



# BIWEEKLY BULLETIN



*The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy*



## DEAR PARENT/CARER,

I hope you had an enjoyable October Half Term week, with some opportunities to spend time together with your family. I would like to begin today's bulletin by saying a huge 'well done' to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students who have made truly excellent starts to their new journeys at Holyrood. It has been such a pleasure to see these year groups taking such important next steps in their education with such positivity and hard work. They have really thrown themselves into their first half term of study, so again, 'well done' to them!

It was great to meet with so many of you over the past half term to discuss all things Holyrood: good things and things that could be better. The next opportunities to come in to see us and discuss how your child(ren) is/are doing are:

Thursday 30th November: Year 9 Subject and Options Evening  
 Saturday 2nd December: Community Breakfast and Christmas Craft Fair

## HOLYROOD ACADEMY

### FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- PTFA Bingo
- Tuning In To Teens
- Ice Cream for Ecuador
- PTFA Craft Fair
- Holyrood Happy Hour
- Chard Drug Awareness Evening

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On Saturday 2nd December, you are all welcome to join us in the Bennett Building Dining Hall for a free breakfast from 09:30. This will provide an opportunity to come and enjoy this wonderful space and to talk informally with members of the Senior Leadership Team and wider staff about anything, or nothing! We are committed to opening the doors of the school as often as possible so that you can get to know us better and see what we do more often.

**Best Wishes**  
**MR. DAVE MACCORMICK**  
Headteacher



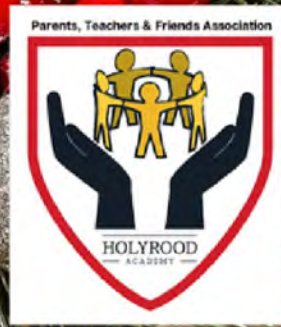
## HOLYROOD GOLD ARTS MARK




Congratulations to the Creative Arts team at Holyrood, who have achieved a Gold Award from the Arts Council England for their tireless pursuit of championing the Arts in the curriculum and beyond the curriculum over the last 2 years. Holyrood has now expanded its Creative Arts offer to include A level Music and GCSE dance for the first time this year.

The Creative Arts team have provided a wide access of opportunity outside of the curriculum, such as theatre trips, workshops and community art projects. One of the cornerstones of this achievement has been the promotion of the Creative Industries at all levels, including a number of presentations by previous students about music technology, stage lighting and design and Theatre production. Congratulations to all members of the team for this National recognition.





# CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



**Saturday 2nd December  
9:30AM - 12:30PM**

**FREE BREAKFAST**

**Sellers tables £5 each**



**Holyrood Upper Site Hall and Bennett Building**

PTFA Christmas Fair- 2nd December and the Holyrood Academy Community Breakfast - All Welcome!

Come and grab a free breakfast before nabbing some crafty bargains at our first Christmas Craft Fair.

This event is free for all to attend. Sellers tables are £5. Please book your place by calling Sarah on 07821 448902 by contacting the [holyroodptfa@gmail.com](mailto:holyroodptfa@gmail.com), or by message Holyrood Academy PTFA on facebook.



7 Prize Christmas Hampers  
Refreshments | Snacks | Bar

# Christmas BINGO

1ST DEC 23

**6PM ENTRY**  
EYES DOWN AT 6.30PM

**£1** per Book | **£3** a Flyer  
**£10** for 6 Games, a Flyer & a Raffle Strip



Holyrood Uppersite Hall

Bingo is back! Doors open at 6pm with eyes down at 6.30.  
Please book your place by calling Sarah on 07821 448902, or by contacting the [holyroodptfa@gmail.com](mailto:holyroodptfa@gmail.com), or by message Holyrood Academy PTFA on facebook.

With Mr Montiero calling again, it will prove to be an extremely entertaining night.  
All Welcome!

## HOLYROOD HAPPY HOUR

The Holyrood Youth Council would like to invite you all to our free coffee afternoons at the Guildhall.



These will run from **3.30 – 4.30**.

All members of the community are invited on:

NOVEMBER 2nd, 16th, 30th

DECEMBER 14th

JANUARY 11th 25th

FEBRUARY 8th



This café will be run by our D of E volunteers, financed by the prefect's fundraising and is with kind permission of the mayor to use the hall.



## TOWN TREASURE HUNT



The Holyrood youth council will be running a treasure hunt in the shop windows of Chard, over the Christmas period.

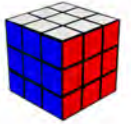
Treasure hunt sheets will be available from the Guildhall for free, with a prize for the winning entry pulled out of a hat.

More details soon.



## REQUEST FOR TOYS

The Community Hub is keen to receive any new and good condition toys to be shared with members of the community at Christmas. If you have any you are happy to donate, please take them directly to the Hub.



## CHARD DRUGS AWARENESS EVENING 22ND NOVEMBER

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All members of the community are welcome to attend a Drugs Awareness Evening at Chard Guildhall on :

**Wednesday 22nd November.**

Doors open at **6.30** with the presentation from the charity Actionline from **7pm.**

This event is free and is being co-ordinated by the Chard One team and the Community Hub.

This event proved to be extremely popular and useful to all parents, but especially those of children aged 9 to 14.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

For a direct link to our school calendar and all that is happening please click here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

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## STUDENT BULLETIN

For a direct link to our student bulletin please click here:

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## UP AND COMING TRIPS

Please note these are subject to change and cancellation. Some trips are in the process of having details confirmed. Specific details will come from trip leaders when they are ready.

November 16th	Year 10 & 11	Coco Chanel Trip to V&A
December 6th	Year 9	Geography Trip - The Eden Project
December 7th	Year 9	Geography Trip - The Eden Project
March 6th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium
March 7th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium



*Poetry Club  
with  
Mr. Webber  
Monday lunchtimes in A11*

POETRY  
IS THE  
RHYTHMICAL  
CREATION OF  
BEAUTY IN  
WORDS

*Discover the 'spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings recollected  
in tranquility'*

*Tap into your inner Romantic poet.  
Write original poems, then read them to others.  
Become a performance poet!*

## Film Making Club!!!

Mr Western  
B4 on Thursday Lunch times

Calling all aspiring film makers.  
We are putting together a crew.  
We need:

Actors  
Cameramen  
Writers  
Editors  
Cinematographers

Meeting every Thursday to start planning  
our production.



# Cook Club






Years 9 - 13 Attendees and Helpers are welcome but please sign up if you intend to attend. Places are also limited. This counts as D of E volunteering work if you can already cook or learning a skill if you can't.

**Wednesdays after School until about 16:30.**

**In C2. Starts 20th Sept. Any Year Group.**

**Sign up and collect an Ingredients List from C2 or C3  
before the end of Monday 18th Sept.**

**Places are limited to 15 Students. Open to any Year Group.**

20/09 Brunch Tarts	27/09 Creamy Pasta	04/10 Marbled Fruit Tray Bake	11/10 Spider Cup Cakes	18/10 Chicken Goujons
				

## HOMework CLUB

EVERYONE WELCOME

Monday – Thursday

3.10pm-4.20pm

The Learning Centre

(Upper Site)

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

# TUNING IN TO TEENS | PARENTING PROGRAMME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are invited to take part in a free programme that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. Tuning in to Teens is a six-week parenting programme. The programme will teach you how to manage your own and your adolescents' emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face. These are factors that have been found to reduce the risk of mental health and substance abuse problems.

## What is Emotional intelligence?

The programme is based on the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

## Why is Emotional Intelligence important?

Research has shown that teens with greater emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success. Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.



When parents focus on helping their teen learn about emotions, the young person is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence. In this parenting programme we will teach parents what to do to help these skills develop, and in doing so we expect teens to manage adolescence better.

To confirm your participation in this parenting programme, please send an email to Caroline Markham at [cmarkham@holyrood.uat.ac](mailto:cmarkham@holyrood.uat.ac).

The dates for this course are as follows:

**Tuesday 31st October 2023**

**Tuesday 7th November 2023**

**Tuesday 14th November 2023**

**Tuesday 21st November 2023**

**Tuesday 28th November 2023**

**Tuesday 5th December 2023**

Lovely written comments from parents, who attended previous Tuning into Teens courses:

*"Helped me to understand my kids and see where I went wrong during arguments"*

*"I can see a considerable change at home from all of us and better behaviour..."*

*"A well explained course, made fun & interesting...."*

*"Things much calmer at home".*

*"I feel everyone should do the course..."*

*"Well taught, talked through on how to implement approaches..."*

*"Sad to end the course – more sessions would be nice".*

The time for this will be **5.30pm - 7.30pm and will be at Holyrood Academy** - please report to the main reception a few minutes before the start time; refreshments provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

Caroline Markham

(Parent & Family Support Advisor)



## SWEET CONES FOR ECUADOR

### Chris's Popular Fayre at the Guildhall in Chard

Indulge in our sweet cones and help us raise our trip to Ecuador! Your support makes the journey possible. Buy a sweet cone and be part of our adventure!

Saturday 4 Nov  
9:00am - 12:30



## CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL 2023

### Christmas Present Appeal 2023

Partnering together - Forefront Community Centre, Chard Community Hub and South Chard Church are collecting presents to give to families in need.

Last year we were blessed with lots of donations from our community and local businesses.

Donate **new, unwrapped** toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. Gender: Boy/Girl/Unisex, Age group: 0-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10-16

Deadline for sending gifts: **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Drop off is at Forefront Community Centre, Chard Community Hub and South Chard Church.

If you would like to donate but are unable to get to a drop off point please call the office on 01460 66080 or e-mail [martyna.lee@forefront.org.uk](mailto:martyna.lee@forefront.org.uk) and We will arrange a collection.

Thank you for your help.  
Christmas Appeal Community Team





# MONDAY



Club	Staff	Day	Time	Place	Yr group
Young Enterprise	MHA/MLY	Monday	lunch	A3	Yr 9 and 10
Craft and Chat	SDALT/SHE	Monday	lunch	LRC	All
Poetry By Heart	PWE	Monday	lunch	A11	All
Colouring Club	RAU	Monday	lunch	A2	All
Year 7 Book Club	WKL/EVE	Monday	lunch	G2	Yr 7 & year 11
Basketball	KDR	Monday	lunch	Sports hall	Yr 7 and 8
All year gym	SPR	Monday	lunch	Lifestyle	All
Swing band	ADA/KSE	Monday	lunch	E10	All
Hockey	KDR	Monday	After school	ATP	Yr 7 and 8
Hockey	SPR/EBO	Monday	After school	ATP	Yr 10
Homework club	JED/LCU	Monday	After school	LRC	All years

# TUESDAY



Short film club	NWE	Tues	lunch	B4	All
Brass group	ADA	Tues	lunch	F3	All
D of E drop in Silver/ Gold	KSE/IHA	Tues	lunch	E10	Yr 10,11,12
Creative Corner	ECU	Tues	lunch	LRC	All
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Tues	lunch	E8	All
National Theatre Connexs	LMA	Tues	After school	DM1/2	Yr 9, 10, 11, 12,13
Shrek	Production team	Tues	After school	DM1/USH	All
Girls Cricket	SPR	Tues	After school	Sports Hall	All girls
Boys Hockey	RBA	Tues	After school	ATP	All boys
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Tues	After school	E8	Alevel Art & Photo
Homework club	JED/LCU	Tues	After school	LRC	All

# WEDNESDAY



Choir	ADA	Wed	lunch	E10	All
Younique	SDA	Wed A	lunch	A4	All
All Years Badminton	DHAR	Wed	lunch	Sports hall	All
Cook Club	RCH	Wed	After school	C2	All (must sign up in C2)
Year 7 Science club	BBU	Wed	After school	G5	Year 7
Rugby yr 9 boys	SJE	Wed	After school	Field	Yr 9 boys
Girls Hockey	EBO/SPR	Wed	After school	ATP	Yr 9,10,11 girls
Media Club - yr 10 and 11	MHA/ JWE	Wed	After schoo	C5	Yr 10 and 11
Computing - yr 10 and 11	CPA	Wed	After school	C4	Yr 10 and 11
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Wed	After school	E8	A level art and photog
Homework club	JED/LCU	Wed	After school	LRC	All

# THURSDAY



Origami (after half term)	FHI	Thurs B	lunch	M7	All
Politics and Debating	CPAY	Thurs	lunch	A11	All
School band	ADA/KSE	Thurs	lunch	E10	All
Creative Corner	ECU	Thurs	lunch	LRC	All
Crafty Thursday	LHU	Thurs	lunch	D4	All
All year Dance	KDR	Thurs	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
All years gym	AEA	Thurs	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Thurs	lunch	E8	All
Excellence in H and S	MTH/DCO	Thurs	After school	F4	Yr 10,11,12 &13
Shrek	Production team	Thurs	After school	DM1/ US hall	All
Year 8 boys rugby	AEA	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 8 boys
Year 7 boys rugby	SJE	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 7 boys
All girls rugby	KDR	Thurs	After school	Field	All girls
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Thurs	After school	E8	All
Homework club	JED/LCU	Thurs	After school	LRC	All

# FRIDAY



Board games	CBR	Fri A	lunch	H2	Yr 7
Board games	CBR	Fri B	lunch	H2	Yr 8
Fantasy football	OLO	Fri	lunch	L3	All
Shrek soloists	KSE	Fri	lunch	E10	Cast members
Illustrations club	KGO/SROSE	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
Chess club	JBL	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
All years basketball	KDR	Fri	lunch	Sports hall	All
All years gym	SJE	Fri	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All