



## Message from Mr Maltby

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Good afternoon,

This week has seen positive news around a vaccine for Covid-19 alongside welcome news about changes to Summer examinations for our current Year 11 students. This cohort has already experienced so many challenges and uncertainties and I welcome the news today as a helpful step forward. My assurance to all Year 11 students is that we will have no talk of a lost generation and we will continue to raise expectations and strive for academic excellence as they now begin preparations for their January mock exams.

I am also delighted that we are going to end the year with the celebration event that the Class of 2020 was unable to have this Summer. We are very much looking forward to their presentation evening on 15th December and, although it will need to be held remotely, it will definitely be a personal and a good-humoured reminder of how special these students remain to us all at Holbrook. More details will follow from Mrs Mayhew next week.

The school is also preparing for our end of term celebration assemblies for students of all year groups. This will include our kindness awards this year. It is important that we take this opportunity to take a step back and reward our students for their resilience, kindness and hard work and to congratulate them on the academic progress they have made this term. The progress of all students, in all year groups, is vitally important to me and next week I will also publish on our school website a final overview of how catch up money will be used to support all students.

The Academy will be ending the term with the greatest number of students on roll for many years and a sense of confidence about the new year ahead of us all. In the meantime, our priorities continue to be keeping our students and our workforce safe and to provide all our students with the skills and knowledge they will need to be the best version of themselves in their future lives.

I wish you all a good weekend,

Tom Maltby  
Headteacher