

Academy News

8th March 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

With Spring on the horizon, we look forward to brighter days, blooming flowers, and longer evenings. Our school grounds will soon be filled with the vibrant colours of Spring - we are so lucky to enjoy the green spaces we have here at Holbrook. Following our students return to school after a brief half-term break, I would like to share important updates and information.

The Department for Education recently issued guidelines on mobile phones in schools. Starting 1st March 2024, students are not allowed to use mobile phones during school hours. This policy aims to minimize distractions and promote a focused learning environment. We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring your child adheres to this rule. This is not a change in practice for us as we have been doing this for a number of years.

In our commitment to maintaining a positive and respectful school environment, we have introduced a revised detention system. Detentions will be used as a tool for reflection and improvement. Our detention system has been revised to the following types of detention

- Tier 1 Detention - 15 minutes at the end of period 3
- Tier 2 Detention - 30 minute SLT detention. Pupils are collected by a member of the behaviour or senior leadership team and escorted to a suitable room to complete their detention.
- Tier 3 Detention - 60 minute after-school detention. These occur on a Wednesday and are completed in the same manner as previous after-school detentions.

Supportive conversations, encouraging our pupils to make positive choices, and adapt their behaviours occur in each of our different detentions.

Work Experience

Our Year 10s will be completing their work experience next week - 11th March-15th March. This valuable week will give our students a real insight and in some cases the first exposure to the world of work. They will be contacted and visited during the week to see how this is going for them with their employer. They will have booklets to take note of what they have experienced and learned. Along with our feedback forms, this information will be used to form references for applications for Sixth forms and colleges that they will start to apply for during Year 11.

Mr Rogers, Careers Lead, is on hand for any questions of information in regards to this week via email - simon.rogers@holbrookacademy.org

Last week, we celebrated our Year 8 boys successes as they marched into the semi-finals of the national cup beating Lingfield College 8-2. We would like to wish the boys the best of luck in their next game on Tuesday. Unfortunately, due to the game being played during the school day, we are unable to facilitate parents watching the game. We will communicate how we might be able to facilitate spectators if the boys make it to the final.

Thank you for your continued support in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Wishing you a wonderful spring term ahead!

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Calendar / Upcoming Events

11th-15th March - Year 10
Work Experience

19th March - Year 10 Parents'
Evening

23rd/24th March - DofE Bronze
Practice Expedition

28th March - End of Spring
term

15th April - Students return
(Week 2)

23rd April - Year 8 Parents'
Evening

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