



## Message from Mr Maltby

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Good morning,

As we head towards the end of another busy week at Holbrook Academy, I want to send my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in Year 11 classroom assessments which have begun this week. In particular, I want to share the pride I have for our Year 11 students - they have been fantastic. Parents and carers of Year 11 students will receive an update next week about the final arrangements for the end of term; this follows a further meeting this week with Year 11 Student Council on the much anticipated school prom!

This has also been a settled start of Summer Term for all other Year groups; it was lovely to welcome the students back after their Easter break. Our students continue to comply with our Covid-19 protection measures as part their everyday routine; and we continue to ensure protective measures are enforced on a daily basis whilst monitoring and updating our Risk Assessment.

What has been particularly lovely to both hear and observe is how happy so many of our Year 7 students are as they begin the final term of their first year at Holbrook Academy. Our Academy continues to be a popular school of choice and we are beginning to prepare for the full cohort from our local primary schools for the next academic year.

My own focus this week has included attending to curriculum, budget and staffing for the next academic year. I am delighted that we expect to be fully staffed as a school, with such a low staff turnover. We are also planning on introducing Accelerated Reader to improve literacy in years 7 & 8 alongside a new curriculum on Citizenship in Years 10 & 11. Furthermore, I am very keen to fully re-introduce enrichment activities throughout the school in my planning for the new academic year whilst continuing to develop enrichment activities during the Summer Term. I would also like to use this opportunity to publicly commit to developing and enhancing the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Holbrook Academy.

Next week, information sharing will begin with Year 9 students around their options choices and I would like to thank Mrs Tinker for all her hard work in both preparing for next year's timetable and ensuring that all our Year 11 students have a clear destination ahead of their end of year.

Finally, I would like to also remind you that I am always available if you have a either question or concern; please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to meet or talk with me personally.

This has been a sunny week for our school and I wish you and yours a good weekend when it arrives.

Tom Maltby  
Headteacher