



Message from Mr Maltby

10th December 2020

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you this afternoon to update you on some important information regarding the end of term.

In response to very recent Government communication, the Academy has decided to make Friday 18th December a PD day for all staff; meaning that the final day for students this term will now be **Thursday 17th December**. This will not have an impact on our further PD days on 19th / 20th July 2021 but will affect the number of PD days in the next academic year.

On our final day of term, we will be inviting students to wear Christmas jumpers and clothing and to donate to Ipswich food bank; Mr Anstee-Parry will be sending further information about how we intend to support this charity at this time. During the day, we will be holding our Celebration Assemblies for students in all year groups.

Mr Lay has also written to Year 9 parents today about our options process and Mr Hart will be providing further details about preparations for our virtual parents evenings next term.

The end of term will also see the departure of our very dear colleague Mrs Mayhew; who is moving onto pastures new. It is really difficult to put into words the significance of Mrs Mayhew's service to our Academy but we will ensure, when it is possible, that we find an opportunity for both colleagues and the wider community to say their thank you's to Mrs Mayhew in person. Mrs Mayhew will always be an important part of the Holbrook Academy family and I know she is very keen to remain in touch with our school and our students. But for now I want to say, on behalf of everyone in our community, thank you Mrs Mayhew for your sense of service, for your absolute commitment and hard work and, indeed, for your love of Holbrook Academy. You will be sorely missed and we wish you every happiness in the future.

I also want to take this opportunity to reassure parents that we have appointed a wonderful specialist Drama teacher to teach Mrs Mayhew's GCSE Drama classes and that we have strong specialist teaching in place for GCSE English classes. The Academy has ensured that this transition will not have an impact on these students' studies at this important time in the academic year.

Finally, I am also delighted to finish my email this week by congratulating Miss Mahoney on becoming our new Assistant Headteacher. Miss Mahoney will be leading on Behaviour for Learning as there is still further work to be done on ensuring consistency across the school. I am certain that Miss Mahoney will be a fantastic addition to a strong leadership team.

I wish you all a safe and restful weekend

Tom Maltby
Headteacher