

Academy News

19th January 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week's Academy News is focusing on the ways we strengthen the school-parent partnership. At Holbrook Academy, we believe in the importance of a strong partnership between the school and parents/carers to ensure the overall success and well-being of our students.

The Power of Collaboration

We recognise that effective communication and collaboration between the Academy and parents/carers are the cornerstone of a pupils' success; together, we play a vital role in supporting the academic, social, and emotional development of each child.

Open Lines of Communication

We encourage open lines of communication between parents/carers and teachers. If you have any concerns, questions, or information you believe would be beneficial for us to know, please do not hesitate to contact us. Regular communication ensures that we are working together to provide the best possible learning environment for your child.

Progress Evenings

To facilitate dialogue, we organise regular Progress Evenings throughout the academic year; our next one is for Year 9 on Tuesday 30th January. This week, we held a Progress Evening for Year 11 students - their last ever one at the Academy - the next opportunity for parents/carers to meet teachers in a similar way might possibly be results day in the summer. These evenings provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, strengths, and areas for growth. We value your insights into your child's learning style, interests, and any factors that may impact their educational experience.

Your Feedback Matters

Your feedback is invaluable to us. We welcome suggestions and ideas on how we can enhance our partnership to better serve the needs of our students. I recently surveyed some parents/carers of Year 11 about the Progress Evening and it has helped me evaluate our current needs.

At Holbrook Academy, we believe that a strong school-parent partnership creates a supportive learning environment where every student can thrive. We look forward to working together to make this academic year a successful and enriching experience for your child.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we can make a significant difference in their academic journey. Following the recent assemblies on meta-cognition and study skills, we are in the process of creating a guide to exams which we will share next week.

**** Hot off the press **** It is with great pleasure that I can share with you that we are Suffolk Champions for Year 10 and 11 badminton!

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

See overleaf for details about PE Clubs and Girls
Cricket Club on Fridays

Calendar / Upcoming Events

30th January - Year 9
Progress Evening

w/c 12th February - 'Beauty &
the Beast' production *(Full details
to follow separately)*

16th February - PD Day

19th-23rd February - Half term



PE Clubs – Spring Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school				Netball - Shooting Yr 7-9 Girls Sportshall from 8:00am	Basketball – Shooting Yr 7 & 8 Sportshall from 8:00am
Lunch	Volleyball Sportshall Yr 9&10 Fitness gym Yr 8/9/10/11 (PE kit req)	Basketball Sportshall Yr 10 & 11	Badminton Sportshall Yr 7 Fitness gym Yr 8/9/10/11 (PE kit req)	Badminton Sportshall Yr 8 & 9	Badminton Sportshall Yr 10 & 11
After School 3.15-4.30pm	Fixtures	Staff Meeting/Fixtures	Netball club All years until 4:30pm Fitness gym All years until 4:30pm	Fixtures	Indoor Cricket Sportshall Yr 7-10 Girls 3:30-4:30pm

Please note that there is no cost for any of these clubs. To attend you simply turn up.

If after school, make sure that you have plans for how to get home. If you are using the late bus on Wednesday, remember to sign up for it at the front office by the end of lunch time.

For lunch time clubs, you do not need your PE kit, just some trainers to wear (except for the fitness gym – you need full PE kit).

Any questions please see a member of the PE department.



Holbrook Academy Girls Cricket Club

Open to all ages
Friday after school
3.30pm-4.30pm



We have a Suffolk cricket coach coming in to run a girls only after school indoor cricket club. It doesn't matter how much cricket you have done in the past, come along to the sports hall and join in.

Mr Bartholomew



Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Miss Crabtree (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) or ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding team - 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**.

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