



## Message from Mr Maltby

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Good afternoon,

Holbrook Academy held its first Parents' Information Evening yesterday evening. On a personal level it was great to be able to connect with the community in person for the first time since I began my Headship at the school last September. Such was the demand from Year 10 parents/carers to attend, alongside our decision to limit numbers to 70 to maintain some distancing, a second opportunity was also scheduled. Likewise, this will now be followed by two Year 11 Parents' Information Evenings; details of these were sent earlier today in a separate communication.

This has also been my first opportunity to experience our school without the coloured zones. The classrooms, corridors and playgrounds have all had a happy, positive feel to them this week - and it has been particularly great to see our new Year 7 students navigate their way around their new school with such joy and excitement! I am aware of the pressure point in the Hall at dinner time and will be introducing a new "Grab and Go" area in the Dr Letman Centre in the coming days to alleviate this. This will also help to ensure that all students are able to choose to sit at lunchtime and experience a full school meal if they wish to do so. I am working with our canteen to deliver a broader range of foods with further opportunities for healthy eating.

I made the decision this week not to hold a big communal Open Evening on 30<sup>th</sup> September to ensure we continue to act responsibly as a community school. Instead, we will be increasing the number of small Open Morning events alongside further opportunities for prospective parents/carers and students to visit at the end of the school day. These tours will keep visitors at a distance from our students and staff whilst providing an opportunity for them to experience the daily reality of our wonderful school. It will also offer the personalised approach which characterises Holbrook Academy. For full details please see our website.

Finally, I do want to reiterate that if you wish to contact me at any time do please do so; I have an open surgery every Thursday afternoon if you wanted to come in and see me in person about any issues or concerns or else we can schedule a time to meet at your convenience. Please contact my PA, Sarah Beazley, if you would like to arrange an appointment – [sarah.beazley@holbrookacademy.org](mailto:sarah.beazley@holbrookacademy.org)

I wish you all a very good weekend,

Tom Maltby  
Headteacher