

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer,

After the first few days back at school for the students, I felt it would be helpful to provide you with an update on the start of the term and to share with you the key messages I have delivered during my assemblies with the students.

The assemblies were aimed at setting a positive tone for the year ahead, outlining our goals and emphasising the importance of our learning journeys.

During my assembly, I shared the significance of understanding what makes Holbrook Academy special and that is the genuine sense of community. I explained the benefits of being a member of our community, such as our commitment to support each student both socially and academically and the great number of opportunities that we will aim to provide. I also explained the collective responsibility that we each have as part of our community: that we must all act with kindness and respect. I have been incredibly impressed with a number of the older students in the school who, without being prompted, have supported the new Year 7 students when they are lost and not sure where they should be.

I also reiterated the motto that I shared in my introductory letter to you prior to the Summer holidays: 'there may sometimes be reasons, but there are never excuses'. We are all human beings and things happen in life that often challenge us (adults and children alike.) If we, as a school, are aware of any challenges and concerns, we can support the children and their family as best we can. However, I make no apology for having high standards; challenges are not an excuse for negative behaviour and being disrespectful to others in the community, and I expect all students to follow the rules of the school.

I am extremely excited about what is to come in the year ahead and have been impressed with the attitude of the students since the start of term. The staff and students at Holbrook Academy have made me feel very welcome and for that I am truly thankful. There are many events, trips and activities planned for this year that will hopefully add to the positive experience we aim to provide the students.

I look forward to meeting with many of you and sharing the school's vision further in a number of Information Evenings we have scheduled during the first half term. Details of these dates will be shared through the Academy News early next week.

Yours faithfully

Claire Elliott
Headteacher

