



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## WORKING HARD, BUT KEEPING WELL AND SAFE?

Every time I walk around the school to visit the students who are working on-site, I am so impressed by how hard they are working and how well they are doing with their online lessons. We know that for all students working at school or at home, learning remotely can present challenges. There are also risks when children have more access to the internet. The NSPCC has provided some very useful information on these risks, which can be found here:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/may/online-safety-during-coronavirus>

I am delighted to see the excellent pieces of work that Mrs Wilson (and many others) has put together to make sure that the students can still access our Tutor Time Reading Programme from home. She has selected a new novel for each year group, a section of which is read aloud, recorded and placed in the year group's Google Classroom each morning. This means that your child can read along and be read to every morning at 08:30. Please do encourage your child to access these clips.

The second episode of the Holyrood Happy Hour podcast is online and the link can be found in this bulletin - I do hope you and your child/ren enjoy it. It provides a light-hearted relief from what can be hard going, online. It's a lovely little 'pick me up'!

*Mr MacCormick*

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We welcome and congratulate Mrs Louise Allen who has been elected as a Parent Governor to the Local Governing Body at Holyrood Academy, following the recent election. We would like to thank the other nominees for their interest in supporting your school, and all those of you who voted.

## HOLYROOD HAPPY HOUR PODCAST

Enjoy the Holyrood Happy Hour podcast – 30 minutes plus of educational fun for the students and staff of Holyrood Academy. We've got fun facts, we've got shoutouts, we've got interactive quizzes, we even have our own music! This is a virtual wave from us to you at home during this remote learning period.

To get in touch email: [nwilsher@gapps.holyroodacademy.com](mailto:nwilsher@gapps.holyroodacademy.com) or [kwilsher@gapps.holyroodacademy.com](mailto:kwilsher@gapps.holyroodacademy.com) What have you done today to make you feel proud?!

Episode 2 can be found here: <https://youtu.be/eG1sGAoB20>



Holyrood Happy Hour Episode 2

## PE AT HOLYROOD - WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2021

All students are encouraged to stay active however they are able, from walking the dog to push-ups in the lounge. For students in-school, PE lessons continue twice per week.

### Competition time!

**Strava** (13yrs+) <https://www.strava.com/login>

Send your name to Miss Armstrong and she can add you to the Holyrood Academy PE Challenge Group. Send your run/walk distances to Miss Armstrong to earn yourself house points. 1km = 5, 2km = 10, 5km = 20. The leaderboard will be updated throughout the week and the weekly winners will be announced on Monday mornings.

### Challenge the PE teacher

Each week there will be a new challenge for you to 'Beat the Teacher'. First up is Miss Armstrong with the 'Shoe Balance Challenge'; send Miss Armstrong your videos to earn yourself house points.

### SASP Challenges

Visit the [Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership website](#) for their challenges across a whole range of sports.

### Online learning for BTEC Sport Students

Access The Everlearner online at <https://theeverlearner.com/> Please email [Mr Barker](#) if you have forgotten your login details.

### Recommended websites for all students

**NHS Fitness** [12-week fitness plan - Exercise](#)

**NHS Couch to 5K** [Get running with Couch to 5K - Exercise](#)

**Joe Wicks Fitness** [The Body Coach TV YouTube channel](#)

**SASP Challenges** [SASP Challenges](#)

**Darebee workouts** [DAREBEE - Fitness On Your Terms](#)

## SCIENCE

Congratulations to the first Science students of the week, who really excelled during online learning!

Y7: **Cally Margetts**

Y8: **Lewis Moore**

Y9: **Olivia Lawrence**

Y10: **Emily Retter**

Y11: **Kizzie Hull**

6th form: **Cerys Llewelyn**

Keep an eye on the post for a lovely prize! There's only room for one winner each week in your year group and the nominations are coming in from your teachers thick and fast. Keep working hard if you want a chance of winning!

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The D of E award scheme is still going strong at Holyrood, in spite of the current situation, participants are making a real difference to themselves and their community.

**Bronze Year 10:** students are completing volunteering, physical and skill sections with the hope of an expedition in the summer.

**Bronze Year 9:** the new cohort will be starting their activities in the next few weeks. Please pay on line and email in the parental permission form so we can get started.

**Silver Year 11:** our first cohort are completing their sections and waiting for the summer expedition.

**Silver Year 10:** the new cohort will be starting shortly and once their bronze award is completed the time scale will reduce.

**Gold Year 12/13:** currently completing all sections and awaiting the summer expedition.

Please get in touch with [Mrs Seib](#) if you need any information.



## CAREERS

### Careers Advice

Mrs Emma Higman continues to be available for careers guidance and support for all students. This can be done via email or telephone. Students are encouraged to use the following email address in the first instance:

[ehigman@gapps.holyroodacademy.com](mailto:ehigman@gapps.holyroodacademy.com)

### Careers Update

Year 11 Students – Did you know that you can register for a virtual Talent Academy? On <https://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk/> talented you can register to attend virtual talent academies on a variety of different career paths and topics:

Upcoming broadcasts (*all broadcasts air at 4pm on the dates shown*):

20th January – Environmental Industries including Energy & Utilities

27th January – Creative Industries

3rd February – Professional Services

10th February – Information Technology & Digital Industries

24th February – Education

3rd March – Food Production & Farming

There is a live Q&A session alongside the broadcast and students can also leave questions when watching 'on demand'.

**Year 11 Students** – you will be receiving a questionnaire asking about your post-16 options. This is from Emma Higman, our Careers Advisor, to help advise you during your meetings and to help us to understand your future plans.

**Parents** – you can register for updates on careers on the Somerset Education Business Partnership (EBP) website [www.somerset-ebp.co.uk](http://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk). The Somerset EBP have created a pop-up box and button for parents to sign up for information and links to virtual event.

## HOLYROOD ART INSTAGRAM

Are you and your child/ren following @art\_holyroodacademy?

We are posting regular updates and ideas of how students can have a go at experimenting with some art whilst at home.

We also post images of some of the incredible art work that is being completed!



## DRAMA SHOUT OUT!

Well done to Kathryn in Year 8 who created this superb costume design for the character of Captain Hook! Apart from the beautiful art work, I was mostly impressed by the detail that had gone into describing the choices for the costume items particularly how the colours and accessories communicated the characters status and personality.

Outstanding work!

Mrs Lowe

I chose this costume because I wanted him to appear as an elegant, wealthy and important character. The red colour is immediately imposing and is based on a historical english naval uniform. The gold buckles and lining imply his wealth and importance. The reason why I chose him to have embellishments on his hook is to highlight his pride in it. I would want this costume to be used in a twisted tale of Peter Pan, where the story is told from Captain Hook's point of view. He would appear as a gentleman and his darker side would not be immediately obvious.



## SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM

The Somerset Parent Carer Forum is delighted to announce the launch of a new free helpline service aimed at parents and carers in Somerset – ‘Time to Talk’.



Being a carer can feel isolating and this is being made even harder due to the impacts of coronavirus. The service, which launched on Thursday 14 January, aims to provide a safe space to discuss any concerns or simply just provide an opportunity to chat to another parent carer.

The service is open during the following times:

Booking not required: Mondays 1-2.30pm / Fridays 10-11.30am – simply call 01458 259384.

Pre-booking essential: Tuesday 10am-12.30pm / Thursday 12-2.30pm\*.

Text service open 24 hours a day – 07543 680365.

The service is manned by a team of parents and carers with a range of lived experience. They will be able to:

- provide a listening ear,
- signpost to information on a variety of subjects (this can be posted to you upon request), and
- signpost to services that may be helpful,
- support with completing self-referral forms, and
- support to look at options available to you and your family.

\*Pre-booked slots can take place by telephone, Facebook messenger, email, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, goto or Text message, whatever platform works best for you. You can book a 30 minute slot [here](#) or email: [events@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk](mailto:events@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk)

Time to Talk has been made possible by funding from the Government's £750m charities package facilitated by Pears Foundation in association with Contact, the charity for families with disabled children.

For more information, [click here](#) to be redirected to the Somerset Parent Carer Forum website.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

**Year 12 and 13** Well done to all of those students who took their Unit 4 and Unit 2 exams recently. You have all worked so hard to prepare for these exams and I wish you all the best of luck for your results. A special mention to Grace Bowker and Tia Langdon for their fantastic work this week for unit 1. I have been so impressed. Well done girls, this hard work will put you in a strong position in preparation for your exam.

**Year 10 and 11** All work can be found on google classroom in your class streams. Please ensure that you are watching the loom videos I have made that include instructions for your work and specific examples. A special mention to the following students whose work has been outstanding this week: Kian Stewart, Diana Almeida, Emily Caddy, Georgie Keeffe and Kirsten Dallimore. Fantastic examples of Distinction level work.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of personal jewellery items, watches, music pods, coats, shoes, trainers, glasses etc. If you think your child/ren has left anything at school, please contact [Mrs Warren](#) with a description of your item/s and she will let you know if she has it and can arrange it's safe return or keeping.



## HERO OF THE WEEK POSTCARDS

Staff have been busy sending out Hero of the Week postcards to students who have demonstrated exceptional online learning attitudes in their subjects. Each postcard earns house points for students' houses and we will be publishing a record of those points earned each week.

BLACKDOWN	27
QUANTOCK	15
MENDIP	14
BRENDON	12

## MATHS

For any student trying to access their maths work online, there are the login details for our recommended websites and resources:



[vle.mathswatch.co.uk](http://vle.mathswatch.co.uk)

Username: yournumber@holyrood / Password: squares149



[mymaths.co.uk](http://mymaths.co.uk)

Username: holyrood / Password: cube

Your unique portal log in is then available from your maths teacher  
Username: your number  
Password: three letters



[corbetmaths.com](http://corbetmaths.com)

Requires no log in details and is excellent for anyone looking for revision but specifically KS4 as it contains lots of excellent GCSE content.



[mathsbot.com](http://mathsbot.com)

Requires no log in details and is excellent for some daily maths practice. Specifically 'Starters' -> 'Number of the day' for KS3.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who remain as focussed as ever. Below are some examples of their continued hard work:

