

Academy News

26th January 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

On Tuesday, we welcomed ITV Anglia News into the Academy. They are preparing a piece to be broadcast next week about Teaching and Learning and have selected a few schools in Suffolk to feature. They filmed in a Year 8 Spanish class and then selected some students to interview about their experiences. The students represented the Academy brilliantly and all enjoyed watching a professional journalist and camera operator in action! Look out for it next week!

On Wednesday, I received some delightful news that three of our ex-students have received offers from prestigious Universities for the next academic year. Here is what they had to say about it:

"I recently received an offer from Queen Mary to study law and I am so happy and can't wait to start! I'm grateful for all the opportunities and advice I had from so many wonderful people at Holbrook like yourself so thank you!" Abi

"I was so excited to receive my offer from Cambridge today to study law! I could not have done this without Holbrook, with its outstanding education and teachers. I am very grateful for the help they have given me throughout secondary school and I am excited to begin university!" Abisayo

Ivan has also received an offer to study Mathematics at King's College, Cambridge. We are so immensely proud of all our students but to see them gain places at such prestigious and fiercely competitive institutions is great validation for the hard work our staff put in and have done so for many years.

Winter brings a unique beauty that often goes unnoticed as we cozy up indoors. Encouraging our young people to explore and appreciate nature during this season can foster a deep sense of connection with the world around them. Although through my work I am deeply social, I am equally happy near a lake, river or beach in solitude.

This week, we have revisited our expectations regarding mobile phones and electronics - encouraging pupils to be more present and separate them from devices that often detach them from authentic connection with others.

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Calendar / Upcoming Events

30th January - Year 9
Progress Evening

14th - 17th February - **'Beauty & the Beast'** production (*Details shared separately*)

16th February - PD Day

19th-23rd February - Half term



Be our Guest

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 29th
January from the main office priced at £7.00
for adults and £4.00 for children/

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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 : 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