Academy News

28th March 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we near the end of the Spring term, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the happenings at Holbrook Academy and express our sincere gratitude for your ongoing support.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your unwavering support throughout this term. Your partnership with us in your child's education is invaluable, and we truly appreciate your continued involvement, especially during these challenging times. Despite the world being such a turbulent place, we have still achieved some amazing things this term:

- Trip to Sainsbury Centre, Norwich
- Year 8 Football teams journey to the England Schools Final for Football
- Celebration assemblies
- Duke of Edinburgh expedition planning
- Launching Gradu8 with Year 8
- Held the annual 'Dress up day' with staff and Year 11
- Hosted numerous parents evenings
- Rewards trips for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
- Trip to London to watch Lion King

Calendar / Upcoming Events

28th March - End of Spring term

15th April - Students return (Week 2)

18th April - Year 9, 10, 11 Rewards Trip

23rd April - Year 8 Parents' Evening (Details to follow)

24th April - Year 7, 8 Rewards Trip

7th May - Start of GCSE exams

Details about the next Reward Trips have been shared this week - deadline for payment is 5th April.

Like most schools up and down the country, we have had real challenges with the amount of cover of lessons since September but I am pleased to share with you that a new Cover Supervisor, Ms Barber, joined us this week and after Easter we will have the following new members of staff:

Mr Hatton - Music
Ms Cooper - Science
Miss Wordingham - English / Progress Leader
Mr Shaw - Premises team

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that the new term will bring such as the National final for Dodgeball in Nottingham and the National Football final at West Bromwich Albion in May. As always, we remain committed to providing the best possible education for your child and ensuring their safety and well-being are our top priorities.

In May, we will also welcome back new members of Destiny Africa to stay with us and further enrich our pupils' understanding of the different cultures and traditions.

As we prepare for the break, I encourage you to take this time to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming our students back for the start of the new term, refreshed and ready to embark on another exciting chapter of their educational journey.

Wishing you a peaceful and enjoyable break,

George Anstee-Parry Acting Headteacher

Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions

Please refer to Mr Newstead's letter about the Easter Revision Sessions for Year 11 students.

Please sign up by midday on 31st March.



START FROM STUTTON COMMUNITY HALL, IP9 2TA FROM 9AM

5 MILE TRAIL RUN OR WALK

REWARD AT FINISH FOR ALL CHILDREN
TAKING PART

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE AND FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL ptfastuttonprimary@gmail.com

Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Mrs Sarah Watson (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or 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**.

Improving School Attendance

Please follow the links for information on the importance of school attendance:-

How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support

Is my child too ill for school?

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