



Message from Mr Maltby

10th June 2021

Good afternoon,

I would like to begin my weekly communication with a polite reminder that lateral flow tests should continue at home; for all those who have agreed to participate in the home testing programme. These tests continue to be a significant feature of our Covid-19 Risk Assessment and it is important we continue to follow public health guidance and be vigilant at this time. Testing kits are available from the main office.

I also want to take this opportunity to share with you a press release, which went on our website yesterday:

Holbrook Academy wins grant of £237,000 for new Science provision and additional teaching centre.

Students and staff at Holbrook Academy are celebrating the news that building work will shortly begin on a new science lab and a new teaching centre, following the award of £237,000 from Community Infrastructure Levy funds collected from new housing builds in the local area.

Headteacher, Mr Tom Maltby, said: "This is fantastic news for our students and for our local community. Holbrook Academy is fully committed to enhancing Science for all our students alongside sharing this new Science facility with local primary schools. One of the important lessons from this past year is that Science really matters in our everyday lives and at Holbrook we want to nurture tomorrow's leading scientists. This is a great step forward."

Chair of Governors, Louise Cullen, said: "This project has been a long-term ambition for Holbrook Academy and we are absolutely delighted to finally start work on this exciting new development."

The school will be increasing capacity from 590 students to 600 once the provision is in place. The new teaching centre will be named The Mayhew Centre in honour of former Acting Headteacher, Nicola Mayhew, who led the school following the sudden death of Dr Simon Letman in April 2019, and will enhance Holbrook Academy's commitment to personalised learning.

This very welcome investment comes alongside our own investment into IT resources at Holbrook Academy. Since September 2020, we have invested in 95 new laptops, 42 new chrome books and 62 new desktop computers (which will be set up over the summer break for the new academic year in September).

I am somewhat old-fashioned in that I truly believe that a comprehensive education still has a vital place in our modern society; and this includes investing in subjects which are abbreviated as STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). The additional resources secured over the past academic week, alongside the exciting developments which were confirmed this week, reassures me that we are making good progress in achieving this intent. It is vitally important that all our students have the resources and support they need to achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your support,

Tom Maltby
Headteacher