

Academy News

12th September 2022



I want to begin my first weekly communication of the academic year by thanking our students for being so thoughtful and reflective during our assemblies on Friday to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. It has now been confirmed that our school, like all schools across the nation, will not open on Monday 19th September.

I began the very first day of the new academic year by presenting to all staff at our Academy and in doing so I cited the following quote:

"we have not inherited the world from our ancestors - we have been loaned it by our children"

At what is a sad time for so many it is important that we pause and reflect but it is also vitally important that we maintain a sharp focus on the new academic year ahead of us; for the sake of all the young people at our school. And last week saw our wonderful new cohort of students arrive excitedly at their new school. It is always a privilege to welcome our students and support them in navigating their way around our school site. They are settling in very well indeed!

I am also delighted to confirm that building work over the Summer has now been completed and we have our wonderful new Science laboratory which will enhance our Science provision and which I also intend to share with local primary schools in our community. Alongside the Science development, we now have completion of our new Inclusion Hub which we have chosen to name the Mayhew Centre in grateful appreciation for all Mrs Mayhew did to lead and support our school under recent difficult times. The Mayhew Centre will enhance our provision for SEN students alongside our Student Success Centre which is now lead by Miss Sophie Crabtree.

Finally, the Summer holiday saw the Class of '22 receive their GCSE results; another high point of the academic year. Although we have not yet received national data to provide progress outcomes our attainment data included:

- 47% of students achieved a Grade 5+ in English and Maths (an increase from 35% in 2019 when GCSE results were last published)
- 64% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in English and Maths
- 72% of students achieved a Grade 4 or above in English
- 68% of students achieved a Grade 4 or above in Maths
- 59% of students achieved two grades Grade 4 or above in Science
- 95% of students achieved a Grade 4 or above in Triple Science

I look forward to meeting this cohort again for their Presentation Evening and I wish them every success as they begin their new lives beyond Holbrook Academy.

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Calendar / Upcoming Events

13th September - Year 10 Information Evening, 6.00-7.00pm

19th September - School Closed

20th September - Year 8 GradU8 Evening, 6.00-7.00pm

26th September - Year 11 Information and Pathways Evening with Post 16 providers, 5.30-7.00pm

27th September - School Photographer

3rd-5th October - Open Mornings

6th October - Open Evening, 6.00-8.00pm

(Full details of all events will be sent direct to Parents/Carers.)

In looking forward to the new year, I have scheduled further opportunities for parents and carers to come onto school site this year to connect with the leadership team and our teaching staff. This begins tomorrow evening with our first Parent Information Evening for Year 10 parents/carers. Alongside my message do please note the key calendar dates ahead of us.

I would also like take this first opportunity to renew The Friends of Holbrook; a forum for parents/carers to support the school in its development. This seems particularly important as our school community responds to the very real challenges of the cost of living crisis. If you are a parent or carer who would like to support our school in our fundraising or social events please could you respond in email to sarah.beazley@holbrookacademy.org . We would very much like to hear from you.

I do very much look forward to working in partnership with you all over the coming year.

Tom Maltby
Headteacher

Term Dates : 2022-2023	
Autumn Term	1 st September – 16 th December 2022
Half Term	24 th – 28 th October 2022
PD Days	1 st , 2 nd September, 21 st October
Spring Term	3 rd January – 31 st March 2023
Half Term	13 th – 17 th February 2023
PD Days	3 rd January, 10 th February
Summer Term	17 th April – 21 st July 2023
Half Term	29 th May – 2 nd June 2023
Students return on Wednesday 6th September 2023	

Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Mr Anstee-Parry (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Watson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) - 01473 328317

At all other times, please contact Customer First : 0808 800 4005 or
If you believe there is an emergency and a child is at risk of **immediate harm** please call the Police on **999**.

Useful Information

Links to support services

Suffolk County Council - [The Parent Hub](#)

Childline: 0800 1111

Online bullying: thinkyouknow.co.uk

Feeling down, low or depressed:

youngminds.org.uk or samaritans.org Call 116 123 for free

Sexual Assault: Call NSPCC 0800 136 663 or help@nspcc.org.uk