



## Message from Mr Maltby

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Good afternoon,

I am writing this email on a Thursday afternoon as we begin our Autumn half term.

This has been a challenging half term for all schools across the county and, indeed, nationally. Holbrook Academy has come to this mid-point without any confirmed cases of Covid-19 amongst our students and staff. I know how important communication is at this time and I do want to reassure you that the school will continue to be clear and transparent about everything we are doing to keep everyone as safe as possible. Again, our Risk Assessment on our website is a shared reference point on what steps we are taking and how these are being adapted and amended. I also want to reassure everyone that we will be monitoring school emails throughout half term and that we are prepared, if the need arises, to contact parents and carers immediately over the holiday period. I continue to take my duty of care as seriously as this situation demands.

I am also continuing to review our curriculum and additional education provision; including whether work experience might be possible later in the academic year. Further details on our careers provision will be provided after half term as we strive to ensure that all our students have the best possible preparation for life after school whilst continuing to adhere to national public health guidelines.

This has been my first half term as the Headteacher at your child's school. And I want to end my email today with an anecdote. In the late 1960's J.F. Kennedy was visiting NASA and he asked the janitor what he was doing - to which he responded I'm helping to put the first man on the moon. At Holbrook we have real heroes who are doing so much to help keep our students and our staff keep safe. This includes our two cleaners who have spent every day of this half term continually cleaning the high touch points around the school. I want to use this opportunity to thank them in particular for their work and commitment to our school community.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday

Tom Maltby  
Headteacher