



## Message from Mr Maltby

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Good afternoon,

The end of academic year is always an important time for looking back as well as looking forward - alongside a time to say some goodbyes. I want to thank Mr McGlone, Mr Southgate and Miss Henry and wish them the very best for the future. I also want to wish Mr Lay every happiness as he begins his new life in Ireland with his family. Mr Lay has made an incredible contribution to life at Holbrook and he will be sorely missed by staff and students alike. Thank you, Rob.

This has certainly been a tumultuous year for all schools and I am proud of how Holbrook Academy has navigated its course. I want to take this final opportunity to thank everyone for all that has been achieved this academic year. In particular, my thanks go to all our wonderful students who have shown such resilience, hope and courage. Parents and carers of students in Years 7-10 will be receiving their child's end of year report today and alongside this we concluded the academic year with our celebration assemblies earlier this week. I want to send my congratulations to all the prize winners at this event and particularly to Bethan and Edie who became the first recipients of our gold badge for reading over a million words since we began Accelerated Reader at the Academy - I am hoping I get some time to read a million words myself over this summer break!

Information regarding Year 11 results day has been provided by Mr Hart and I am delighted that we will also have the opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 11 students at their postponed School Prom during the summer break; alongside welcoming our new intake with their summer camp week at the end of August.

The Academy will be updating its Curriculum section on the website next week so parents/carers will have a clearer understanding of what their child will be studying on return to school in September. This update from subject leads has been made in response to the parent survey we conducted in January which highlighted a need for the Academy to share more widely, and in further detail, what our course of studies are. I do hope you will take some time to look at this ahead of your child returning to school.

Finally, the details of our staggered start to the new academic year, which we were sent earlier in the week, are also on the website in the [Letters Home](#) section under 'September 2021 Arrangements'. Any further information regarding the return to school in September will be shared with parents/carers towards the end of the holiday, as necessary.

Above all, I hope all our young people have some time to rest and play this summer. I do wish everyone in our school community a healthy and happy holiday.

Tom Maltby  
Headteacher