

# Academy News

15th September 2023



Good afternoon

This week has seen the students and staff back in their routines and the natural rhythm of school life with the eternal rites of passage such as fire drills and school photos. Our focus this week has been about supporting our pupils with key study skills in preparation for assessments at any stage in school life, sharing strategies that can be adopted readily; we will be topping up and revisiting these toolkits throughout the year.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Holbrook Hornets training session on Thursday evening - it was great to see so many young people engaged in sport and witness the care and support that their coaches and parents gave. It reminded me that there is so much opportunity for young people to shine - where they feel most in their element.

You may also be aware that we have released a new system to our students that allows them to track their behaviour, homework, and timetables with greater clarity. Class Charts, our new online pupil and parent information system, has been quite the success with our students and they are looking forward to purchasing new items from the rewards store (coming soon!). Parental access will be sent out to all of our parents/carers in the early part of next week, so you will be able to view your child's behaviour score, homework, and other important information regarding your child's education at Holbrook Academy.

We are hosting a Year 10 Information Evening on Tuesday 19th September, details of which were shared with parents/carers earlier this week. A copy of the letter can be found [here](#)

As always, if you have any questions or wish to speak to me or any member of staff, please contact the main office.

George Anstee-Parry  
Acting Headteacher

## Calendar / Upcoming Events

19th September - Year 10 Information Evening

28th September - Year 11 Post 16 Pathways evening (*details to follow separately*)

2nd/3rd October - Open Morning

3rd October - Open Evening

12th October - Careers Fair at Ipswich High School

20th October - PD Day

## Enrichment - Lesson 5 Monday

Earlier this week, students made their choices for enrichment lessons this term. Details will be added to their timetable and will be available for them to view over the weekend. Please ensure that if they chose a PE option, they have their kit with them on Monday.

### **Safeguarding Information**

During school hours, please contact Mrs Watson (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Miss Crabtree (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:-

**Childline:** 0800 1111

**[The Wellbeing Hub 'Teen Tips'](#)** Log in information was provided to parents/carers on 26th May. Please contact the office if you would like the information sent to you directly.

**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)