

Academy News

19th October 2023



Good afternoon,

Today brings the first half term to a close. We have enjoyed a day of non-uniform with proceeds going to the Kampala Children's Centre - we have seen some heart warming donations well beyond the minimum donation of £1. We are so grateful for their generosity; it is real embodiment of one the Holbrook characteristic, Kindness.

This half-term break also signifies the transition process for our new Year 7s who have settled brilliantly - feedback from Mr Holmes on the recent Parent's evening was glowing. I have created a survey for parents/carers of Year 7 pupils only to feedback on their experience of transition:

<https://forms.gle/mGKAQAQ4zqLzZe9aA>

Your views on this are crucial for our reflection on this key moment for our children. This will close by Monday 30th October.

Things to look forward to:

Destiny Africa visit Holbrook Academy 13th to 16th November. Tickets for the concerts on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November will be on sale from the main office after half-term. Ticket prices will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for concessions.

Finally, I have received some really lovely feedback from parents/carers and students recently about the changes we have implemented at the Academy since September and I wanted to express my gratitude for people taking the time to show their support and appreciation for the work of our staff - it is a team effort. Parents/Carers have fed back on the positive feeling around the school and development of a culture of learning.

One parent noted, *"thank you and all the staff at Holbrook Academy for their hard work and dedication, it is very clear that the values and behaviours of an establishment have a significant effect on the environment and wellbeing of everyone"*.

I hope you have a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday 30th October.

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Calendar / Upcoming Events

20th October - PD Day

30th October - Students return (Week 2)

14th/15th November - Destiny Africa Choir Concerts

Gardening Club

Can you please help

We are looking for donations of compost, bulbs, seeds or anything else garden related to improve the LRC garden.

Please contact the office if you are able to donate anything. Thank you.



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/

Kooth - Online counselling service and peer to peer support for young people aged 11-25: 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

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

Mental Health Crisis – Call 111, option 2

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