



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another half term at Holyrood. This is always one of my favourite times of year because we really start to see the priorities for improvement we work on in September and October take off. The students also have lots of opportunities to join in with things that really mean something and contribute to their excitement about (dare I say it) Christmas....

There is indeed lots to look forward to this half term, with many clubs to choose from. The fact that we are under Amber measures for COVID-19 control does not mean that our students lose all opportunities to Join In, but it does mean that we have to be more careful and that some things need to be put on hold. For example, our Sports Clubs are all still taking place and will train regularly, but will not be able to play fixtures against other schools for the next two weeks in the first instance. Our County, Regional and National Cup competition matches will still go ahead but with strict COVID-19 measures such as testing on the day before and day of the match. If this affects your child, the PE department will be in touch.

Grease! rehearsals are in full swing and are contributing to a palpable sense of cheer and excitement around the school at the moment, which is wonderful.

As a whole student body, the children are focussing upon these things this half term, all of which centre around being kind to each other:

What next?

We're going to focus upon three things between now and Christmas:

1. Being kindest to the students in our year group and those younger than us.
Consciously showing this.
2. Being mindful of others: walking on the left and holding doors open.
3. Making eye contact and responding when adults greet us:

'Hi Sir/Miss', 'Morning', 'I'm fine, how about you?'

**REPORT
BULLYING**
#notinourschool

We will never tolerate bullying or discrimination in our school. If you experience anything which makes you feel bullied, unsafe or worried for the safety of others, you must report it.

You can report bullying or discrimination:

- To **any staff member**
- You can report anonymously on our school website by clicking on the **report bullying button** on the home page
- By email:
antibullying@gapps.holyroodacademy.com

Please do support us by reminding your child(ren) of these things and of the need to take opportunities to be kind to others and to build their own confidence in talking to others.

You may be aware that in July 2021, our community tragically lost an ex-student, Callum Quartley, to suicide. Callum was 21 and his younger brothers both attend our school. Callum's family have shown absolutely incredible strength over this past few months. To support them, remember Callum and provide funds for an amazing charity, our fundraising efforts this year will be for Bristol Suicide Prevention. A group of staff from across UAT are cycling back from Stamford Bridge stadium in London (Chelsea is Callum's favourite team) across 11th and 12th December to raise awareness and funds for this great charity. If you feel you can support us, please visit this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/uat2021>

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support.

Dave MacCormick

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Y11 students had a fabulous Sixth Form Taster Day experience on Thursday 4th November. Students spent the whole day trying out A-level and BTEC level 3 subjects that they might be considering after they have finished their GCSEs.

They spent the day in and around our sixth form centre and got a chance to use the sixth form cafeteria, the sixth form garden, the common rooms and the lobby area with its sofas, table football and exercise bike. Some also had a chance to visit the very smart new Lifestyle Fitness gym facilities which all sixth formers have access to free of charge in certain lessons throughout the school week, and can use after school for an incredible £9.99 per month only. The Year 11s seemed to have a great time and everyone I spoke to said that they had really enjoyed themselves.

In just under two weeks' time, on the evening of Thursday 18th November from 5 – 7 pm, we will be hosting a Sixth Form Open Evening in the Sixth Form Centre to which parents of Year 11 and Year 10 students are invited. You will have the opportunity to speak with subject teachers and myself about Holyrood Sixth Form and what we can offer you and your children. We look forward to seeing you there.

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The Springboard Future Chef Competition

Congratulations to all the students who took part in this competition. The food was amazing and the competition was very very close. Our Academy winner Keira Duncan Hill (Year 11), who won our academy round, and possibly Jimmy James (Year 9), will go on to represent Holyrood in a local final before the end of January.



Spotlight on Careers:

TalentEd Academies

This month, Somerset Education Business Partnership (EBP) launches a new round of their TalentEd Academies. These are virtual talks taking place with a range of different industries involved. These are run for Year 10 & Year 11 students across Somerset. They offer an insight into different careers within a range of industries.

- Health and Wellbeing - week commencing 8th November
- Engineering and Manufacturing - week commencing 15th November
- Environment, Plants and Animals - week commencing 22nd November
- Digital - week commencing 29th November

From January:

- Catering, Hospitality and Tourism week commencing 24th January
- Construction week commencing 31st January
- Creative week commencing 7th February
- Early Years week commencing 14th February
- Enterprise and retail week commencing 28th March
- Food production week commencing 4th April
- Hair and beauty week commencing 25th April
- Science and technology week commencing 3rd May

* Dates are subject to change. We will inform you in advance if any of the above dates alter.

To take part in the TalentEd Academies: Register here: <https://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk/talented>. Please make sure that your child uses their school gmail (Gapps) email address when they register.

Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership

The Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership – covering Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay – is one of the 38 LEPs in England. They are a business-led partnership between the private sector, local authorities, universities and colleges. We work with our Enterprise advisor and our Enterprise Co-ordinator to support our careers programme within Holyrood Academy.

Heart of the South West has lots of information about future pathways including post-16 options available here through Padlet. This information is updated regularly.



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.



Mass Hide and Seek

Yr 9 students organised and ran a mass hide and seek event after school recently for charity.

This happened on the school site with a number of minor restrictions. We ran 3 separate courses: upper site, lower site and the fields. The field course was by far the most challenging and it proved very difficult to find the 'hidiers.' Well done to Isla, Livvy and Lizzy for making this happen. Thanks to Alice for being the 'finder'.

Holyrood PTFA

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents who attended our first feasibility meeting of the Holyrood PTFA. We will be holding our second meeting to consider a chair, and to look at our first event on Thursday 25th November at 7pm. All parents and interested friends are welcome.

Holyrood on Instagram

Please follow our numerous Holyrood Instagram accounts for current information about what is happening in lessons and beyond right now. The following departments post daily between them: Sport, Art, Music, Drama, Geography, Technology, English and the wider Holyrood Academy offer.

Remembrance Day

The whole school will take part in the national 2 minutes silence on Thursday 11th November at 11 am. If your son or daughter attends a cadet brigade of any kind, they are allowed to wear their uniform on this day. If you do not want your child to take part in this ceremony, please let us know.

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Friday 12th November 2021
Holyrood Academy, 7:30pm (doors 7pm)

Advance tickets available from Eleos (correct cash in an envelope only), Barron's, & Post Office. Cash-free tickets from ticketsource.co.uk/cinechard

Tickets £5 (£6 on the door)
You must be over the age of the BBFC rating to attend.

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