FREE RUGBY TRIAL

All age and gender groups!

Try out on:

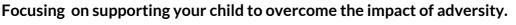
Sunday September 18th - 10am

Sunday September 25th - 10am









Supported by the Educational Psychology Service





Wednesday 6th July 10-11:30am

ACEs stands for Adverse Childhood Experiences. These are experiences which can I lead to very high and damaging (toxic) levels of stress.

#### Some examples of these include:

- Divorce or parental separation
- Domestic violence
- Parental mental health issues
- Parental substance abuse e.g. alcohol abuse

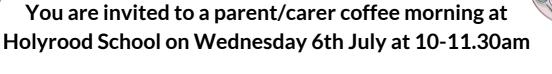
#### In the Chard community, we know that there are also high levels of:

- Deprivation and poverty
- · Community violence e.g. county lines
- Lack of opportunities

If you or your child has experienced any of these it is not your fault and

#### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are invited to a parent/carer coffee morning at



Your school's Parent and Family Support Advisor (PFSA) Caroline Markham will be hosting this event alongside Dr Kelly Osborne from the Educational Psychology Service. Kelly will share some information on ACEs and how you can support your child and there will be time for more informal discussions.

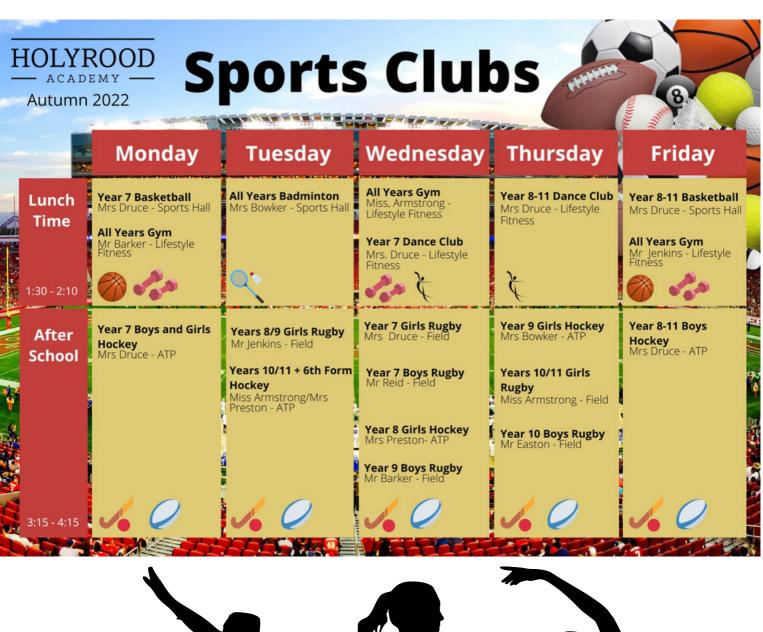
Research has shown us that these experiences can impact on how the child's brain develops, can lead to later health problems and increases the risk of engaging in risky activities. The impact of ACEs depends heavily on a number of other factors e.g. whether the child has a positive relationship with a primary caregiver (e.g. a parent or carer). 48% of all people in the UK have experienced at least one ACE. That's almost half of the population!

We want to separate the myths from the facts and share support strategies with parents and carers in Chard so that your children have the best possible chance of a happy and healthy future.

We hope that this event will informal, helpful and supportive for any parents/carers who wish to attend.



### **YEAR 6 SUMMER SCHOOL 2022**





### **OUR NEW SIXTH FORM**



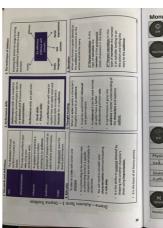


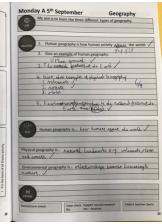


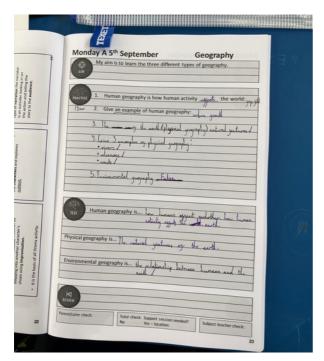
### **OUR NEW EXERCISE AND HOMEWORK BOOKS**













## HOLYROOD

ACADEMY





## **OPEN MORNINGS**

October 11th & 13th

9AM - 11AM

## **OPEN EVENING**

October 6th | From 5PM



