



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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You will be aware that there is much debate regarding which methods of online lesson delivery are most effective. I am very pleased with how our staff and students have adapted to teaching and learning online but recognise how challenging this is for all concerned. As of Monday 1st February, in order to give students in KS4 (Years 10 and 11) more access to live feedback as they progress through their exam courses, we will be providing 'live' lessons for years 10 and 11 on the following basis, through Google Meets:

- English, Maths and Science: once per week
- All other subjects: once per fortnight

Your child will be notified as to when these lessons will take place through their Google Classroom. Each 'live' lesson will aim to check students' understanding, address any misconceptions in students' learning and answer any questions they have on their work. Each 'live' lesson will be saved within the Google Classroom and can therefore be accessed afterwards if students wish to revisit them or cannot attend live because they are sharing a device at home. Similarly, all Sixth Form lessons will transfer over from Zoom to Google Meets as of Monday 1st February.

I hope you have received my communications regarding positive cases of COVID-19 within our school community. I am delighted to report that at the time of writing, all those affected are recovering well. Please continue to keep us informed if your son/daughter is unwell. It is important that we are able to let their teachers know if they are ill to the extent that they are unable to complete their work remotely. The same applies if your son/daughter tests positive for Covid or is self-isolating if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive. Having this information will allow us to make sure that all students get the support that they need.

We have so many fantastic students at Holyrood, many of whom I am delighted to see being recognised by our 'Hero of the Week' postcards! I would like to offer my congratulations to Jack Lewis in Year 9 for his amazing act of bravery over the summer holiday. A member of the public emailed me last week to inform me that Jack had spotted her son in danger in a river and had shown great leadership to take control of the situation and rescue the boy. I was quite taken aback by Jack's courage and selflessness and so wanted to share what is a really lovely story with you all. Well done, Jack!

*Mr MacCormick*

## SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

Our Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews started on the 11th January and we have been really pleased about the positive feedback we have received from these being done on Zoom. It has been lovely to see so many of our Holyrood students and talk to them about career and course aspirations – as well as meeting new students from external institutions. We hope to get the interviews completed by February half term, so all students feel confident about their next steps and can just focus on their studies in order to secure a successful start with us in September.



For any Year 11 students who are yet to apply to Holyrood Sixth Form please complete the online application here:

<https://www.holyroodacademy.com/academy/sixthform/apply-for-sixth-form/58/>

Year 11 Subject Evening is a great opportunity to talk to your teachers about the Level 3 courses they offer in our Sixth Form or if you are still undecided about your course choices please do have a look at our Subject Videos on our website:

<https://www.holyroodacademy.com/academy/sixthform/information-evening/205/>

Mrs Challis and the Sixth Form Team will be happy to discuss Post-16 options and support any young person in Year 11. We have a breadth of Level 3 courses on offer, a huge variety of academic and extra-curricular enrichment opportunities and a wealth of expert teachers ready to support you to achieve everything you desire.

## ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS SUMMER SHOW

Mrs Taylor has registered Holyrood for the Young Artists' Summer Show 2021.

It is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 5-19 years studying in the UK and British schools overseas.

To take part, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks. These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

# Young Artists' Summer Show

[All information can be found on their website.](#)

### Submission closes

26 April 2021

### Judging

May 2021

### Online and onsite exhibitions open

11 July 2021

### How can I enter?

Submitting artwork is completely free and is done online. If you're 12 or under, a teacher or parent/guardian will need to enter for you; if you're 13 or over you can submit artworks yourself. Each student can submit up to three artworks of any type and there is no theme. When you enter, we'll ask for images of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by our panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts.

### What kind of artworks are accepted?

The artwork can be made using any medium (a word for the materials you've used to create your piece). It can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme so artworks can be of any subject and we don't mind when you made the artwork as long as you are between 5-19 when you submit it. We also welcome collaborative pieces made by more than one student, a whole class, or even a whole year group! If you are doing art at GCSE, A Level or BTEC level, we suggest entering artworks that won't be part of your exams.

### How does the judging work?

All of the artworks are viewed and judged by a panel of artists and art professionals. When the judges make their selections, they choose which artworks will be shown online and which will be shown at the Royal Academy. Everyone who submits artworks will hear from us by the end of May.

### Prizes

Prizes are awarded for two inspiring artworks from each key stage, as chosen by the President of the Royal Academy, and you can also vote for your favourite artwork in our annual People's Choice Award. [Take a look at the 2020 prize winning artworks.](#)

If you need any help, please contact [Mrs Taylor](#) who will be more than happy!

## BORROWING BOOKS FROM THE LEARNING CENTRE

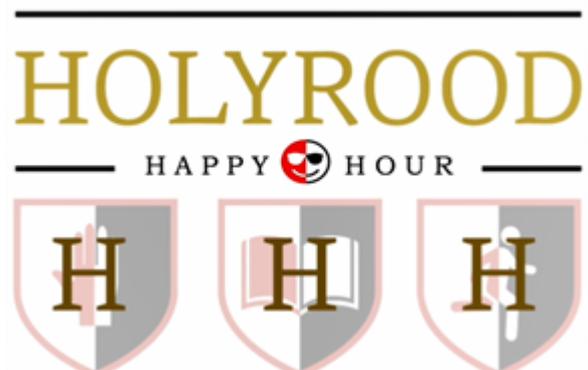
Students in school are able to access books and resources from The Learning Centre via the Click and Deliver service. To reserve a title, access our Eclipse database via RMUNIFY using the default password 1234. Titles reserved will be delivered to your classroom as soon as possible. Detailed instructions is included in your year group Google Classroom. Any problems please email [books@gapps.holyroodacademy.com](mailto:books@gapps.holyroodacademy.com)

## HOLYROOD HAPPY HOUR

We will be issuing links to the Holyrood Happy Hour podcast by Miss Wilsher and Mrs Wilsher every Thursday via Twitter and Instagram.

Sign up to follow Holyrood Academy or wait for the link in this bulletin every Monday. Enjoy!

Episode 3: <https://youtu.be/XOdRPKvcpos>



## SCIENCE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last week we had more nominations for Science student of the week than all the other weeks of this half term combined! It really shows the effort that students are putting into their lessons and your teachers are right there with you. Unfortunately, there is only room for one winner in each year group, so well done to the following:

Year 7: Amber Griffiths

Year 8: Georgia Hounsell

Year 9: Josh Poole

Year 10: Jake Wiscombe

Year 11: Warren Bowditch

6th form: Maddie Grabham

## PRACTICAL SCIENCE AT HOME

If you're missing the practical side of Science, why not try this out? Let your teacher know what happens and see if you can explain why...

### Walking Water Science Experiment

- at least 3 empty glasses (these are [the ones we used](#))
- water
- food coloring
- paper towels

Choose the colors you want to mix. We did red and yellow, blue and yellow, and red and blue. Fill a jar for each color and add food coloring. You will need an additional empty glass of the same size for each pair of colors.



## PARENTS - TRAIN YOURSELF TO HELP YOUR CHILD/REN

There are a number of FREE online courses offered to adults (over 18s) living in Somerset, who want to help their child/ren with their online learning but are struggling with the knowledge required.

To find out more about how you can up-skill yourself in English and Maths, please visit [www.landftraining.com](http://www.landftraining.com)

Courses start next week, so book NOW if you want to take advantage of this offer.

**L&F Training**  
Training You Can Trust

For those Living in Somerset who are over 18 years old

in association with **SSAL**  
Somerset Skills Academy Limited

L&F Training are pleased to announce two courses taking place in the weeks commencing: 1st February; 3rd March and 22nd March

**English and Mathematics for parents**

These courses can be taken side by side or as standalone courses. If interested, please register to secure your place and avoid disappointment

**English for Parents and Guardians**

For those living in Somerset who are struggling to keep up with and/or support their children with their English Homework/education

This course will help build your English skills and give you the confidence to support your children with their English Lessons and signpost them to relevant, appropriate additional support as needed.

**Maths for Parents and Guardians**

For those living in Somerset - A Funded Maths course will run for parents/guardians that will help them brush up their Maths skills to give them the confidence and skills required to help their children with their school/homework. It is appropriate for anyone wishing to brush up their Maths skills.

To register and/or get more details please: Email [info@landftraining.com](mailto:info@landftraining.com) or visit our website at <https://www.landftraining.com> or visit our Eventbrite pages at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/landf-training-2322635449>