



WEEKLY BULLETIN

PLANNING FOR AN ENJOYABLE END TO THE TERM!

Even though the start to the academic year has been dominated by COVID-related matters and arrangements, I have been very pleased to be involved in our planning for some of the exciting end of term events that usually take place before Christmas. Although it is clear that some of our traditions such as the Carol Concert will not be able to take place in the same way, we are determined that these wonderful events take place in different ways because they are so important to us and the community. Please do keep an eye on your emails for communications from Mr Ireland and the Music department regarding these events, especially our fundraising for the Crisis at Christmas appeal which will continue as usual.

In the meantime, I would very much appreciate you taking the time to remind your child(ren) of the following key expectations, in place to keep everyone safe. I have written to all parents separately regarding the protective measures in place at school.

1. All students must stick to their year group's social and dining spaces at all times.
2. All students must wear their face covering at all times while travelling around the site, unless exempt.
3. All students must follow the one-way systems in place around the site, walking on the left in the two-way areas.

Mr MacCormick

YEAR 11 - SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 26th November we will be holding our Virtual sixth form Information Evening.

From 6pm, you will be able to view an Overview Film showing a day in the life at Holyrood Sixth Form, a formal presentation from Mrs Challis explaining the courses and what to expect plus a whole host of subject videos to introduce you to the courses on offer at A Level and BTEC.

We hope to see you there!



SELF HARM / INJURY

It is really shocking as a parent if you find that your child has self-harmed or considered self-harming.

Please find below 2 resources from the Samaritans who have a lot of advice on their website about how to support a child who is thinking about or who has self harmed.

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/if-youre-worried-about-someone-else/how-can-i-support-someone-who-has-self-harmed/>

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/if-youre-having-difficult-time/if-you-want-self-harm/>

SAMARITANS

YEAR 11 - MOCK EXAMS

These start on Monday 7th December for two weeks.

HOUSE POINTS

BLACKDOWN	13644
QUANTOCK	14470
MENDIP	13648
BRENDON	15671

A MESSAGE FROM ELLIE & OLLIE, HEADGIRL & HEADBOY

Despite these troubling times, we are optimistic for the future of Holyrood Academy. We want to thank the teachers for their determination to provide us an education; an education that many in this world are unable to have. At this time, we recognise the role that the media has in exposing problems that COVID-19 has had on all of us. Instead of focusing on problems, let's focus on making solutions.

One of the key aspects for overcoming the struggles we face with the current pandemic is an increased focus on improving communication in order to further coordinate between year groups. This will lead to being able to better create and incorporate everyone into a more interactive and inclusive environment.

Another important consideration is to celebrate the achievements of all individuals within our community to create a more positive environment for all. Creating positive working conditions in which learning can prosper and thrive.

We strive to create a safe working environment for each and everyone of you so you can achieve your maximum potential.

Many thanks

Ellie Hull and Ollie Denning

ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME

Do you know what your child watches online? How can you be sure the content is appropriate and safe for them? This activity sheet has been created to help you to learn more about what your child watches online, take some actions to stay safe, and have some fun together exploring the internet.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/parents/family-activity-sheet---viewing-videos-online.pdf>

A guide from thinkuknow has also been created to help you understand what is and is not suitable:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>



FREE WEBINAR ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

Avon and Somerset Constabulary, in response to Covid19 Lockdown, is offering a free parents webinar about online safety.

Content

- Overview of online risks.
- Exploitation of children online.
- Technical protective and safety measures available.
- Top tips on starting a conversation with your child about the internet and how to work together to use the internet safely.

Presenters

Androulla (Andri) Nicolaou, Prevention Officer and Coordinator
Kristian Evans, Cyber Protect Officer
Drew Jefferies, Cyber Protect Officer
Verity Weston, Youth Project Coordinator

This webinar will be taking place next **Wednesday 25 November** at 7pm-8.30pm. To book a place, please follow the Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-for-parents-it-is-never-going-to-happen-to-my-child-tickets-128994797913?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

