



Message from Mr Maltby

20th November 2020

Good morning,

I used a de-icer on my car this morning for the first time and there is now a real sense of changing seasons. The students have adapted to using indoor eating facilities at the start of lunch and I am delighted to see more families ordering hot food at lunchtime.

On this theme, can I politely request that if you are waiting to pick up your son / daughter at the end of day, to do so in an area that does not obstruct our neighbours and not to keep your engine running as you wait; thank you for your support.

As we continue to move forward together through this challenging term, I am prioritising how we can connect. I will provide further details of parents' evenings next week and recognise that in these circumstances we need to continue to look for innovative ways to connect as a community and to focus on both academic progress and wellbeing. I want to thank those teachers who are currently supporting Year 11 students with after school interventions and I am ensuring we use the National Tutoring Programme to support targeted students. I am also ensuring that national catch up money has a positive benefit for students in all year groups; this links to our further work on interventions in the Student Success Centre and providing students with the resources they need to achieve.

In the lower school, I intend to invest in the Accelerated Reader programme to further promote literacy for all our younger students; I am passionate about literacy and want to establish a culture where students read frequently both in and out of school and we can measure the impact of this engagement through improved reading ages and literacy levels.

I am also going to introduce the Holbrook Kindness Awards this term to celebrate the kindness of our students and of all those in our learning community at this time. If you would like to nominate someone within our school community in response to an act of kindness, please contact me directly at tom.maltby@holbrookacademy.org. I hope we can acknowledge and promote the kindness of others at a time when this matters the most.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Tom Maltby
Headteacher