

Academy News

1st December 2022



Good afternoon,

I want to begin my weekly parent-mail by congratulating the eleven students in Year 9 who recently achieved a Gold Award in a national computational thinking challenge our Academy participates in. They will now take part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge and we wish them the very best in this next step. I also want to say a big well done to our Year 11 students for their focus and commitment in their mock exams this week.

Calendar / Upcoming Events

8th December, 6-7pm : Year 9 Information Evening

13th December - Christmas Dinner

16th December - Last day of term

I do hope you will take a moment to read the update from the PE Department on page 2; it's lovely to see how busy (and sporty) so many of our students have been recently. And on this theme, I want to send out a huge congratulations to Abigail in Year 7 for recently achieving her black belt in karate. She has been doing karate since she was four years old and has consistently shown up to the lessons with enthusiasm and determination and it has finally paid off for her! We are so very proud of you Abigail.

I do understand the importance that extracurricular activities can have on students' well being and recognise that we need to be doing more, as a school, to ensure we are providing further (affordable) school trips over the coming months.

Tomorrow morning, we will be officially opening our Inclusion Hub, the Mayhew Centre, and this will include a live interview from our school site on BBC Radio Suffolk at 8.20 am, if you are able to tune in. We will also be welcoming James Cartledge MP to our opening event and this will include the opportunity to discuss the financial pressures so many schools are currently experiencing; alongside the initiatives Holbrook has already taken in response to the cost of living crisis.

Finally, I do want to thank you for your important feedback as part of our recent external audit on student behaviour. I will ensure we provide a detailed response to this audit, which we have invited onto our school site ourselves, in my parent-mail next week. I will also look forward to meeting parents/carers of Year 9 students next Thursday for the Year 9 Information Evening on the Options process.

In the meantime I wish you all a very good weekend.

Tom Maltby
Headteacher

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



HOLBROOK PE NEWS

Year 9 boys win badminton championships

The year 9 boys badminton team are the champions of South Suffolk, beating all of the other teams that entered.

The team made up of Alex, Elliot, Tarun and Cameron now go through to the county finals to be held later in the year.

A fantastic achievement, well done!

Upcoming Events

Thurs 1st Dec: Year 7
Girls House 5-a-side
football

Year 11 Football Nat
Cup Rnd 3

Year 8 Football Nat Cup
Rnd 3

Year 7 Football Suff Cup
Rnd 3

Year 9 Football Suff Cup
Rnd 3

Year 10 Football Suff
Cup Rnd 3

Year 8 Girls Football

The Year 8 girls football team played their first ever school match, losing to a very good Hadleigh team. They also played in the EFL cup, held at ITFC, held at Portman Road. They played very well, coming second in their group, finishing with a record of played four, won one, drew two and lost one. Well done girls!

Year 7 Girls Football

The year 7 girls have had two football competitions so far this year. They narrowly lost to Northgate 2-1 in the Suffolk cup, with Halle scoring for us. They have also had a house 5-a-side football competition, where Deben came out on top, winning all four of their matches.

Year 11 boys badminton team: Runners up in South Suffolk

Congratulations to the Year 11 badminton team for coming second in the tournament. They narrowly lost in the final to a team full of county badminton players.

Year 8 boys football team into round 3 of the National Cup!

Our year 8 boys football team played their first full football match for the school and came away with an amazing 16-0 win. Playing in the first round of one of the national schools football competitions we played Stradbroke High. In the game Will scored five goals and Seb was named man of the match.

In round two of the national cup the team travelled to play Acle Academy, up near Great Yarmouth. This was a much closer game in terms of the score, with Holbrook coming out on top, winning 4-3.

The next round sees the year 8 boys playing against St Josephs College.

Year 9 boys football team into round 3 of the Suffolk cup!

Holbrook beat Felixstowe in a penalty shoot out to progress to round 3 of the Suffolk cup. After finishing the game 4-4, Holbrook went on to win 3-1 on penalties.

Year 7 boys football team win their first school match 7-0!

Well done to the Year 7 boys football team for winning their first game. They played Ipswich Academy and won very convincingly 7-0.

Year 11 boys football team progress to round 3 of the National Cup.

The year 11 boys managed to beat Ormiston Endeavour in a very close game, winning 2-1. A bye in the next round means they are through to round 3 and have a trip to Chelmsford.

Year 8 and 11 Girls netball teams win against Felixstowe

Well done to the Year 8 and 11 netball teams for winning their matches against Felixstowe school this term. The Year 8 team managed to win very convincingly 9-0, with the Year 11 team having a much closer game, winning 10-8.

Year 7 Cross Country at RHS

Well done to the Year 7 cross country team for competing at the Suffolk Championships. The following pupils managed to qualify for the next round: Aurora (14th), Halle (29th), Tommy (43rd).

Indoor Rowing records

Congratulations to Eric (Year 11) and Oliver (Year 7) for setting all time school records on the indoor rowing machines. Eric already held the record for the fastest 100m row but managed to beat his own record. Oliver has already set an all time Year 7 record for the 100m row and still has the rest of the year to try to improve it further.