

## Message from Mr Maltby

12<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Good afternoon,

It has been another busy week at Holbrook and as we reach its end I want to outline a few of the issues that have been in my in-box this week:

- An appointment has been made this week which means that we will be able to return to delivering the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the coming weeks. I am very excited about seeing the return of this award and we will be updating students and parents shortly.
- The Academy has received initial numbers regarding the number of Year 7 applications for the next academic year. Although this data remains highly sensitive I continue to be very excited about both the short and long term future of our Academy.
- We have been using progress data from more recent assessments to prioritise intervention and support including the addition of a late bus on Thursday to supplement Wednesday's late bus, the use of National Tutoring Programme and Year 7 intervention in our Student Success Centre. I have also been meeting Year 11 students to talk about preparations for their forthcoming mock exams.
- I have begun working with another secondary school that also has a coastal catchment to enhance our curriculum so it better reflects our own local context. I have also updated our Academy's curriculum rationale as part of our review of our curriculum offer; a copy of which can be found on our school website under the Curriculum tab.
- We received our second wave of training this week from an external body who are working to support us to achieve our whole school priority of embedding Restorative Approaches across the Academy. We will begin to share with all key stakeholders, including parents/carers, how we intend to implement restorative approaches in our every-day practice.
- I have been working closely with Heads of Department in monitoring and reviewing curriculum and assessment; ensuring we continue to place quality-first teaching at the centre of decision making throughout our distributive leadership team.

Holbrook Academy is a busy, vibrant school which is also, I believe, renewing itself with both confidence and clarity of purpose. Being part of this team, on a weekly basis, is an absolute privilege.

I wish you all a restful weekend,

Tom Maltby  
Headteacher