



WEEKLY BULLETIN



The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy



DEAR PARENT/CARER,

Welcome to another week at Holyrood!

I would like to begin by thanking you for your patience and understanding over the recent strike action taken by teachers who are NEU members. There are two further strike days planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. As much as I hope these will not go ahead, there has been limited progress in talks between the NEU and the Government and so it feels likely that these will go ahead. Please rest assured that Holyrood will be open for as many children as can be safely accommodated on site. We need to prioritise our examination classes, so that students can prepare for their exams with minimal disruption. Thank you to parents/carers of students in Years 7-10 who have experienced the most disruption so far.

HOLYROOD
— ACADEMY —

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- Chard Together
- Holyrood's Happy Hour
- Pre-loved Musical Instruments
- Year 11 & 13 Exam Mental Health Support
- PTFA Easter Bingo
- Window Wanderland

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Speaking of exam groups, our Year 11s are engaged in their second set of mock exams, this week. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing them the very best of luck in these important assessments. Although important, they are not the end but rather the beginning of the next revision push! Year 13 mock exams begin next Monday (13th) and so I would like to wish them the same good luck!

There are some really exciting trips taking place over the next couple of weeks, too. Year 8 are off to the Octagon Theater and there is also an incredible Sixth Form Trip to Iceland. Please do remember that trips are such an important way for our students to experience other places and broaden their horizons. If you would like your child to attend a trip but money is a barrier, please do contact us because it is rare that we cannot help.

Best Wishes

MR. DAVE MACCORMICK
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fabulous events coming up soon for Holyrood Academy
More information on all of these events online soon:

24th March	Easter Bingo Tables bookable through the PTFA facebook page. Booking essential
Saturday 13th May	Car Boot and Dog Show
Saturday 10th June	Car Boot
Saturday 8th July	Car Boot

DINNER MONEY TOP UPS

Please can you ensure you have topped up your child's account in a timely manner, as there are sometimes delays in money reaching your child's account. These delays are beyond our control, as they due to online payments processing queues. If your child is having a problem please remind them to speak to a member of the catering staff or school staff .

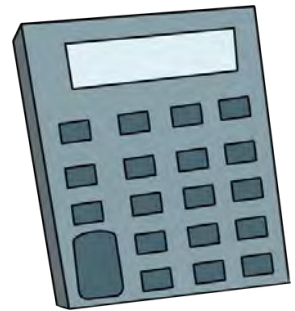
ABSENCE

To ensure that your child's absence is actioned quickly and added to the register please report your child's absence to the school via the school's

Absence Line - **01460 260100** - Option 1, for years 7 to 11

or

for Sixth Form students at sixthform@holyrood.uat.ac



Stationery

Make sure you are equipped!

Parents/carers can buy items online including:

pencil case with equipment (£2), set of 5 pens or pencils (£1), assessment prep book (£2.50), calculator (£11.50), document wallets (£1.75), socks (£1) and ties (£7.00).

Also available **with cash** from The Learning Centre before school from 8am, at break/lunch times and until 3.30pm

Pens 10p	Display wallets £1
Pencils 5p	Pencil cases with equipment £2
Fineliners 40p	Ties £7
Rulers 10p/15p	Calculators £11.50
Erasers 10p	Other items for sale too!

Remember!
You can't buy
stationery with
your thumb
print!



SOMERSET FOOD CHAMPION TRAINING

This practical 2 day course is free to anyone working in the community of Somerset who is interested in making an impact to their local area through food.

This course will help you to expand your cooking knowledge, skills and confidence to share with others in group settings.



Training Dates for 2023:

23rd & 24th March - Bridgewater
30th & 31st March - Highbridge
20th & 21st April - Shepton Mallet
4th & 5th May Watchet
13th & 14th July - Yeovil
20th & 21st July Wincanton
7th & 8th September - Wellington
21st & 22nd September - Somerton

Application Information

To apply please head [here](#) or email if you have any queries: healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk

We are looking forward to partnering with you – Better Together!



healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk

YEAR 11 & 13 EXAM MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT DROP IN

**With the Student Mental Health Team;
Mrs Herfet & Mrs Dalton**



- Get help with/offload any worries
- Find out more about boosting mental health
- Learn some effective support strategies
- Have a chat
- Ask any questions
- We're here to listen.

Where:

The Loft - Week A

LRC - Week B

When: Every Friday Tutor Time starting after half term

Chard Together

ORGANISED BY CHARD'S ETHNIC DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

This is an annual event, with additional cultural days for key community groups throughout the year

PERFORMANCES
ON STAGE

WORK
SHOPS

ALL
WELCOME

BHANGRA DANCING



DRUMMING WORKSHOPS



ENIGMA BORDER MORRIS



GUILDHALL
CHARD

STALLS

LOCAL
SCHOOL
CHOIR

SATURDAY
11th MARCH
2023

FREE
ENTRY



FOOD FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES



11 am
- 3pm

Do you want to
join in on the day?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EVENT: SERENA 07793 074 039 @CHARD TOGETHER



Holyrood Happy Hour!!

Anyone can come along for a chat
and old fashioned board games
Starting at 3.30pm ends at 4.30pm



Light refreshments
tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits

HOLYROOD HAPPY HOUR

Open to all!

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat for all
in the community.

When:

16th March 3:30PM - 4:30PM

30th March 3:30PM - 4:30PM

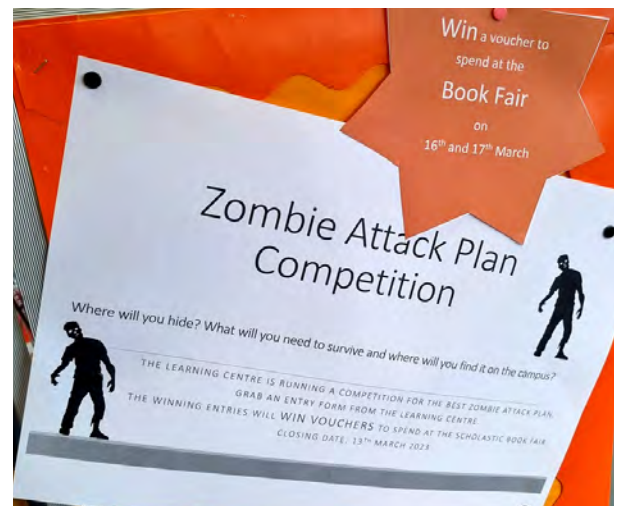
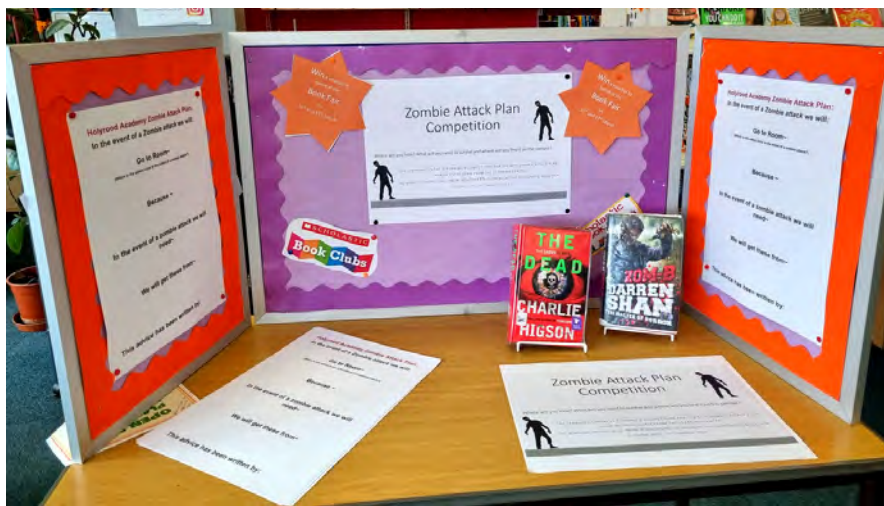
Where:

Holyrood Main Hall

Funded by the Prefects and
staffed by D of E Volunteers.



ZOMBIE ATTACK PLAN COMPETITION



CREWKERNE SUPPORTING CANCER RESEARCH UK

Ilminster Easter Hunt

Saturday 8th April 2023

Fun family Easter egg hunt around the town of Ilminster

£5 per child

Easter prize for each paying participant

Limited spaces so be sure to secure your place now!

Call or message Louise on 07939 346422 for an entry sheet

This activity takes place in Ilminster town centre and involves crossing busy roads.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take care when completing the trail and use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Cancer Research UK public liability does not cover participants in this open event.



CANCER
RESEARCH
UK

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Holyrood PTFA's Easter Bingo



Friday 24th March

Doors open 6pm - Eyes Down 6.30pm
Holyrood Upper Site Hall

7 Prize Hampers plus Raffle

Chocolate Hampers * Breakfast Hampers * Roast Dinner Hamper

First and Second line prizes * Plus a Flyer - "Star Prize" *

£1 per Book

£3 for the Flyer

£10 + 6 games + the flyer + a strip of raffle tickets

REFRESHMENTS

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Snacks - Alcoholic & Non Alcoholic Drinks -
available to purchase on the night

Please note - Only drinks and snacks purchased
from the premises can be consumed onsite.

to book message us on

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/
PTFAHOLYROOD](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PTFAHOLYROOD)

EMAIL

HolyroodPTFA@gmail.com
CALL Sarah 07821 448902

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YEAR 9 RESEARCH STUDY

Research Study



STUDY TITLE: Exploring the role of contact with nature in the context of brief psychological interventions for young people experiencing depressive symptoms

UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER

NHS
Somerset
MHS Foundation Trust

Are you in year 9?
Do you experience low mood?
Would you like to get support?

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Choose between a nature or indoor group
- Join three sessions to learn about low mood and ways of coping
- Complete activities / questionnaires about your mood and feelings about nature



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- ✓ we hope the groups may help to improve your mood & wellbeing
- ✓ you could have a chance to win one of two £75 vouchers
- ✓ you will meet other young people going through similar experiences
- ✓ you will help to develop services supporting young people



WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

If you want to find out more, please speak with either:

Mrs Roberts or contact Heather
(Lead Researcher) directly at
hs705@exeter.ac.uk

Window Wanderland



WINDOW WANDERLAND

Students in year 8 have been lucky enough to take part in a community project with a professional film maker.

This is to create an animated artwork specifically designed for an outdoor projection onto the big windows at the front of The Guildhall.

This will be available to view at any time between the hours of:

6:30 and 8:30pm

on

Saturday 11th March

The looped animation lasts for 6 minutes.

SEE AMAZING PROJECTED ARTWORK CREATED BY PEOPLE OF CHARD AT THE GUILDHALL ON SATURDAY 11TH MARCH

Over the past few months local people have been busy creating an animated artwork specifically designed for outdoor projection onto the big windows at the front of The Guildhall.

View the artwork at any time between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30pm

The looped animation lasts for 6 minutes

Once you've seen the animation, and maybe taken a selfie with it, we encourage you to move on to make way for other visitors. Marshals will be in attendance to tell you more about the artwork.

Culturally Chard is the Chard High Street Heritage Action Zone cultural programme, funded by Historic England, Arts Council England and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.



BOYS DRAMA CLUB



Boys Drama Club



Every Wednesday after-school
down in Drama with Mr. Massey

PRE-LOVED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

HOLYROOD
ACADEMY

Pre-loved to Re-loved

Do you have a unwanted musical instrument you like to donate to the school to be used by our budding musicians?

Reduce waste and protect our environment.

If you you have any unwanted musical instruments you're able to donate to the school to be used by our budding musicians, please see the music department or email Ms Cunningham at lcunningham@holyrood.uat.ac



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB



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TUESDAYS – AFTER SCHOOL – F8 – Y9 AND ABOVE
TOTALLY BEGINNER FRIENDLY – NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS IS A CHANCE TO:

- EXPLORE FANTASY WORLDS FULL OF SWORDS, SORCERY, MONSTERS AND MAGIC
- EMBARK ON EPIC QUESTS
- CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE – BE WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BE
- HAVE A LOAD OF FUN



HERO REALMS CLUB

**Hero Realms - Tuesday
Week A Lunchtime in M4**

Hero realms is a deck building card game.

It's simple to play and once you have learnt the rules a game lasts about 15 minutes.

ALL Welcome



Creative WRITING



When:
Week A Tuesday

Who:
Year 7-8

Where :
With Mr Vallely A4

HOMework CLUB

Everyone Welcome

Mon-Thurs
3:10PM - 4:20PM

The Learning Centre

(Upper Site)

Come along and complete your homework in a calm and supportive environment.

HOLYROOD PTFA PRELOVED UNIFORM

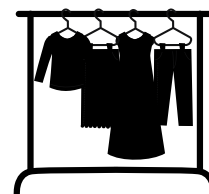
Available from the Community Hub; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Blazers £5

All other items £1

Proceeds to Holyrood PTFA and to the Community Hub

Find the Community Hub in the old DOVETAILS shop - opposite Superdrug.



OPEN DAY PLANT SALE & CHARITY RAFFLE

Saturday 18th March



FROM 10AM - 2PM
At Incredible Edible Flowers
New Road, Chard, TA20 4HT



**Refreshments
and cakes available!**



www.incredible-edibleflowers.co.uk

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OPEN DAY PLANT SALE & CHARITY RAFFLE

OPEN DAY / PLANT SALE / CAKE
SALE / CHARITY RAFFLE

Saturday 18th March at
[Incredible Edible Flowers](http://www.incredible-edibleflowers.co.uk).

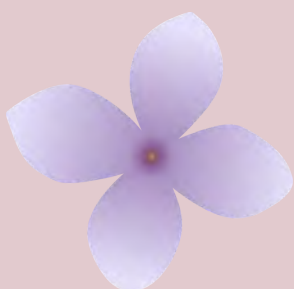
Come along and see the flower
farm this Spring.

We'll have LOTS of young plants
available to fill your garden.

Pick up a gift for Mother's Day or
just enjoy some tea and cake
with a view.

Charity raffle to support a local
student on his volunteering
journey to Cambodia this
summer.

All welcome plus some fun games
for the kids!





The Five Dials Inn
are hosting a...

Pub Quiz

SUNDAY 26th of March 2023

Begins at 7PM

RAFFLE!

£2.50 per person ~ 4-6 people per team

In support of...

**'Meg and Milly's
Cambodia
expedition'**





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COMING UP THIS SPRING

MARCH

WORLD BOOK DAY
2ND MARCH

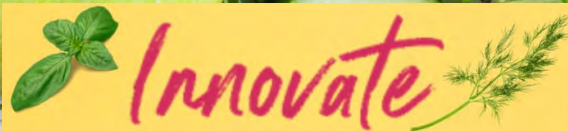
AFRICA
7TH - 9TH MARCH

EASTER Specials
30TH - 31ST MARCH

AFRICA

CONSISTS OF:
Nigeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Algeria, Morocco, Angola





Our aim as a school food provider is to deliver great food at affordable prices for our students and parents. The cost-of-living crisis continues which we are all experiencing in our own lives, with prices in supermarkets and other daily costs rising almost weekly. This has in turn impacted the prices we pay for food and the wages we pay our teams. I wanted to write to you to let you know what we are doing to try to limit the impact on students and parents.

There are two issues which the food industry is needing to deal with:

- Food inflation at 16%
- Staff wage increases 9.7%

Food inflation

This is predominantly driven by the war in Ukraine, which is not only a terrible humanitarian crisis, but has also significantly damaged economies across the globe and has had a real impact on food availability. The food supply volumes have dropped and driven prices up. The latest food inflation figures reported, show a 16% increase in the cost of the food we buy.

Staff wage increases

The Government has increased the minimum wage by 9.7%. This is a positive move that will mean our teams are better able to address the cost pressures they are under. This is more than 3% higher than last year's record rise, so great progress but clearly creates its own challenge from a funding perspective.

To address these cost increases we must raise the prices we charge in our school canteens. We have looked at all options to minimize the increases such as changes to suppliers and adding some new product lines. But we must not allow these pressures to impact the quality of the food, nor the portion sizes we provide. We have also absorbed some of the cost increases, however we will be implementing a tariff increase of 5% from April 2023. Whilst this is never going to be good news, we hope you will agree that it is a significantly lower than the headline figures above. As always, we will continue to encourage open and honest dialogue with clients, students and parental groups to ensure we have a joined-up approach during this challenging period. We have a difficult twelve to eighteen months to navigate through, but I personally give you my commitment to continue to serve food of the highest quality, that represents good value for our students, parents, and schools.

Spring Clubs 2023



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



D of E Bronze	KSE/ DT	Mondays	lunchtime	E10 and M2	yr 9,10
Bronze IDEAAward	CP	Mondays	lunchtime	A3	KS3 yrs 7,8 and 9
Gym Access	RBA	Mondays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	all students and staff
BasketBall	KDR	Mondays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	yr 7
Girls Football	KDR	Mondays	afterschool	ATP	all girls

D of E Silver	KSE	Tuesdays	lunchtime	E 10	yr 11
D of E Gold	IHA	Tuesdays	lunchtime	6th form	yr 12 &13
Yr 10 book club	KWI	Tuesdays	lunchtime	A6	yr10 only
Creative Writing Club	SVA/ EEV	Tuesday B	lunchtime	B6	yr 7 and 8
Crochet Club	LGI/JBO	Tuesdays	lunchtime	A5	all students and staff
Badminton	EBO	Tuesdays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	all students and staff
Hero Realms	CSL	Tuesday A	lunchtime	M4	all students and staff
Younique	SDA	Tuesdays A	lunchtime	A4	all students and staff
Adams Family rehearsal	Production team	Tuesdays	afterschool	Main hall	all students and staff
Yr 8 boys Football	SJE	Tuesdays	afterschool	ATP	yr 8 boys
Netball	KAR/SPR/KDR	Tuesdays	afterschool	Courts	Yr 7,8,10 11 girls
Design Club	LHU	Tuesday A	afterschool	Repro	all students
Art Studio	Art Team	Tuesdays	afterschool	All art rooms	KS4 and 5
Adams Family Makeup & Props	JWI	Tuesdays	afterschool	F1	All students and staff

Yoga	MTH	Wednesdays	morning 8 am	J8	6th form
Art Club	SMU	Wednesdays	lunchtime	E8	yr 7
Workout in French	JMI	Wednesdays	lunchtime	G4 at 1.45	all students and staff
Pop Choir	NWI	Wednesdays	lunchtime	F3	all students and staff
Gym access	KAR	Wednesdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	all students and staff
Dance	KDR	Wednesdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle studio	all students and staff
Poetry Club	PDW	Wednesday	lunchtime	A5	all students and staff
Rugby Skills	AEA	Wednesdays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	all students and staff
Eco Club	BHA & VBU	Wednesdays	afterschool	E1	KS3 and KS4
Boys Drama club	LMA	Wednesday	afterschool	DM1	KS3 and 4
Girls Indoor Cricket	SPR	Wednesdays	afterschool	Sports Hall	All girls
Yr 7 Girls Rugby	KDR	Wednesdays	afterschool	Field	Yr 7 girls
Yr 7 Boys Football	PRE/ KDR	Wednesdays	afterschool	ATP	yr 7 boys
Art Studio	Art Team	Wednesdays	afterschool	all art rooms	KS 4 and KS5

Dance	KDR	Thursdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle studio	All students and staff
Handball	SPR	Thursdays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	All students and staff
Board Games	DMO	Thursdays	lunchtime	M3	Yr 8 and 9
Attenborough Club for yr 7	DCO	Thursdays	lunchtime	E4	yr 7
School Band	NWI	Thursdays	lunchtime	F3	all students and staff
Design Club	KGO	Thursdays	lunchtime	Repro	all students and staff
Art Studio	Art Team	Thursdays	afterschool	all art rooms	KS4 and KS5
Adams Family rehearsal	Production team	Thursdays	afterschool	DM1	all students and staff
Year 9 Girls Netball	EBO	Thursdays	afterschool	Courts	yr 9 girls
Girls Rugby	SJE/KAR	Thursdays	afterschool	ATP	all girls
Boys Football yrs 9 & 10	AEA/RBA	Thursdays	afterschool	ATP	yr 9 & 10 boys

Colouring Club	RBA	Fridays	lunchtime	A2	yr 7,8 and 9
Board Games	CBR	Fridays	lunchtime	H2	y 7
Basketball	KDR	Fridays	lunchtime	Sports hall	yr 8, 9, 10 and 11
Gym access	SJE	Fridays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	all students and staff
Fantasy Football	OLO	Fridays	lunchtime	L1	all students and staff
Dungeons and Dragons	HM	Fridays	lunchtime	F8	yr 8 students
Rock School	NWI	Fridays	afterschool	F3	all students and staff