



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

ISSUE 4  
MONDAY 5th October (Week B)

## HOLYROOD STUDENTS CONTINUE TO BE RESILIENT AND MATURE

I continue to be incredibly impressed by how wonderful our students are and how brilliantly they have adapted to the slightly different ways of working that the current situation has enforced upon us. It has been great to see our students still so full of energy and positivity about their return to school. Seeing students safely back in the classroom and learning well has given our staff a huge boost and the school is abuzz with its usual energy again.

The purpose of my message today is to highlight some key messages to keep all young people safe both inside and outside of our school. I would very much appreciate it if you would speak with your child about keeping everyone safe, the importance of being vigilant about their own wellbeing and that of others and of talking to an adult if they are worried. The following list of key points will be useful:

- All students must wash their hands often, with soap and water for 20 seconds
- All students must use the hand sanitizer when they enter and leave any room
- Where possible, students should keep their distance from other students
- If students need to sneeze or cough, they should 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- All students must always stay within their 'bubble' and must not mix with students from other bubbles while at or on the way to and from school
- When asked to, all students must wipe down their work space at the end of the lesson
- All students must use the one way system in place on Lower Site
- If any student is displaying a potential COVID symptom - they must stay at home and seek a test. Please report the intention to take a test to our Main Reception.

Coronavirus matters aside, it is essential that we all look out for one another and check to make sure that those around us are coping well. I would very much appreciate it if you would have a conversation with your child to make sure that they know that our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Sam Davison and that the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lisa Haynes. If a student is concerned about their own welfare, wellbeing or safety or that of someone else, they should see either of these two staff at their earliest opportunity. If they are unavailable, students should speak with the nearest adult who will be happy to help.

*Mr MacCormick*

## YEAR 11 - MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN OFFICE

Year 11 Progress updates will be sent out via Sims Intouch Emails, but if you need a paper copy please contact the Academy.

## OVERDUE BOOKS REMINDER

The Learning Centre has many overdue library books which were used by students during the lockdown and over the Summer holiday. Please could parents/carers give students a gentle reminder to return their books ASAP. There are returns boxes at both entrances to the Learning Centre on Upper Site as well as at Lower Site reception for Years 7 and 8. All returned books and other resources will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to stock and re-shelved.

*The Learning Centre Team*

## HOUSE POINTS

BLACKDOWN	4288
QUANTOCK	4363
MENDIP	4663
BRENDON	4600

## EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE (EPS) - Telephone Helpline for Parents and Carers

During these unprecedented times, we all find ourselves facing new challenges. For many, this will bring about new anxieties, for others, it may worsen existing worries.

Where children and young people are affected, you may notice that they react to uncomfortable feelings and thoughts by changing their behaviours and demonstrating behaviours you have not seen from them before. In turn, these behaviours can add to an already stressful home situation.

It is important to remember that self-isolation, does not equate to social isolation.

If you are a parent/carer of a child in Somerset and would like to speak to a Psychologist with any concerns arising for you, or your family during this time, then The Educational Psychology Service is here for you. We are able to offer an initial 30 minute telephone consultation (discussion) and a potential follow up call, of another 30 minutes if appropriate. Calls will be offered Monday-Friday, during usual working hours.

Unless the Psychologist feels that you, or someone else is in danger of harm, then full confidentiality will be respected. In order to offer the best possible service, a brief summary of the discussion will be recorded, which may be shared with colleagues from other services. If you do not wish for a record to be taken, then please make this clear to the psychologist during your call and they will only record the name of the school. For further details of our privacy notice, please follow this link

If you would like to access this service, then please email [EPSHelpline@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:EPSHelpline@somerset.gov.uk) with the following information:

- Your name
- The name of your child's school (or 'EHE' if Electively Home Educated)
- Times and dates that you are not available for consultation

If email is not possible, then call 01823 357000. Please understand that we are likely to be slower to respond to phone calls. Our aim is to offer a consultation within 5 working days of receipt of email.



## ONSITE GYM - LIFESTYLE FITNESS

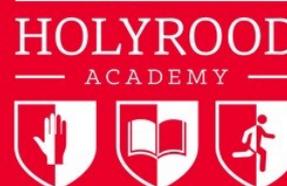
Please may we request that students using the gym facilities wear suitably CLEAN trainers!

Our staff are encountering cleaning challenges after muddy/grassy footwear has been worn on the equipment.

Thank you  
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From Monday 28th September Lifestyle Fitness will be opening the Fitness Centre for exclusive use by our student members between 3.15pm and 4.15pm as follows:

**Monday – Sixth Form**  
**Tuesday – Year 7**  
**Wednesday – Year 8**  
**Thursday – Year 9**  
**Friday – Year 10 & 11**

For just £9.99/month, you will have access to state-of-the-art equipment coupled with the support of our friendly and enthusiastic instructors.

For further information and to join contact: [lifestylefitness@holyroodacademy.com](mailto:lifestylefitness@holyroodacademy.com)