



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

*The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy*



## DEAR PARENT/CARER,

Thank you for bearing with us through a period of disruption to students' time at school, with strike days and additional bank holidays affecting the consistency and predictability that we know is helpful for children and families. I do hope for some resolution to the ongoing pay and conditions dispute between teaching unions and the Government and that this can be achieved soon. Please be assured that no teacher wants to miss time in the classroom with their students and that strike action is being undertaken as a last resort.

There are very real issues within the education system at the moment and these issues need urgent attention at the highest levels of Government. In summary, the main issues are:

- Despite an uplift in funding of £2bn per year for two years, education budgets are set too low when compared against the significant rise in costs of running a school.

**HOLYROOD**  
ACADEMY

### FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- **Summer Clubs**
- **Billy Bucket**
- **Turning In To Teens**
- **Somerset Food Champion Training**
- **Car Boot Sale and Dog Show**

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- These costs are: wage rises for teaching and support staff, huge increases in energy costs and costs of materials linked to inflation. In short, everything is costing significantly more and the funding is not keeping up with that.
- There is a lack of support available for young people's mental health and the services schools rely on for this support, such as Young Somerset and CAHMS, are overrun and unable to keep up with demand. The same can be said for social and health services, which are in great demand but short supply. This makes the job of a school even harder.
- There is huge difficulty in recruiting teachers because the Government continually misses its recruitment targets. This means that even as a good school in a beautiful area of the country, it is exceptionally difficult to recruit and retain high-quality staff.
- All of the above means that school staff are having to operate with fewer resources and with less support. This means that every individual within the school has to do more, with less. This leads to too many teachers deciding to leave the profession early and there are not enough teachers to replace them.

I understand that strike days are frustrating and disruptive - we feel that too.

I hope that this short message provides a snapshot of the main issues at play and I am of course happy to discuss them with anyone who is interested.

Please do keep an eye on your emails as we will be arranging a series of open mornings after May Half Term for existing parents to visit us during the school day and see what we do! All parents and carers are welcome.

### 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:

Saturday 13th May	Car Boot and Dog Show
Saturday 10th June	Car Boot
Saturday 8th July	Car Boot

## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

Please remember through the MCAS app you can see lots of instant information for example, your child's attendance, timetable and exam information. In addition, you can top up your child's food account and also pay for resources and trips .

If you don't have a MCAS account, please email [finance@holyrood.uat.ac](mailto:finance@holyrood.uat.ac) providing your name and your child's name, so we can send you your log in details and instructions.

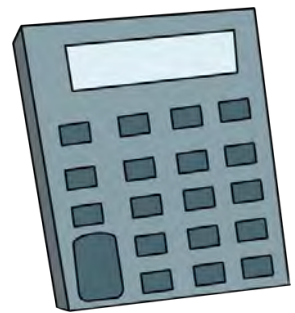
## ABSENCE

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](mailto: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!



# Summer Clubs 2023



## MONDAY



## TUESDAY



## WEDNESDAY



## THURSDAY



## FRIDAY



CLUB	STAFF	DAY	TIME	PLACE	YR GROUP
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
High Jump	KDR	Mondays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	All students and staff
Track and field events	KDR	Mondays	afterschool	Field	All students and staff

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
Gym Access	EBO	Tuesdays	lunchtime	GYM	all students and staff
Younique	SDA	Tuesdays A	lunchtime	A4	all students and staff
Crafty Tuesday	NTA	Tuesday	lunchtime	E5	KS3 students
Yr 7 and 8 boys Cricket	SJE	Tuesdays	afterschool	ATP	Yr 7 and 8 boys
Rounders	KAR/SPR/KDR	Tuesdays	afterschool	Field	Yr 7,8,10 girls
Design Club	KGO	Tuesday A	afterschool	Repro	all students
Art Studio	Art Team	Tuesdays	afterschool	All art rooms	KS4 and 5
Art World	JWI	Tuesdays	afterschool	F1	Yr 7 and 8
Couch to 5K	KLEE	Tuesdays	afterschool	ATP	Yr7 and 8

Art Club	SMU	Wednesdays	lunchtime	E8	yr 7
Dance en Français	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
Spinning	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
Programming Den	JWE	Wednesdays	lunchtime	C5	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 Cricket	SPR/KDR/KAR	Wednesdays	afterschool	Field	All 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
Yr 7 Science Club	BBU	Wednesday	afterschool	F7	Year 7

Dance	KDR	Thursdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle studio	All students and staff
Gym Access	SPR	Thursdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	All students and staff
Attenborough Club for yr 7	DCO	Thursdays	lunchtime	E4	yr 7
School Band	KSE	Thursdays	lunchtime	F3	all students and staff
Crafty Thursday	LHU	Thursdays	lunchtime	D4	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
Year 9 Rounders	EBO	Thursdays	afterschool	Field	yr 9 girls
All years track and field	SJE/KAR/ KDR	Thursdays	afterschool	Field	all girls
Boys Cricket yrs 9 & 10	RBA	Thursdays	afterschool	ATP	yr 9 & 10 boys
Yr 8 Science club	LCO	Thursdays	afterschool	S6	Yr 8

Colouring Club	RBA	Fridays	lunchtime	A2	yr 7,8 and 9
Board Games	CBR	Fridays	lunchtime	H2	y 7
Rounders	KDR	Fridays	lunchtime	Field	All students and staff
Gym access	SJE	Fridays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	all students and staff
Fantasy Football	OLO	Fridays	lunchtime	L1	all students and staff
Dungeons and Dragons	HMA	Fridays	lunchtime	F8	yr 8 students
Rock School	DSH &Mr Coath	Fridays	afterschool	F3	all students and staff



## The Five Dials Inn

are hosting a...

# Pub Quiz

SUNDAY 21st of May 2023

Begins at 7:30PM

RAFFLE!

*£2.50 per person ~ 4-6 people per team*

**Please phone The  
Five Dials to  
book your table!**



## 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:

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](mailto:healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk)

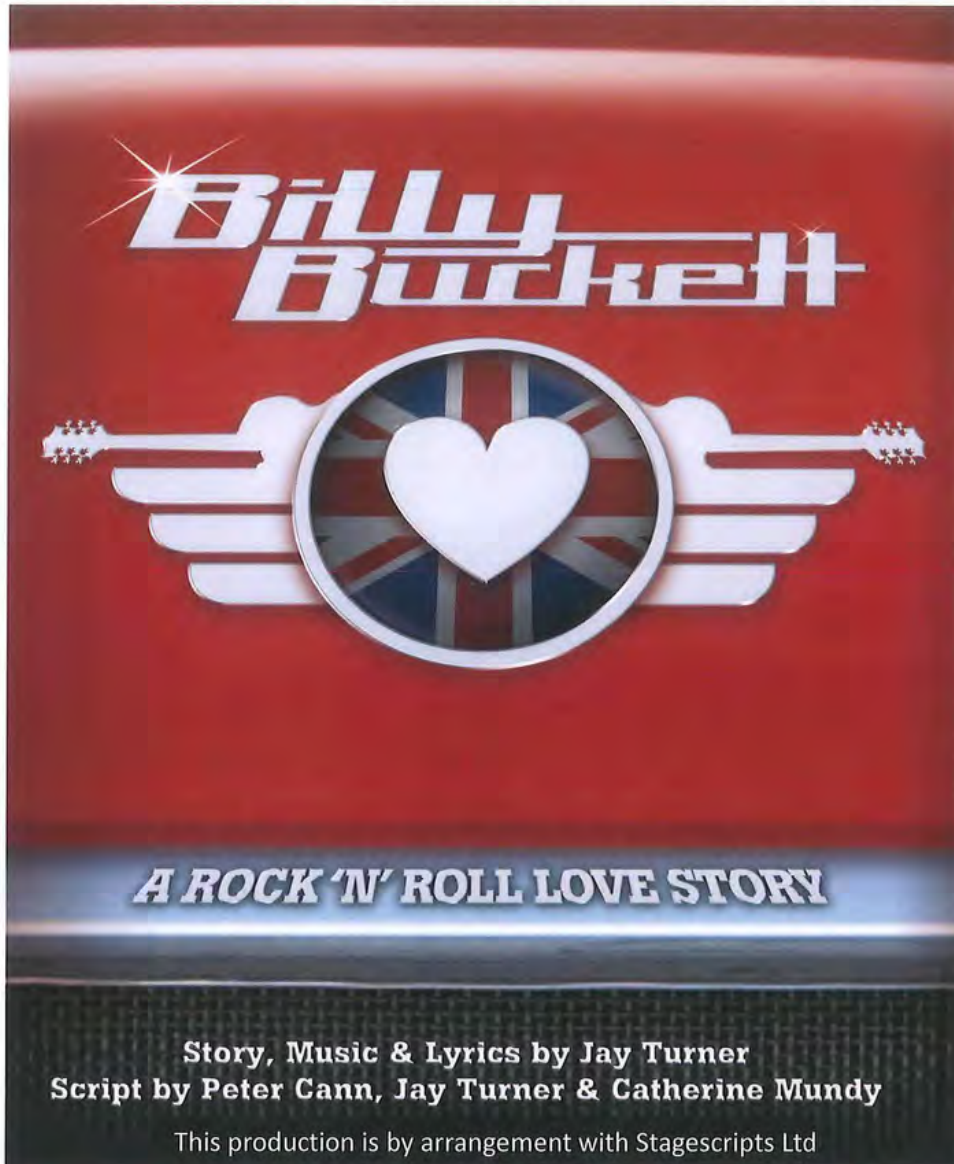
**We are looking forward to partnering with you – Better Together!**



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# BROADWAY AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY

Proudly present – *Billy Bucket* - the U K Premier



**Broadway Village Hall, Broadway, Ilminster**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Doors Open 6:45 Curtain Up 7:30 Licensed Bar**

**Tickets £8 Adult    £5 Youth    From Horton Post Office,**

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/broadway-amateur-theatrical-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/broadway-amateur-theatrical-society)

**or phone 07900262720    or    online at **TICKETSOURCE****

## YEAR 7 & 8 ART CLUB



### ART CLUB

**TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
UNTIL 4:10PM IN F1**

**Try new materials, improve your skills and get creative!**

**For more information see Mrs Wilson**

## CREATIVE ARTS

**ARE YOU MISSING TEAM  
ADDAMS?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART IN A  
PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY THIS  
TERM?**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR INTRIGUED  
COME DOWN TO DRAMA AND FIND OUT  
MORE.**

**DMI. TUESDAY 9th MAY. 3.15 - 4PM**





# Holyrood's very own Couch to 5KM Club

With Miss Lee  
**Years 7&8**



- Have you ever wanted to start running?
- Do you want to exercise with friends?
- Then this could be the club for you!

**Come and try it out!**

Tuesday After School  
Meet by the ATP



# Car Boot Sale

**Sat 13th May**  
**10am - 2pm**

Food  
Ice cream  
Drinks

Entry £1  
Adults  
Kids 12+  
10am



**Holyrood**

Cars £5  
Vans £10  
Traders £15  
Set up 9am



Dotty  
Dog Show!  
12 Noon

A cartoon illustration of a brown dog with floppy ears, sitting and looking forward.

**Vehicle/Pedestrian entry**  
**via Zembard Lane TA20 1JL**

## TURNING 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 or the attached booking form via email, to Caroline Markham at [cmarkham@holyrood.uat.ac](mailto:cmarkham@holyrood.uat.ac).

The dates for this course are as follows:

**Tuesday 9th May 2023**  
**Tuesday 16th May 2023**  
**Tuesday 23rd May 2023**  
**Tuesday 6th June 2023**  
**Tuesday 13th June 2023**  
**Tuesday 20th June 2023**

**Lovely written comments from Parents, following the recent Tuning into Teens Course:**

**“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 how to implement approaches...”**

**“Sad to end the course – more sessions would be nice J”.**

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)

