

# Academy News

23rd September 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

We are now three weeks into the new academic year and we have seen some positive improvements to the routines and structures in school. The weather is beginning to change and our calendars begin to fill up with important events.

We welcomed a whole new cohort in Year 7 and they have made the transition to Holbrook Academy with an assurance and calm that they can be proud of. We have routinely gathered the views of families during this key juncture and this year is no exception to the positive feedback we have received:

90% of parents/carers felt that the transition had gone well  
96% of parents/carers felt their child was adequately prepared for transition

One parent noted, "Great work, and thank you for managing the transition so well". We continue to reflect on how we can improve student experience.

This week we have hosted the Year 8 Information Evening where we spoke about the vision of Holbrook Academy, Internet Safety and Gradu8 - an initiative unique to our school, where Year 8 students work towards developing their skills and attributes to make them feel better prepared for further studies, adult life and their contribution to their communities - the presentation is on the website for those unable to attend - [Year 8 Information Evening](#)

Looking forward, on Monday 26th September we are hosting a Year 11 Post 16 event to help our older students gather the right information and seek the right advice when taking their next steps in education or training. The evening will take place from 5.30pm to 7.00pm in the main hall and surrounding classrooms. This is an informal event and a chance to speak to providers about Post 16 options. The following organizations will be available to provide advice and guidance for students: -

Suffolk One  
Northgate 6th Form  
Suffolk New College  
6th Form College Colchester  
Colchester Institute

Farlingaye High School  
Kesgrave High School  
Copleston 6th Form  
Ipswich High School  
Needham Market Academy

NEACO  
Sarah Pawlewski - Careers Adviser

Further to this, the School Photographer will be taking photos of all students on Tuesday 27th September. Thereafter, these will be made available to parents/carers in the usual way.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Mr G Anstee-Parry  
Deputy Headteacher

## Calendar / Upcoming Events

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, 9.00am-10.30am

6th October - Open Evening, 6.00-8.00pm

13th October - Year 7 Information Evening

21st October - PD Day

24th-28th October - Half Term  
(Full details of all events will be sent direct to Parents/Carers.)

### Term Dates : 2022-2023

<b>Autumn Term</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September – 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Half Term	24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
PD Days	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Spring Term</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Half Term	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
PD Days	3 <sup>rd</sup> January, 10 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Summer Term</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
Half Term	29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](https://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)

**Feeling down, low or depressed:**

[youngminds.org.uk](https://www.youngminds.org.uk) or [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org) Call 116 123 for free

**Sexual Assault:** Call NSPCC 0800 136 663 or [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)