

# Academy News

21st April 2023



Good afternoon,

As we return to the start of a new term, I would like to update you on our developing Enrichment experiences.

Firstly, our Art department has been working with Suffolk Police Headquarters, during Enrichment time, to produce artwork for permanent display in the corridors of their Learning and Development Department. The brief was to create 'imagery that relates to growth, improvement, development, attaining knowledge, understanding, performance and/or improvement'. In line with this, students based the design of their artworks on one or more of the following themes: GROWTH, KNOWLEDGE, TOLERANCE, ACHIEVEMENT, RESPECT, DETERMINATION and RESILIENCE. Art work has now been collected by Inspector Roger Salmon and will be framed and displayed at Police Headquarters in Martlesham. Once this is completed staff at Police HQ will vote for their favourite artworks; culminating in prizes (generously donated by Police HQ) for the student artwork that receives the most votes. This project has been extremely successful and our students have produced some outstanding artwork. It is hoped that the project will run annually to produce new artwork for displays year on year as it presents a wonderful opportunity to forge ongoing links between Holbrook Academy and the Suffolk Police Dept. I will, of course, update you on the winning pieces.

I am also delighted to confirm that thirteen students have chosen to participate in the Camps International trip to Tanzania next Summer; I will ensure that we support them every step of the way in this exciting adventure.

Meanwhile, our Duke of Edinburgh programme goes from strength to strength with the number of students involved increasing significantly; I particularly wish our students well in their forthcoming expedition.

In my previous email, I explained that we would like to welcome parents/carers into our school for a tour of the school this half term alongside an opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of your child's experience at Holbrook. If you would like to attend please can you click on the following link - [Academy Visits](#)

I have also ensured a separate communication has been sent to Year 11 parents/carers this week updating them on arrangements for their final term at the school. There have been some fantastic outcomes recently in Health and Social Care and I was really impressed with how our Drama students managed their assessed performances this week.

I wish you all a very good weekend

Tom Maltby

## Calendar / Upcoming Events

25th April - Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm Main Hall

27th April - NEU Industrial Action

1st May - Bank Holiday

2nd May - NEU Industrial Action

8th May - Bank Holiday for Coronation

## Useful Information

Links to support services:-

**Childline:** 0800 1111

**Online bullying** [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

**Kooth** - Online counselling service and peer to peer support for young people aged 11-25: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**Emotional Wellbeing Gateway website (Suffolk Infolink Directory)** – Information, advice and guidance on common mental health issues. Access to mental health services like the Emotional Wellbeing Hub [www.emotionalwellbeinggateway.org.uk](http://www.emotionalwellbeinggateway.org.uk)

**The Source website for young people** – Sources of information and advice important to young people in Suffolk, including emotional wellbeing support: [www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing](http://www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing)

**Mental Health Crisis** – Call 111, option 2

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

## 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 : 0800 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**.