

Academy News

7th June 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a pleasant half-term break. I, for one, enjoyed some much needed time with my family and friends. We have returned with gusto and celebration assemblies have led the morning routines, sharing our successes and highlighting some standout achievements. As part of this, we have reissued guidance on mobile phones and shared some key changes to the [uniform for September](#), details of which have been shared separately with you.

Following on from the letter about [mobile phones](#), a small number of parents/carers have asked how students will be able to travel home on the bus if they do not have access to their digital bus tickets on their phones if the phone has been confiscated for the parent/carer to pick up. Please rest assured that we will provide the device so that our students can get home safely.

We continue to develop our relationship with the East Anglian Schools Trust (EAST) and the Department for Education have approved our proposed joining of EAST. Established in September 2019, EAST began with a formal partnership between three secondary academies: Bungay, Farlingaye, and Kesgrave High Schools. Demonstrating a commitment to local, inclusive education, EAST opened Castle EAST School in 2021, a Free Special School in Bungay for children with interaction and communication needs. In November 2023, EAST further expanded by welcoming Aldeburgh, Easton, Leiston, Saxmundham, and Wickham Market Primary Schools from the Avocet Academy Trust, a successful primary multi-academy trust with a rich history of success and innovative school improvement. We have already started collaborating with colleagues in the trust and are looking forward to building that relationship in due course.

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Calendar / Upcoming Events

21st June : Year 11 Leavers' Day and Prom

25th - 27th June : KS3 Maths exams (details shared separately)

2nd July : Transition Day for new Year 7 students

2nd July : GCSE Art & Design Exhibition

4th July : Transition Evening for new Year 7 parents/carers

15th-19th July : Activities Week

19th July : End of term

Performing Arts

If you have any empty bottles of Prime and old broom cupboard objects (brooms, mops, old paint cans etc) that you no longer need, can you please donate these for the school play.

Items can be left at the main office.

Thank you.

Year 7, 8 and 9 End of Year Maths Exams

Year 9 - Tuesday 25th June - Old gym

Year 8 - Thursday 27th June - In Classroom with class teacher

Year 7 - Ma1 and Ma3 Tuesday 25th
Ma2 and Ma4 Wednesday 26th
In Classroom with class teacher

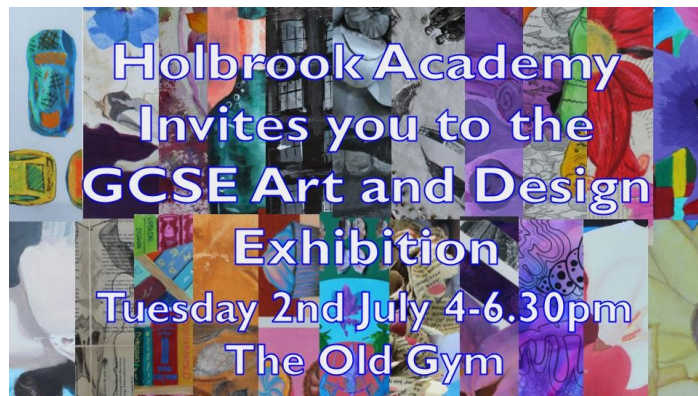
Revision topics have been posted on Class Charts. Please also ensure they have the basic school equipment, a pen, pencil and ruler is essential.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops


Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

Upcoming virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Communicating with our children
- Emotion regulation



Holbrook Academy
Invites you to the
GCSE Art and Design
Exhibition
Tuesday 2nd July 4-6.30pm
The Old Gym

Book onto a free workshop here: www.nsf.uk/workshops

Ipswich Road, Holbrook, Ipswich, IP9 2QX
Tel: 01473 328317 Email: parents@holbrookbrookacademy.org

Catering Survey

As the Academy's catering provider, Caterlink have asked us to share the following link with parents/carers to obtain feedback on the service they provide.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>

The survey will close on 31st July, following which feedback will be provided to us.

Parent View

We are keen for as many parents/carers as possible to complete this survey.

If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to complete the [Ofsted Parent View](#)

Reminder about Parking and Drop off / Pick Up

Please continue to be considerate to our neighbours and the local community when using the roads around the Academy to drop off or pick up your child/children. Please also consider the impact of cars parking in the local area on residents and, if you are waiting to pick up, please remember to turn off your engine.

A reminder for those not already aware that parking restrictions are in place between **8.00-8.30am and 3.00-3.45pm** to facilitate the movement of the school buses. During these times, only parents/carers who have a car parking pass will be able to come into the car park to drop off and pick up their children. If you try to come onto site without a pass you may be turned away.

An additional reminder that parents/carers should only come onto site outside of these times if you have an appointment or need to speak to someone in the office and not to drop students off as the car park is used by students throughout the school day.

Thank you.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

We are currently updating this policy and as part of this review involves a consultation with Parents/Carers, Students and Staff. A copy of the Draft RSE policy can be found [here](#).

If you wish to make any comments, please contact the main office by 13th June.

Thank you.

Year 11 : Exams Support

Here are some links to managing exam stress

- [NHS Help your child beat exam stress](#)
- [Anna Freud: How to identify the signs of academic stress, and ways to help](#)
- [Student Minds – resources, tips and blogs about exam stress](#)
- [Ofqual: Coping with exam pressure – a guide for students](#)

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**.

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